



# FACT SHEET

## LANGUAGE ENABLED AIRMAN PROGRAM (LEAP) TRAINING PARTNERSHIP REQUEST (TPR)

LEAP is an Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC) volunteer program open to Regular Air Force and Space Force officer and enlisted service members in most career fields. LEAP sustains and enhances the existing foreign language skills of service members. The objective of LEAP is to develop language-enabled, cross-cultural scholars who can operate seamlessly with partner nation military forces and civilians around the world. With these skills, service members can better support the application of air and space power through meeting the National Defense Strategy pillars of strengthening partnerships and interoperability. The AFCLC develops LEAP scholars in 95 Air Force strategic languages, utilizing eMentor synchronous online language courses and periodic Language Intensive Training Events (LITEs).

Training Partnership Requests (TPRs) connect Department of Defense and other governmental organizations to the AFCLC whenever they have a need for language and/or cultural support for document translations, virtual conferences, or in-person events such as exercises, conferences, mobile training teams, etc. Event duration may range from a few days to several months and financial sponsorship for Defense Travel System costs by the requesting organization is required for travel-related expenses. Organizations are encouraged to submit requests as early as possible, preferably 120 days prior to the event. Sponsoring organizations may submit requests via the Language Enabled Development Resource (LEaDeR) using this link <https://leader.sso.cce.af.mil/Leap/TrainingPartnership> or request a PDF request form.

When contacted by a potential sponsoring organization, the AFCLC searches for advanced proficiency LEAP scholars or Foreign Area Officers who match the requested language, rank, and career field. The AFCLC then selects the best LEAP scholar or FAO to participate based on who meets qualifications and would benefit most professionally from the event. Interested LEAP scholars and FAOs must receive approval from their unit commanders to participate. Service members selected via the TPR process are scheduled for an Advanced LITE –TPR. Selected LEAP scholars and FAOs work with the sponsor, alongside the AFCLC, to become fully prepared for what the event entails. The AFCLC expects sponsors to oversee the safety and security of LEAP scholars and FAO, ensure the scholars and FAOs are afforded an opportunity to grow and develop in their language, and provide detailed pre-travel training requirements/materials. The AFCLC tracks service members' completion of country clearance requirements, airline itinerary, lodging, and in-country transportation plans. Sponsoring organizations, LEAP scholars, and FAOs are afforded the opportunity to offer feedback via a sponsor survey, end-of-course survey, and after-action report.

TPRs benefit organizations by facilitating the language and cultural support they need and also provides LEAP scholars and FAOs with invaluable experience to enhance their language and culture skillset while supporting strategic and relevant missions that assist the U.S. in building partnerships. The AFCLC has previously provided language and culture support to multiple MAJCOMs, CCMDs, U.S. Embassies, FBI, USN, USMC, USA, and DPAA, among others.

TPRs do not replace or circumvent assignment, deployment, or other global force management processes. Air Force and Space Force organizations should address long term language requirements with the HAF/A1D Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) office.

For more information on the TPR process, see <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/AFCLC/Language-studies>. Please send questions to [AFCLC.LEAP.Admin@us.af.mil](mailto:AFCLC.LEAP.Admin@us.af.mil).