**Please write a brief summary of why you want to earn the BYU Engineering Leadership Certificate.**

We want this summary to be specific so that you can compare your leadership growth from when you start this program to when you complete it.  
  
**Include in the summary:**

1. **Exceptional Problem Solving competency (75-100 words):** Describe one or more strengths you have in Exceptional Problem Solving and one or more weaknesses you would like to improve over the course of this program.

One of my strengths in problem solving is that I am deeply curious about how things around me work, so when I need to tackle a problem, I don’t just try and get things to work but I try to find a solution based on facts and a fundamental understanding of the mechanisms at work. One of my weaknesses is that by always striving to gain a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of the system I am evaluating I tend to be slower at first in the diagnosis and the development of a solution as sometimes efficiency requires a non linear process and I struggle to find order when there’s not a proper process in place; sometimes I find myself in analysis paralysis

1. **Effective Teamwork competency, (75-100 words):** Describe one or more strengths you have in Effective Teamwork and one or more weaknesses you would like to improve over the course of this program.

Some of my teamwork competency strengths are my ability to communicate and coordinate effectively with teams to find collaborative and inclusive solutions to a given problem as well as my ability to strengthen individual relationships that will allow me to detect and diagnose team problems from a one-on-one basis. Some of my weaknesses are my struggles with balancing friendships with productivity and

1. **Clear Oral and Written Communication competency (75-100 words):** Describe one or more strengths you have in Clear Oral and Written Communication and one or more weaknesses you would like to improve over the course of this program.

One of my strengths in oral and written communication is that because I am a native Spanish speaker I have had to forcefully retrain my brain to think more carefully about how I communicate and have an added layer of awareness to what I say and how I say it because I got used to being careful to translate my thoughts into the culturally adequate translation and not just literal way. This has helped me become more concise and direct in what I want to communicate. One of my weaknesses is that I’d like to improve is being more confident in key communication settings as when I have to perform under pressure during an oral presentation my language skills tend to be lower than usual and I can more easily blank on my ideas.

See the Weidman Center Charter for descriptions of the leadership competencies below:  
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**IMPORTANT: Please keep a copy of this response somewhere you can access later as you will be asked to reflect on your progress at the end of your program.**

**What is your action plan to complete all the program requirements (2.5 year average), six weeks prior to your graduation?**

**Complete this example action plan format:**Leadership Book 1                                                             October 202(X)  
Leadership Book 2                                                             July 202(X)  
  
Workshop: Recognize & Reduce Bias                                October 202(X)  
Workshop: Become an Expert Problem Solver                  November 202(X)  
Workshop: Leverage your Strengths                                  December 202(X)  
Workshop: Creating Collaborative Environments              January 202(X)  
Workshop: Crucial ConversationsMarch 202(X)  
  
Engineering Experience 1: ex) *Engineering Internship*Summer 202(X)  
Engineering Experience 2: ex) *Capstone class project*       Fall 202(X)  
Exit Survey & Interview                                                      February 202(X)  
  
Review the Leadership Workshop Series dates to RSVP and add to your calendar: [**https://engineering.byu.edu/weidman#list-workshops**](https://engineering.byu.edu/weidman#list-workshops)