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LANGUAGE ENABLED AIRMAN PROGRAM (LEAP) TRAINING PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

LEAP is an Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC) volunteer program open to Active Duty officer and enlisted Airmen and select Reserve officers in most Air Force Specialty Codes. LEAP sustains and enhances the existing foreign language skills of Airmen. The objective of LEAP is to develop language enabled, cross-cultural scholars who can operate seamlessly with air forces and populations around the world. With these skills, Airmen can better support the application of airpower 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) provide a means by which Department of Defense and other governmental organizations may express a need for the integration of LEAP scholars in bilateral or international military education and training events. When contacted by a potential partner, the AFCLC searches for LEAP scholars who match the requested language, rank range, and Air Force Specialty Code. TPRs should not replace or circumvent assignment, deployment, or other global force management processes. Air Force organizations should address longterm language requirements with the HAF/A1D Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) office.

The AFCLC will consider approving TPRs that demonstrate a clear education and training partnership event, conducted as an exercise, mobile training team course, or conference. Event duration may range from a few days to several weeks. Financial sponsorship by the requesting organization is encouraged. Organizations may submit requests via the Language Enabled Airman Development Resource (LEADeR) at <https://leader.sso.cce.af.mil/Leap/TrainingPartnership>. Organizations are encouraged to submit requests as early as possible, preferable 120 days prior to the event. Requests submitted less than 60 days prior to the event require a waiver.

The AFCLC advertises TPRs to LEAP scholars (and in some occasions, Air Force Foreign Area Officers) who meet qualifications and can benefit professionally from participation in such an event. Interested LEAP scholars must receive approval from their unit commanders to participate. Airmen selected via the TPR process are scheduled for an Advanced LITE, tracked as a developmental event or course in their LEAP record. The goal is for the sponsor to provide a means for a LEAP scholar to better hone their skills and language capability via a strategic and relevant immersion.

Selected LEAP scholars work with the mission partner, 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; ensure the scholars are afforded an opportunity to grow and develop in their language; and provide detailed pre-travel training requirements. The AFCLC tracks Airmen's completion of country clearance requirements, airline itinerary, lodging, and in-country transportation plans. Both mission partners and LEAP scholars are afforded the opportunity to offer feedback via an end-of-course survey or after-action report.

For more information on LEAP see <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/AFCLC/Language-studies>. Please send questions AFCLC.LEAP.Admin@us.af.mil.