



TENNESSEE EXTENSION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (TELA)

2026-2027

Invest in Your Future!

Develop your personal and professional leadership skills through this multi-session program that utilizes opportunities to learn from partners and industry leaders across the state.

TELA aims to help employees build skills to better serve as leaders in any role and is open to all regular, full-time employees who have been employed with Extension for at least 3 years.

To apply or to find more information, visit
[TELA.tennessee.edu!](http://TELA.tennessee.edu)

Dates

Application Period: February 2 - March 2

Applicants Notified: May 1

Session 1: September 15 - 17
Sevierville

Session 2: November 17 - 19
Memphis

Session 3: January 5 - 7
Knoxville

Session 4: March 10-11
Nashville

*see website for additional mandatory virtual meeting dates



Strengthen Skills

Including self-awareness, teamwork, communication, and leading through change.



Build Relationships

Connect with aspiring leaders across the state to foster personal and professional growth.



Connect and Apply

Create an understanding of how individuals and teams contribute to the larger vision of Tennessee Extension services.

For More Information



TELA@utk.edu



TELA.tennessee.edu