

LEAD 2017 FAQs

Programme

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the Programme?

A: The Programme is free of charge for those selected to participate

Q: What expenses are covered by the Programme?

A: If you are selected to participate, the Programme will cover visa fees, transportation to and from London and within the UK, accommodation and food costs.

Q: What expenses are NOT covered by the Programme?

A: The Programme does not cover your transportation costs within Ukraine and costs of translating and certifying any official documents for the UK visa application.

Q: What are the dates of the Programme?

A: The programme will take place during the second and third weeks of July. Exact dates are yet to be confirmed and will be announced shortly.

Q: What is the agenda like? Will we have free time?

A: The Programme is designed to generate maximum engagement and impact for the participants. There will be some free time and a few cultural activities included in the agenda, but no free days or weekends. If you are not prepared to commit your full attention and energy to the Programme, please think twice about applying.

Eligibility Criteria

Q: I am no longer a student. Am I eligible to apply?

A: Yes, this year the Programme is accepting applications from recent graduates (aged 27 and under) who are currently working in the public or social sectors in Ukraine.

Q: I am 27 years old now. Am I eligible to apply?

A: You are eligible to apply if at the start of the Programme you will be aged 27.

Q: I am currently studying in another country (not Ukraine). Am I eligible to apply?

A: LEAD is only open to students from Ukrainian universities. If you are obtaining your degree abroad you are not eligible to apply.

Q: I am currently a student of Ukrainian university but I plan to continue my studies/ start working abroad. Am I eligible to apply?

A: We are only accepting applications from students and recent graduates who are planning to continue their work and/or studies in Ukraine.

Q: Are students from universities in Kyiv eligible to apply for the Programme?

A: While preference will be given to students from regional universities, students from all over

Ukraine are encouraged to apply.

Q: I am majoring in Art/ Psychology/ Mathematics/ Landplanning, etc. Am I eligible to participate?

A: You are eligible to participate as long as you are planning on working in the public / social sector in Ukraine upon your graduation.

Application

Q: What is the deadline for applications?

A: The application deadline is **31 March 2017 at 11:59 PM (GMT)**

Q: Should I request reference letters prior to applying?

A: No, we only ask that you provide contact details of two professional/academic referees. If you are chosen for a Skype interview, we will contact your referees directly.

Q: Can I save the online application form and come back to it later?

A: The application forms must be completed in one go. You are not able to save the draft and finalize your application at a later stage. Please familiarize yourself with the reference copy of the application form prior to completing it in online.

Q: What is the selection process?

A: The selection process consists of two stages: (1) online application form and (2) a Skype interview with the programme's team. If you are successful in the first stage we will notify you via email and schedule a Skype interview with two of the Programme's organizers. Following a round of Skype interviews, we will select 12 participants and, provided their references are cleared, will send out invitations to participate.

Q: When will you notify me of results?

A: Applicants who are selected to proceed to the second stage (Skype interview) will be notified by mid April. Skype interviews will take place at the end of April / early May. 12 finalists will be notified by the end of May.

Q: Will I be notified if my application is unsuccessful?

A: Due to the high volume of applications we will not be able to notify all applicants at the first stage of the selection process. If you have proceeded to the second stage (Skype interview), you will be notified of the final result.

Q: Will I be given feedback on my application?

A: Due to the high volume of applications, no individual feedback will be given.