

## Who should apply?

We are looking for students and young professionals with the following attributes:

- ✓ Youth leaders between 20–30 years old from all genders identifications.
- ✓ Strong commitment and interest in the development of their home region.
- ✓ Outstanding academic or professional performance.
- ✓ Have the will and potential to play a socio-political leading role in their country or region.
- ✓ Support the promotion of democracy, participation, social support, and gender equality.
- ✓ Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to address controversial matters with people from different backgrounds and perspectives.
- ✓ Familiar with English or French, in addition to Arabic.

## Special encouragement to:

This program considers a person "Lebanese" if any of the parents are Lebanese, the same applies to stateless persons. Moreover, the program welcomes everyone who is influenced by the social and political situation in Lebanon including Palestinian refugees.

**This program does not tolerate any kind of discrimination and is customized to be accessible and inclusive.**

## Why should you apply?

Participants of this program are therefore given the opportunity to:

-  Acquire basic knowledge of politics, economy and apply this to society, and be active in social and political discourse.
-  Develop skills that are essential to a socio-political commitment and taking a leading role.
-  Relate to social policy initiatives at national and regional levels, independently implement and consequently gain experience in social and political commitment
-  Network with each other and with leaders/personalities in the organization and thus gain the support of larger segments of the population as well as mentors.

## Timeline

The academic program is divided into four pillars that are closely interlinked with each other and are weighted differently depending on the context.

- 1- Training
- 2- Discourses and debates
- 3- Project initiatives
- 4- Individual contributions

## Duration:

The duration of LEAP should be between 12 & 18 months, depending on the timing and length of the summer vacations.

This program is offering a platform for awareness training and engagement with others over a period of two days once or twice a month.

The activities offered should be distributed evenly over this time frame, which is important for the emergence of a sense of belonging and thus for the identification of participants with the program. However, during this period, the participants will also be starting their own projects or taking part in others.

**Apply today & become part of FES Alumni!**

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## Application & selection process:

- I- Application: Young people who meet the criteria and are interested in the program, are requested to apply as individuals. The complete written application form, consists of a motivation letter and a current resume.
- II- The selection process consists of:
  - A pre-selection based on the submitted written application.
  - Selection conference

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## About FES

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a German political public-interest institution founded in 1925. FES office in Lebanon was established in 1966.

Our mission focuses on the core ideas and values of social democracy – freedom, justice, and solidarity. We promote a free society that offers all its citizens the same opportunities to participate on political, economic, social, and cultural levels, regardless of their origin, sex, religion, or orientation.



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the leader  
in you!**



## About the Program

Leadership, Awareness, and Empowerment Program "LEAP" is an opportunity for young people who have the will, courage, and persistence to stand tall in a decision-making position.

"LEAP" is an international program that has been implemented in different regions, including Latin America, East Africa, and South Africa as well as the MENA region. Therefore, it would implement social policy-related initiatives at the national and regional levels.

This program is a space where the participants bring the themes and content in their discussions to their respective social and professional backgrounds and are encouraged to form pressure groups to enable their ideas to influence public opinion and major policy decisions.

It is designed to support young people to be able to gain the confidence and support of large sections of the community, as well as potential sponsors or mentors.

"LEAP" sees itself as an area in which the socio-political youth is guided to think of themselves as active members of society; to find their own role and actively participate in the socio-political life of their country and region.



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