



Leaders Advancing Democracy

LEAD Alliance 2017

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Emerging Leaders
Empowered for Change

Burma | Bhutan | Kyrgyzstan

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Application Form

Submission Deadline: December 30, 2016

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Leaders Advancing Democracy (LEAD) Alliance initiative. LEAD Alliance is an exciting new program that brings together emerging leaders from diverse sectors—civil society, media, government, private industry and academia—to share experiences and gain new skills through a variety of engaging activities designed to empower young leaders.

Under the LEAD Alliance program, emerging leaders from Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Bhutan and Burma will participate in interactive discussions, technical workshops, networking events and cultural exchanges at a four-day, international summit to be held in May, 2017. LEAD Alliance focuses on three key policy themes: environment & urbanization; poverty alleviation & unemployment; and transparency & anti-corruption. Participants who are chosen for the program will be paired with peer mentors from Mongolia to exchange experiences, successes and challenges to democratic development in their respective countries as well as join a growing network of international democracy advocates.

By joining the LEAD Alliance, you will have opportunities to regularly connect with peers, attend networking events and jointly implement community projects in your home country. Five participants each from Kyrgyzstan, Bhutan and Burma will be selected for the exchange through a competitive process. If selected, you will be invited to join the LEAD Alliance—including international travel to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to attend the 2017 LEAD Alliance Summit!

Within the enclosed application, please find further program details, applicant criteria, and the paper application form. When filling out your application, please tell us about yourself, your accomplishments and your goals as an emerging leader. We want to hear from you!

Good luck!

IRI Mongolia



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Journey Through LEAD



Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- 25-40** Be between 25 and 40 years of age
- Eng** Sufficient command of the English language in order to communicate with other LEAD fellows
- 5** Demonstrated five years professional or volunteer experience related to LEAD policy themes
- Passport** Valid passport & ability to travel to Mongolia in May, 2017
- Burma, Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan** A current citizen of Burma, Bhutan or Kyrgyzstan residing and working in your home country
- Community Leadership** Demonstrated commitment to community leadership & democratic values

Application Instructions:

E-mail your completed application to LeadAlliance@iri.org by December 30, 2016. Please do not submit additional materials. Applications will be evaluated by IRI Mongolia Office. Online submission is strongly encouraged.

LEAD Alliance 2017 Application

Applications should be completed in English.
Please answer **ALL** of the application questions truthfully and to the best of your ability.

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December 30, 2016
Submit to LeadAlliance@iri.org

I. BIO-DATA INFORMATION

Personal Information

First Name:		Last Name:		Middle Name:	
Nationality:		Gender:		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):	

Permanent Address

Home Address:				
City:		Country:		

Contact Information

Telephone Number:		Email Address:	
How frequently would you be able to have access to internet?			
Do you have Skype ID? If yes, please tell us your Skype ID:			
Would you be able to participate in virtual meetings/web chat?			
What is the best way to reach you?			

Additional Information

Do you have a valid passport? Yes / No

Do you have any health or physical condition that substantially impacts travel?
For applicants with physical disabilities who are selected for the program IRI will make every effort to accommodate their needs. Yes / No

If yes, please explain and be specific.

Professional & Volunteer Information

What work or activities, both paid and volunteer, are you doing now or have you done in the past?
Please fill out the table below in the order of your most recent experiences first. Use as much space as needed.

Name of Employer/Organization:	Your Job Title:	Responsibilities:	Start Date:	End Date:

Education Information (including current work-in-progress degrees)

Name and Location of Institution:	Major:	Degree:	Start Date:	End Date:

Memberships, Affiliations or Awards

Please list any current memberships or affiliations to groups, associations or networks that you have. If you have a role or position as part of this membership (e.g. board member) please specify. Also feel free to include any awards, honors, or special recognitions:

English Skills

Please rate and mark your level of English for the following categories with an '✓':		Excellent	Good	Poor	Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate a reasonably strong command of English.
	Comprehension:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Reading:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Speaking:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. ESSAY QUESTIONS

IRI selects qualified, dedicated, and diverse individuals who have demonstrated their potential to be outstanding leaders in their respective communities. Please answer each of the following essay questions in English.

Question 1 (500-word limit)

What knowledge and skills do you hope to acquire from the LEAD Alliance program and what skills do you have to share with the other LEAD participants?

Question 2 (500-word limit)

What is your primary goal as an emerging leader? Identify any individual or systematic challenges that exist in your country to youth engagement in public or community service.

Question 3 (500-word limit)

What kind of leader are you in your community or organization? Identify two to three leadership qualities that you have and examples of how you have used them to address issues important to you.

Policy Theme of Choice

Alliance Fellows will focus on three policy themes: (1) Environment & Urbanization; (2) Poverty Alleviation & Unemployment; and (3) Transparency & Anti-Corruption. Please indicate below which policy theme you intend to focus on. Select only one.

Environment & Urbanization; Poverty Alleviation & Unemployment; Transparency & Anti-Corruption

Briefly explain how your policy choice is related to work you've done or want to do in the future.

III. CERTIFICATION

IRI will reserve double-person hotel rooms for accommodations. Are you willing to share hotel rooms/living space during your program?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if chosen, I will participate in all program activities.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> Applicant Signature	<hr/> Date	


Thank you for your interest in the LEAD Alliance program and taking the time to complete this application. Please note that due to the volume of applications received, only semi-finalists will be contacted for interviews. Good luck!





Send your completed applications to LeadAlliance@iri.org

Paper submissions are acceptable at the following addresses:

Bhutan

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