

Wharton Leadership Ventures Program

Intensives Information Session

February 3, 2026





TODAY'S AGENDA

- Meet the WG26 **Intensives Venture Fellows**
- Preview the 2025-26 **Intensive offerings**
- Review **key dates and logistics** (e.g., how to apply)
- Breakout for **Q&A**

All information in this session is subject to change



What are Wharton Leadership Ventures?



LEADERSHIP VENTURES INVOLVE



LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Observe leadership or the absence of leadership first-hand



SELF AND PEER DISCOVERY

Step out of comfort zone



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Exceed personal limitations

LEADERSHIP VENTURES FORMAT



Intensives



Expeditions



- 1-2 days
- Within driving distance

- 7-9 days
- Across the globe

PHYSICAL FITNESS

You **DO NOT** need to be in top physical shape to **participate**.

It's more about **attitude**, **mentality**, and **preparation** for the specific venture!

...but, **training** will make the experience **a lot more fun!**

PHYSICAL PREPARATION



Anyone can succeed on a venture, BUT they are **hard**. Being physically prepared ahead of your venture will make the adventure more enjoyable and allow you to focus more fully on leadership development.

Venture-specific



Your VFs and WLV staff can suggest workouts to ensure you are prepped for the physical demands of your specific venture (e.g. biking, carrying a heavy pack, breaking in hiking boots)

Consistency



We suggest that you develop a routine prior to your venture. Allow for regular workouts and adequate recovery time.

Individual



It is your individual responsibility to prepare physically for the venture you are attending. Consider this your first contribution to the team you will be part of for a week in the wild.

Venture Fellows & Partners



2025-2026 VENTURE FELLOWS & PARTNERS



August VF Training, '25

The 2025/26 Leadership Intensives



Quantico USMC Intensive

Spring: April 17th and 18th, 2026



QUANTICO, USMC



Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:*

\$700*

Group Size:

90

April 17th and 18th, 2026

This venture builds upon U.S. Marine Corps programs for developing leadership at its Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia.



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Details

Activities:

- Adaptability Training
- Leadership Reaction and Obstacle Courses
- Combat Fitness Sessions
- Small-Unit Tactics Demonstrations

Difficulty / Rigor:

- Moderate difficulty and rigor, but little pre-Venture physical training required.

Risks:

- Bumps, bruises, sprains, fractures. Insect bites. Cold and heat related injuries.

*Prices do not include any personal equipment, spending money, clothing, airfare, or non-expedition land travel or meals

FDNY Intensive

Fall: April 11th, 2026

FDNY



FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY



Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:*

\$700

Group Size:

40

April 11, 2026

Venture uses real FDNY training facilities on Randall's Island, NY. Venture focuses on crisis leadership and communication through fire and emergency response simulation.



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Details

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Extinguishing burning car▪ Responding to the scene of a bombing▪ Searching for casualties in a smoke-filled room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Moderate difficulty and rigor. No pre-venture training required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Normal physical risks, including bumps, bruises, sprains, falls.▪ Claustrophobia

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So what next?





Ventures Open for Application

- **Major Timeline**
 - Thursday, January 29 – Applications Opened
 - **Monday, February 9 – Application Deadline (6 days away!)**
 - **Week of February 16-20 – Seat Offers and Waitlist Positions Released**
 - **48 hours** to accept a seat offer/commit from the time of offer
 - **ANOTHER 48 hours** to pay the program fee once you commit
 - If a student misses the seat offer, they can contact the VF + Program Manager and be manually added back to the **bottom of the waitlist**
 - If you are taken off a waitlist you have:
 - 48-hours to accept the seat
 - 48-hours to pay your fee to reserve your spot

TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



Registration priority:

- Rank
- 2Y students who have not been on a venture
- 1Y students who have not been on a venture
- 2Y students with previous venture and so forth
- Randomization among those with common parameters

TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



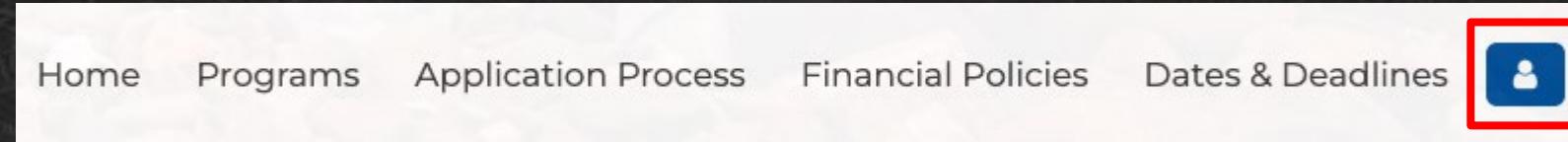
- Apply for programs on [TerraDotta](#)
- Utilize the [Program Search](#) function to locate the expedition or intensive of interest
- Program pages house additional information, as well as the link to apply

Overview	Location	Payments and Policies	Meet your Venture Fellows	Venture Partner	Travel Visa
Apply Now					
Login to an existing application for this program					
Information sheet					
Opportunity Type	Leadership Venture - Expedition				
Open to	MBA23, MBA24				
Dates / Deadlines:					
Term	Year	App Deadline	Decision Date	Start Date	End Date
Winter Break	2022-2023	09/19/2022	09/26/2022	12/28/2022	01/05/2023

TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



- Login to the system return to an application you've already started (do not click 'apply now' again)



- Submit your application once all app requirements are met
- If you are applying to more than one program, you **must rank** the programs prior to the application deadline
- Full application instructions

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION



- **Payment:**
 - Visa, MasterCard, or American Express via online payment portal. Missed payment deadlines can result in Venture removal.
 - Communicate payment issues with VFs or WLV Staff as soon as possible.
- **Financial Policy**
 - All programs have a travel package fee and once you commit to a program, you are financially responsible. In general, travel packages will include hotels, group transportation, and some meals. The cost of travel to the course location and all other associated expenses (visas, taxis, gear, and other incidentals) will be borne by students. Students are strongly encouraged to consider the academic and financial consequences prior to committing to a program.
- **Cancellation Policy**
 - If a student needs to cancel their participation after accepting their seat participant should alert the VF as soon as they become aware of their need to cancel, so we can remove their application from the system, update the logistics team, and activate the waitlist. **Seats cannot be transferred to other students on the waitlist.**
 - **NOTE: Program Fees for WLV Intensives are entirely non-refundable.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- **No Academic Conflicts**
 - Ventures **SHOULD NOT** conflict with an individual's academic calendar and are not an acceptable excuse for missing classes or coursework. **Please check your academic requirements before committing to an Intensive**
- **Travel Dates**
 - Dates as shown do not include travel days to/from Venture – confirm travel expectations with VFs
- **Costs**
 - Prices do not include cost of personal equipment, clothing, airfare, land travel, non-venture meals, or spending money
 - **No reductions in price are offered for those who opt out of transportation or catered food for the intensives.**
- **Canceling Ventures**
 - We reserve the right to cancel any Venture at any time for any reason or remove participants from any Expedition at any time for any reason

Questions? Ask your Venture Fellows!



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THANK YOU!

