



**WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL EURASIA LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE'S
19TH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ("CELA 19")
JULY 13–22, 2026
AT NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY, ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN**

APPLICATION FORM

Welcome to the Central Eurasia Leadership Alliance's (CELA) 19th Leadership Academy ("CELA 19"). This is an opportunity to join about forty outstanding individuals from across Central Asia, South Caucasus, Afghanistan and Mongolia for this ten-day event of immersive personal transformation, self-exploration and finding the purpose as a human and a leader. English is the language of instruction during the CELA workshop and fluency is an absolute requirement. **Because of the intensive nature of the Academy and in order to qualify as CELA graduate, participants MUST ARRIVE on July 12, REMAIN THROUGH THE ENTIRE program, and depart NO EARLIER than July 23.** Graduating the CELA Leadership Academy makes you part of a 24-year old network which comprises about 700 prominent leaders from across the region.

The purpose of this application form is to share honest and deep insights into your personal/local/regional/global context of leadership and show as much of your person and personality as possible. Admission to CELA Leadership Academy is based on a competitive selection process.

- Please **fill out all the required fields** of this application form
- **Add your CV** and any other background material you would like to share with the Selection Committee.
- Review the application and **click the SUBMIT button.**

OR

- You can also submit your application (**filled out Form (find below) and CV**) to info@celanetwork.org. In the subject line of your e-mail, please **write "CELA 19", your full name and your country of citizenship.**

The general prerequisites for eligibility include age limitation between 28 and 40 years, a citizen of one of the following countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan - and a mid-career leader aspiring bigger goals from the fields of business (especially entrepreneurs), media, academia, civil society or government.

After submitting your filled out Application Form and CV, the next step would be for Country Selection Committees to consider your credentials. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. If successful, further instructions will be provided by CELA staff.

The CELA 19 Leadership Academy participation fee consists of two parts:

- **\$2,000 – Program & All Materials Fee**
- **\$1,500 – Full Board Expenses**, covering the costs of shared accommodation at the campus hotel, catering (breakfast, lunch, dinner and two coffee breaks for ten days), and welcome and graduation dinners. This fee applies to every participant without exception, regardless of individual accommodation preferences or meal choices.

Participants are responsible for their own travel and visa expenses to and from Astana, Kazakhstan. Accepted participants must make a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by May 20, 2026. The remaining \$3,000 must be paid by June 15, 2026.



In case of inquiries, please contact us at info@celanetwork.org or visit our website www.celanetwork.org.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1TH, 2026

APPLICATION FORM

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

SALUTATION (MS, MR, MX):

FIRST NAME:*

LAST NAME:*

MIDDLE NAME:

YOUR PREFERRED FORM OF FIRST NAME:

ARE YOU A CLOSE RELATIVE OF A CELA MEMBER?*

WHO WILL PAY YOUR \$3,500 PARTICIPATION FEE?*

MYSELF

MY ORGANIZATION

OTHER (PLEASE
CLARIFY)

CURRENT POSITION/TITLE:*

NAME OF WORKPLACE:*

SIZE OF THE ORGANIZATION/TEAM YOU
MANAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

DATE OF BIRTH
(DD/MM/YY):*

CITIZENSHIP:*

WHERE ARE YOU LIVING
NOW?

PREFERRED MAILING
ADDRESS (MARK
ONE)

COUNTRY:

STREET, NO.:

TELEPHONE:

MOBILE
(WHATSAPP/TG):*

Home •

Company •

Institution •

CITY:

POSTAL CODE:

Country
code:

Phone
number:

Country
code:

Phone
number:



PREFERRED E-MAIL

ADDRESS:*

OTHER E-MAIL:

II. YOUR PATH TO CELA

How did you find out about CELA?*

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Have you applied to CELA before? If Yes, when?*

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Are you nominated by a CELA fellow? If yes, please provide their name:

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III. HAVE YOU FACED SITUATIONS WHERE YOU FELT THAT YOU GENUINELY EXERCISED LEADERSHIP AND WHAT YOU DID? (MAXIMUM 200 WORDS)*

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IV. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM ATTENDING THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY? (MAXIMUM 100 WORDS)*

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V. HOW CAN YOUR PEERS IN THE CELA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BENEFIT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION? (MAXIMUM 100 WORDS)*

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VI. HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF CONTRIBUTING TO CELA NETWORK BACK HOME UPON YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY? (MAXIMUM 100 WORDS)*

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VII. TELL US ONE SURPRISING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF (MAXIMUM 50 WORDS)*

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VIII. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL 10 DAYS OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?*

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**Required fields*

THANK YOU!