



UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION



LEAD Maryland Fellowship Program Class XIV (2026-27) Calendar

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Applications open in June 2025 and are due October 1, 2025.

Applications are online and found at www.leadmaryland.org

Applicant Interviews: Applicants will have interviews with the Selection Committee.

Locations: Locations for applicant interviews will be announced.

Please hold these dates for applicant interviews: October 16, 17, 20-24, 2025; (dates to be confirmed)

Please hold the dates listed below for full participation in Class XIV (2026-27).

(Should there be unforeseen issues with the seminar planning, the locations or themes could change, but all efforts will be made to hold the dates as listed.)

Seminar #	Dates	Location	Theme
1	February 17-19, 2026 (3 days)	Frederick County	Introduction to LEAD and leadership; overview of Maryland agriculture
2	April 14-16, 2026 (3 days)	Upper Eastern Shore	Land use, planning, zoning, preservation; Introduction to the horse industry
3	June 9-11, 2026 (Arrive on June 8 th , then 3 days)	Garrett County	Introduction to the forestry industry; Rural community development
4	September 15-16, 2026 (2 days)	Prince George's County	Urban agriculture; Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission
5	November 10-12, 2026 (3 days)	Lower Eastern Shore	Introduction to the chicken industry
6	January 13-14, 2027 (2 days)	Baltimore City	Visits to the Port of Baltimore, MANTS, and the Maryland Food Bank
7	February 2-5, 2027 (4 days)	Annapolis	State and local government, structure, functions, policymaking, advocacy
8	April 6-8, 2027 (3 days)	Dorchester County	Water resources management, climate change, saltwater intrusion, aquaculture
9	June 15-17, 2027 (3 days)	Carroll County	Introductions to the grain industry, and the horticulture industry
10	September 21-24, 2027 (4 days)	Washington, DC	Federal government, policy and advocacy; UMD AGNR and the land grant mission
	November 9-11, 2027 (3 days)	Hold these dates in case there is a need to reschedule a seminar due to the study tour dates, weather or unforeseen circumstances.	

International Study Tour: The dates and destination will be determined after the class is selected.

The Class XIV Graduation date and location will be determined later.