

LEAP 2020

Supporting Student Success

Learn about LEAP. Collaborate with colleagues. Create action plans. Earn a stipend.

All faculty, staff, employees, and students at UW-Whitewater and UW-Whitewater at Rock County are eligible to apply.

Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) is one of the most invigorating programs for institutional change that we've seen in higher education in decades. UW-Whitewater is on the forefront of LEAP, and our university is actively using LEAP to enhance teaching, learning, and student success all across the Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

...LEAP challenges the traditional practice of providing liberal education to some students and narrow training to others. LEAP engages the public with core questions about what really matters in college; connects employers and educational leaders as they make the case for the importance of liberal education in the global economy and in our diverse democracy; and helps all students achieve the essential learning outcomes. Through LEAP, AAC&U calls on the United States to 'make excellence inclusive' so that all students receive the best and most powerful preparation for work, life and citizenship.

~<https://www.aacu.org/leap-challenge>

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to join a hands-on workshop designed to explore the many elements of LEAP. LEAP representatives will discuss LEAP and facilitate larger conversations about what it can mean at the UW-Whitewater and UW-Whitewater at Rock County campuses.

TEAMS

We invite faculty, staff, students and administrators to form teams to explore LEAP and develop ways to use LEAP concepts in your areas. Each LEAP team will develop a short-term (spring semester) and long-term (academic year 2020-21) plan for using LEAP. Each team must have three to five people and must include at least one student and at least one faculty member or other employee.

2020 THEME

Liberal Education and America's Promise

Teams will develop and implement concrete actions to use elements of LEAP, such as in a project to support teaching, learning and/or student success. Example projects include applying key LEAP components (i.e. High Impact Practices, Essential Learning Outcomes) to enhance or support student success.

Save the date for
LEAP Day 2020
Friday, February 28

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Teams accepted for participation will:

- Meet for two days, January 8 and 9, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days at the Whitewater campus, to explore LEAP and develop concrete action plans.
- Submit a team action plan two weeks later, and implement the plan.
- Meet again May 18, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Rock County campus to share progress and lessons learned and to learn more about LEAP. Two weeks later, submit a revised action plan to implement during the coming year.
- Continue to implement action plans during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Attend a session during Spring 2021 to check in and report on progress.

STIPENDS

Eligible participants will receive stipends (per person) of \$200 upon completion of the January workshop and approval of the team action plan. Participants receive \$100 after attendance at the May workshop and approval of the revised action plan, with an additional \$300 for those who will continue to work on the project through the year. A firm commitment to the entire workshop program is necessary in order to receive stipends.

182 LEAP teams with more than 900 members have participated so far.

Now it's your turn!!

If you are an individual looking to join a team, we can help you find teammates: please contact

LEAP@uww.edu.

TO APPLY

Form a team with three to five members. Each team must have at least one student and at least one faculty member or campus employee.

Send an email by November 25 to LEAP@uww.edu with the following information (one email per team):

- A list of team members, with email addresses and each person's department, unit or office.
- For each student, include the student's anticipated graduation date (e.g., May 2021). We prefer that students remain active on the team through May 2021.
- Provide a one-paragraph description of your team's projected outcomes after participation in the 2020 LEAP workshop and completion of the action plan.
- Include a statement confirming that all faculty members and employees on the team have consulted with their supervisor, confirming that the proposed focus and objectives are supplemental to or not contained within their current duties and responsibilities.

Seats are limited for this workshop series.

Acceptance will be subject to space availability, budget and our desire to have representation from a variety of departments and units across both campuses. New LEAP workshop participants are strongly encouraged.



Questions? Contact LEAP@uww.edu