Submit a statement of interest (3-4 pages double-spaced) in which you respond to the following prompt. Please indicate your preference of cohort (Green2, Gold3, or Either) along with your name as a heading on your statement of interest. Although faculty decides on placements, your preference will be considered in the decision.

Describe an experience you had as a leader using the following prompt:

- Explain your desired outcome and larger purpose, including the means and/or strategies you enlisted (i.e., inquiry, cultural knowledge, public deliberation, learning communities, collegiality, community support, teacher or student activism, conflict resolution, leading a change process, technology, creativity, collaborative teaching, testing, data generation, or other means).
- Describe how aspects of this experience were in agreement and/or disagreement with the purposes of Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (see the mission statement at [http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/edlead/mission.html](http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/edlead/mission.html)).
- Based on a lesson you learned from this experience and your understanding of the DELPS’ mission statement develop a goal for building your capacity as a leader for excellence and equity in education.