

Academy of Political Management

2024 Call for applications



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The Academy of Political Management

Now on its tenth cycle, APM is a progressive political leadership training program. It caters to second-line leaders of progressive organizations and/or individuals who are committed to the values of freedom, equality, social justice and solidarity, and plans to pursue social and political development work and political management positions. APM aims to:

- Provide cadre-formation for FES partners and progressive organizations;
- Build a network of and cooperation among young progressives;
- Draw in new leaders to the progressive movement; and
- Develop progressive future leaders in government, elective posts, businesses, CSOs, political parties and social movements.

As of 2024, there have been 276 young progressives from different sectors and regions who graduated from APM. As part of the program, the Academy has supported seven (7) progressive projects from conceptualization to implementation since it began.

This is a program fully supported and managed by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippines. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a private, not-for-profit, public interest cultural-educational foundation committed to the ideals and basic values of social democracy. FES has been active in the Philippines since 1964. In its cooperation with civil society organizations, labor groups, the academe and the government, it seeks to contribute in consolidating democratic institutions and in strengthening an inclusive political system and a people-centered economic development.

General Criteria

APM accepts 20-30 participants per cycle. We welcome young professionals working in government, non-government organizations, student leaders, activists, and advocates engaged in social-political campaigns in the Philippines to join the training program. Nominees from FES partner organizations are prioritized in filling up the first 10-15 slots while the remaining slots are open to the public. Below are the general criteria for the application:



			
20 - 35 years old	Can Communicate in English	Committed to the values of freedom, equality, social justice and solidarity	Plans to pursue social and political development work and political management positions.

Diversity among the participants and representation of various regions and cultures are encouraged by the Academy. Hence, applicants from various backgrounds (geographical location, sex, gender orientations, ethnic and religious groups in the Philippines) are encouraged to apply.

All applications are still subject to the selection process of the Academy.

The Curriculum

The curriculum aims to address both skills and knowledge development of the second line of leaders. In the curriculum, personal skills will be first developed, such that these skills can already be used in the knowledge/content-based module. The curriculum covers themes/topics which are grouped into five (5) sessions, consisting of 3-day modules, spread over a calendar year. The topics were chosen and developed in close coordination with partners to suit their organization's needs. The five sessions are:

SESSION 1	Personal Development Skills
SESSION 2	Political Communication Skills
SESSION 3	Political Theories
SESSION 4	Economic Literacy and Political Economy
SESSION 5	Project Management Tools and Skills

The curriculum is a modular training program with a clearly designed yet dynamic content that will continuously be informed by the learning from program implementation. It is a balanced mix of theorizing development, political and sociological conditions anchored on the praxis of social change as it has evolved in the country.

The curriculum is different from that in an academic institution but it is a learning program oriented towards practical life-skills needed most by individuals who see themselves as catalysts of change. Throughout the course of the training, the academy's participants will develop a progressive project, which they will then implement after the training program with the support of FES.

Training Schedule

The participants are required to attend all sessions. Here is a schedule of this year's training clusters:

CLUSTER 1	3-5 May 2024
CLUSTER 2	7-9 June 2024
CLUSTER 3	19-21 July 2024
CLUSTER 4	30 August - 1 September 2024
CLUSTER 5	11-13 October 2024

How to apply

Your application should contain the following documents:

- Letter of Application addressed to FES Philippines Country Director Marie Schroeter
- Accomplished Application Form (see template)
- Letter of Recommendation (see template)
- Interview timeslot (please see "Interview Process" below)

Please email the abovementioned documents to apm.ph@fes.de. In the subject field, use this format: Last name, First Name | APM 2024.

Letter of Recommendation

At least one (1) letter of recommendation should be written by a person of authority who has worked with the applicant in a particular project and/or advocacy. Please use the official recommendation letter template.

Please inform the person giving the recommendation to send the letter directly to apm.ph@fes.de. They may also properly seal it in an envelope, sign across the seal, and (1) give it to the applicant directly for submission, or (2) mail it to: Ms. Regina Rebueno, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippine Office, Unit 2804 Discovery Centre, #25 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, 1600 Pasig City, Metro Manila.

Deadline of Application

All application documents should be submitted to FES not later than 26 February 2024 (Monday), 11:59PM. Incomplete applications will not be entertained.

Interview Process

Interviews are scheduled for 14 - 16 March 2024 (Thursday - Saturday). All applicants will be interviewed by a 7-member APM Selection Panel. Each interview will last for around 10 minutes. Please sign up for a timeslot before sending your application. We will email or call you to confirm your timeslot at least 3 days before your scheduled interview.



Sign up for your timeslot here
<https://bit.ly/apm-batch11-interview>

For applicants based in Metro Manila, interviews will be in-person at the FES Philippines office in Ortigas, Pasig. For applicants based outside Metro Manila, interviews will be done via Zoom. A link will be provided to you a day before your scheduled interview. Please be at the FES Office or the Zoom meeting room at least fifteen (15) minutes before your interview.

For any queries or clarifications, you may contact us by emailing Regina Rebueno, the APM Project Coordinator at apm.ph@fes.de.

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