

The LEAD21 program is intended to meet the future needs for leadership development of faculty, specialists, district and regional directors, program and team leaders, research station and center directors, department heads and chairs, and others in the universities' colleges of agricultural, environmental, natural resources, veterinary sciences, and human sciences and USDA/NIFA. Individuals from land-grant, NARRU institutions, and USDA are encouraged to participate.

The primary purpose of LEAD21 is to develop leaders in land grant institutions and their strategic partners who link research, academics, and extension to lead more effectively in an increasingly complex environment, either in their current positions or as they aspire to other positions.

Program goals are for participants to:

- Enhance the application of skills and knowledge learned in four core leadership development areas (change, conflict, communication, and collaboration).
- Develop a peer leadership network to enhance personal leadership practice, collaboration, and diversity of perspective.
- Develop and implement an individual leadership development process.

Program components include:

- Three on-site sessions
 - Session I: June 8 – 13, 2025; Chicago, IL
 - Session II: October 6 – 9, 2025; Denver, CO
 - Session III: February 23 – 27, 2026; TBD
- Independent learning experiences

Program cost:

- \$12,000 (includes lodging, meals, and educational materials for all three sessions)
- Limited scholarships available

Application deadline:

November 15, 2024, for full consideration

Apply online: <https://lead-21.org/apply/instructions/>

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