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**LEADERSHIP AS A SYSTEMIC COMPETENCE  
OF FUTURE COMPETITIVE EXPERT**

***Abstract.** The article is dedicated to improving the quality of the preparation of future competitive engineers in higher education. The paper presents the author's view of the structure and criteria of leadership competencies. The focus is on the ways to develop leadership competencies in the academic environment and modern methods for assessing leadership skills. The significance of leadership as a systemic competence of the future specialist was introduced on the basis of the theoretical and practical experience in pedagogy, psychology and management. The results of psychological and pedagogical research on leadership competencies development of future professionals in the academic environment of the technical university are discussed in the article.*

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