



The Obama Foundation's mission is to **inspire, empower, and connect** the next generation of leaders to change their world. And we're doing it by giving leaders the tools they need to become active citizens—and inspiring others to do the same.

Our leadership programs focus on empowering leaders through a values-based approach. President and Mrs. Obama believe that how a leader leads is as important as what they do. That's why The Obama Foundation's programming fosters a leadership approach grounded in core values that give leaders the tools and support they need to make real change.

The Obama Foundation Leaders Program

The Obama Foundation Leaders program is a **six-month virtual program** that supports and connects regional leaders in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the United States through **values-based leadership development, skillbuilding for social change, and design workshops**. Rooted in the values-based leadership that shaped the Obamas' journeys, our programs are guided by a simple yet profound belief that change only comes when individuals take action, remain engaged, and unite to make it happen.



LEADERS



ASIA-PACIFIC

The Leaders Asia-Pacific program identifies leaders working in government, civil society, and the private sector who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the common good. It aims to build a growing network of innovative and ethical changemakers who seek to drive change in their communities while developing and supporting one another.

Through a core set of shared values and leadership skills, the program seeks to lift up the current generation of civically active, positive role models who are prepared to create tangible solutions to the challenges across their communities, the Asia-Pacific region, and the world.

2026-2027 APPLICATION

Applications open on **Monday, November 10, 2025 at 12 PM** United States Central Time (UTC-6).

Applications close on **Friday, December 12, 2025 at 12 PM** United States Central Time (UTC-6).



Peer Learning and Skill-Building Training

Over six months, Leaders come together for weekly virtual meetings to discuss some of the most challenging issues that changemakers in the Asia-Pacific region face. The program also creates tailored workshops to support Leaders in building their leadership toolkit, from mastering storytelling and mobilizing people to action to building powerful movements and coalitions.

A Community of Support

The program includes opportunities for Leaders to meet virtually in small groups to build deep, lasting relationships that will carry them through their leadership journey. Leaders are also paired with a leadership coach, who will support them throughout their learning journey in the program.

Inspirational Conversations

The program offers an exciting series of virtual inspiring conversations with thought leaders, artists, and creative thinkers from the Asia-Pacific region to foster a strong spirit of hope and community.

Connection to The Obama Foundation Network

Upon completing the leadership program, Leaders will join a global network of over 1,500 changemakers from more than 160 nations and territories who focus on a wide range of pressing issues. Alumni are encouraged to connect with and learn from one another to spark change both in their communities and at a global level.

To learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements, visit <https://obama.org/programs/leaders/asia-pacific> or email LeadersAsiaPacific@obama.org.