
CENTRAL Leadership Program

The CENTRAL Network is excited to organise **new Leadership Program, taking place from August 24 to September 14, 2025**. Join us as we bring together **top universities** from Austria (University of Vienna), Poland (University of Warsaw), the Czech Republic (Charles University), Hungary (Budapest ELTE), and Germany (Humboldt-University Berlin).

Additionally, for the CENTRAL Leadership Program, the CENTRAL universities also **invite graduate students** from the Andrassy University (Budapest), the Ivan-Franko University (Lviv) and the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv) to participate in the leadership program.

Prague Program

Leadership program highlights

The CENTRAL Leadership Program offers an immersive journey through the region. In this unique initiative, up to **30 students and doctoral candidates** will explore Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Berlin and Warsaw. Participants gain invaluable insights into the diverse realms of **economy, politics, diplomacy, society, and public service**, fostering the skills and vision needed to drive the advancement of the Central European region, promote peace, and strengthen the European project.

Specialized workshops provide deep insights into the **region's political and cultural dynamics and refine leadership skills**. A preparatory online meeting ensures participants are ready for this transformative experience.



Schedule

Schedule and guide for students

Program funding and travel details

Participants in the program enjoy **comprehensive support covering all program expenses across the five locations**. This includes an Interrail Pass for train travel, accommodation, most lunches, special dinners, that are part of the program, and cultural activities.

Individuals are responsible for their travel arrangements to the first location (Budapest) and from the last location (Warsaw). While meals, other than program lunches and special dinners, are also self-funded, the program ensures coordination for an enriching experience. Please note that the accommodation will be shared (same sex) in some location and any upgrade or alternative hotel booking is handled by the participants themselves.

Who Can Apply

The CENTRAL leadership program seeks **advanced graduate students or doctoral candidates** with a minimum B2 level of English proficiency and a basic interest in Central European politics, history, and culture. This program is designed to equip participants for leadership roles in various fields such as society, economics, politics, or public service across Europe. Participation offers individuals a pathway to more effectively plan their career trajectories.

Deadline extended to April 14, 2025

Participant Selection Procedure

The selection of participants is conducted independently **by each partner university**, employing equitable selection methods. Prospective participants are required to submit their **CV and a motivation letter** as part of the application process. Subsequently, their home university might arrange an interview. Key selection criteria encompass motivation for the program, affiliation with Central Europe, previous civic engagement and career objectives relating to the progress and leadership of the Central European region.

About the last year's program

You can explore last year's program details [here](#).

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