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Application form for the 2026-27 LEAP Programme cohort

Leadership, Enterprise & Adventure at Pembroke (LEAP) is recruiting its next cohort of 25 students. This opportunity is for current 1st year undergraduates; successful applicants will join the LEAP programme at the end of their 1st year and participate throughout their 2nd year at Pembroke.

LEAP cohort members will:

- be paired with career mentors (from summer onwards)
- have priority access to LEAP coaching and workshops next academic year
- receive bespoke support with applying for internships for summer 2027 - and access to grants to subsidise accommodation / travel costs
- have the opportunity to apply for LEAP adventure grants for summer 2027 (up to £2.5k per student)

Timings: *If your application is successful, you'll be invited to attend a welcome session on 19th/20th May at Pembroke (before the main block of exams start). There will be no more LEAP events this academic year; mentor matching will start over the summer, and the first mentoring meetings will take place during the summer break or at the start of Michaelmas Term (depending on your preference). We are asking students to commit to one mentoring meeting per month for at least 6 months. All other LEAP activities will take place next academic year, mainly in Michaelmas and Lent Terms.*

Who is this programme for?

- students who are unsure of their future direction after leaving Pembroke, or who need help plotting a course to their preferred next step
- students who would like support to develop their confidence
- students who face additional constraints in relation to career progression (e.g. financial constraints, disability, gender, race, caring responsibilities, lack of a network etc)

If you would like to apply, please fill in this form (which should take no more than 15 minutes). You can review all the questions before you start by referring to the PDF on the [LEAP website](#) Please only fill out the form once; we will review the first application we receive in your name. If anything is unclear, please email leap@pem.cam.ac.uk before you complete the form.

Your data will be used during the selection process; it will only be retained if your application is successful - and in that case, only for as long as you participate in the LEAP programme. Your data will be handled in accordance with the College's [data protection policy](#) and [privacy notice for students](#).

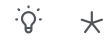
The deadline for applications is **Thursday 30th April at 6pm.**

Section 1: Personal Details

First Name

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Surname / Family Name

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Email Address (Cambridge email)

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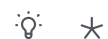
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Course at Cambridge (e.g. History)

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Year of Study (e.g. 1st Year)

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Name of school / college where you completed your A-levels / IB (or equivalent)

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What type of school was this?

- State school (non-selective)
- State school (selective)
- Independent school (fee-paying)
- Other (please state)

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Name of school where you completed your GCSEs (or equivalent)

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What type of school was this?

- State school (non-selective)
- State school (selective)
- Independent school (fee-paying)
- Other (please state)

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We would like to ask your College Tutor and Director of Studies if they support your application to be part of the LEAP programme. Please provide their names below.

Tutor:

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Director of Studies:

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Are you a member of any clubs, societies or committees at Pembroke / Cambridge?

- Yes
 No

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If Are you a member of any clubs, societies or committees at Pembroke / Cambridge? Yes Is Selected

Please specify (including any committee positions you hold)

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Did you take a gap year before starting your degree?

- Yes
 No

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If Did you take a gap year before starting your degree? Yes Is Selected

Please briefly outline what you did in your gap year

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What are your plans for this summer (2026)?

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▼ Certainty of Career Choice

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Section 2: Certainty of Career Choice

LEAP aims to help students who are unsure of their future direction after leaving Pembroke, or who need help plotting a course to their preferred next step.

Please select the option which best describes your situation right now

- I have some general career ideas
- I have a specific career in mind
- I am exploring options for further study
- I've ruled out further study, but I have not decided on a career path
- I have not decided on a career or further study
- I am ready to start applying for internships / jobs
- Other

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If Section 2: Certainty of Career Choice LEAP aims to help students who are unsure of their future d... I have some general career ideas Is Selected

Please provide brief details:

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If Section 2: Certainty of Career Choice LEAP aims to help students who are unsure of their future d... I have a specific career in mind Is Selected

Please provide brief details:

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If Section 2: Certainty of Career Choice LEAP aims to help students who are unsure of their future d... Other Is Selected

Please specify:

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Are you concerned about your career direction?

- Extremely concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Neutral
- Not at all concerned

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Are you hoping to do an internship in summer 2027?

- Yes
- No

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If Are you hoping to do an internship in summer 2027? Yes Is Selected

What type of internship would you like to do? Do you have particular industries or sectors in mind?

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If Are you hoping to do an internship in summer 2027? Yes Is Selected

Are you hoping your mentor will support you to secure an internship for summer 2027?

- Yes
- No

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If Are you hoping to do an internship in summer 2027? No Is Selected

Are you interested in applying for a LEAP Adventure Grant for summer 2027?

These grants aim to provide students with new experiences that will develop their independence, improve their confidence, and/or gain relevant experience that could help their future careers. This could involve overseas travel, a physical challenge, voluntary work - or something else.

- Yes
- No

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▼ Confidence

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Section 3: Confidence

LEAP aims to support students with their confidence, as this will overcome one of our identified barriers to career progression. We are using the Rosenberg Self-Esteem (RSE) Scale to assess confidence.

Please take the RSE test here: <https://openpsychometrics.org/tests/RSE.php> and enter your score below.

You may wish to copy and paste the link into a new window, as clicking on the link will navigate away from this survey. (However if you do click on the link, you can click back afterwards, and the info you have entered into the survey so far will be saved. Please do not re-start the survey).

NOTE: the LEAP cohort will not exclusively be formed of students who are struggling with confidence, but this is one of the factors we will take into account. Please answer the questions in the RSE test honestly. We will not see your RSE responses, but please tell us your score.

My score on the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale:

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▼ Barriers to Career Progression

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**Section 4: Constraints relating to Career Progression**

During the early phases of the programme, LEAP aims to understand the constraints that students face in relation to career progression. The following questions help us to build a picture of these constraints and identify individuals who might benefit particularly from the programme.

NOTE: the LEAP cohort will not exclusively be formed of students who face additional constraints, but this is one of the factors we will take into account.

Please tell us if one (or more) of your parents/carers went to University

- Yes
 No

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Do any of these statements apply to you? Please select all that apply

- I am from a household with a household income of £25,000 per annum or less
 I received free school meals while at school
 I am a care leaver ('care leavers' are defined as those who have been in care for at least 3 months)

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Do either of these statements apply to you?

- I have a disability / health issue which I believe may be a barrier to career progression
- I feel that my race / ethnic background could be a barrier to career progression

NOTE: your answer to this question does not affect your eligibility for the LEAP programme, and you are under no obligation to answer if you would prefer not to.

- Yes
 No
 Prefer not to say

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If you would like to tell us about any other constraints you face which may affect your career progression, you can do so here:

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Section 5: Why you would benefit from LEAP

Please outline why you would like to participate in the 2026/27 LEAP programme and how you feel you would benefit. (200-400 words)

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Thank you for applying to be part of the 2026/27 LEAP cohort. We will review all applications and let successful applicants know by mid-May

If you have any questions, please email LEAP@pem.cam.ac.uk

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End of Survey

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.

Your response has been recorded.