



# FACT SHEET

## TRAINING PARTNERSHIP REQUEST (TPR)

The Language Enabled Airman Program (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 strengthening partnerships and interoperability. The AFCLC develops LEAP scholars in 103 Air Force strategic languages, utilizing eMentor synchronous online language courses and periodic Language Intensive Training Events (LITEs).

Training Partnership Requests (TPRs) match LEAP Scholars to Department of Defense and other governmental organizations to provide language and culture support for document translations, virtual conferences, or in-person events such as exercises, conferences, and mobile training teams. Event duration may range from a few days to a few weeks and financial sponsorship for Defense Travel System costs by the requesting organization is required. 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 the link <https://leader.cce.af.mil/Leap/TrainingPartnership> or request a PDF version.

When contacted by a potential sponsoring organization, the AFCLC searches for advanced LEAP scholars or Foreign Area Officers who match the requested language, rank, and career field. The AFCLC then selects the best qualified LEAP scholar or FAO. Interested service members must receive approval from their unit commanders to participate.

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.

TPRs benefit organizations by providing the language and culture support they need while enhancing the professional and Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) development of LEAP scholars and FAOs. 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 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).