A five-day institute launching this summer is designed to educate and empower the next generation of women leaders.

The National Education for Women's Leadership Idaho (NEW Leadership Idaho) program planned for June 2-7 will bring together about 25 college students from across the state to learn about leadership and civic participation from some of Idaho's most accomplished women leaders.

NEW Leadership Idaho is open to all undergraduate students attending a college or university in Idaho and to Idaho residents attending schools in other states. NEW Leadership Idaho is a full-time residential program and participants will live on the Boise State campus for the entire program. Participating schools pay the program fees and there are no direct costs to students accepted for the program.

The Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University developed the innovative program in 1991 and Boise State University joins 21 other universities in the program network.

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NEW Leadership Idaho features an innovative curriculum that seeks to:

- Teach students about the diversity of women's participation in politics and making policy
- Connect students with women leaders who make a difference in education, business, law, politics, banking, community activism and more
- Help students explore the demands of effective and ethical leadership in a diverse society
- Cultivate students' leadership skills
- Enable students to practice leadership through action
- Build a statewide network of peers and mentors