



Class XII toured a nursery operation in Wicomico County

MISSION

LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to identifying and developing leadership to serve agriculture, natural resources, and rural communities.

“ Post LEAD, I spend more time listening to find middle ground. LEAD has helped me to see things from all sides of viewpoints.

- LEAD MARYLAND ALUMNI FELLOW

“ I give so much of the credit for my professional career to LEAD Maryland. The listening skills, conflict management, discussion skills and understanding...But mostly, it's the network or sources we were introduced to during our seminars that have really opened doors for me.

- LEAD MARYLAND ALUMNI FELLOW

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LEAD Class XIII Fellows will participate in 2024 – 2025. Applications are accepted June 1 through October 1, 2023.

Applications forms are at leadmaryland.org

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SEEKING FELLOW APPLICANTS

CLASS XIII
2024 - 2025

APPLICATIONS DUE OCT. 1, 2023

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20 TO 25 PEOPLE WILL BE SELECTED AS CLASS XIII FELLOWS

Program participants, Fellows, will:

- Participate in a series of multi-day seminars throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C. in 2024 – 2025;
- Complete a travel study tour – destinations for previous classes include: Netherlands, Cuba, Brazil, China, Estonia and Russia, Vietnam, Chile, South Africa, India, Poland, and Spain;
- Pay a \$4,800 fee (tuition), payable in installments. Many Fellows secure sponsorships.

Visit leadmaryland.org – information specific to Class XIII including:

- Fee payment details
- Class calendar and program description
- Statement of understanding and expectations
- Applicant reference form
- Link to web-based application form
- Scholarship opportunities

LEAD FELLOWSHIPS PROVIDE:

- Public issues education;
- Personal growth and leadership development opportunities;
- Communications and problem-solving skills training;
- Support, direction, and resources to help emerging leaders succeed in serving agriculture, natural resources, and rural community sectors;
- Opportunities to learn more about Maryland and meet and network with leaders throughout the state.

“ A leader becomes a great leader with experience. That’s where LEAD Maryland comes into play. As one of the youngest fellows, I grew as a person over those two years and continue to grow both personally and professionally with everything I learned in LEAD Maryland.

- LEAD MARYLAND ALUMNI FELLOW



Class XI studied in Spain, September 2022

LEAD seeks a diversity of applicants with careers, services, or interests in:

- Production agriculture - rural, suburban, or urban agriculture;
- Natural resources, forestry, aquaculture, or other natural resource-based industries;
- The environment and conservation;
- Food: processing, sourcing, distribution, marketing, safety, services, and retail;
- Rural communities, services, and rural development; and
- Business, communications, education, government, science, technology, finance, non-profits, land use, and others within or serving agriculture, natural resources, and rural communities.

“ I am enjoying learning from my fellows. Throughout each day their questions, comments, knowledge and experience add depth to the topics and the presenters. This dynamic is a help to LEAD’s seminars as it can be described as ‘learning how to learn’.

- LEAD MARYLAND FELLOW



Class XI participated in a LEAD Program seminar held in Dorchester County