2027 MEMBER GUIDE

From Council, Core and Premium to Focus, Vista and Prism

How organizations engage across Leadership Excellence Networks in 2027.

In 2027, LENS is updating the names of its membership levels to better reflect the ways organizations participate in our national leadership community. The names are changing, but the underlying principle remains: every member brings valuable expertise and contributes to shared learning.

What is changing?

The previous Council, Core and Premium designations become Focus, Vista and Prism. Each level represents a broader range of community participation and member resources, rather than a ranking of organizations.

PREVIOUS NAME	2027 NAME / ANNUAL INVESTMENT	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Council Level	FOCUS | $5,000	One leadership community
Core	VISTA | $10,000	Up to four leadership communities
Premium	PRISM | $25,000	Full LENS portfolio

This is a comparison of engagement scope, not an automatic renewal or price conversion. Individual arrangements and community selections will be reviewed during renewal.

Why Focus, Vista and Prism?

Focus. Choose a priority community and build deeper peer relationships, practical learning and opportunities to contribute.

Vista. Expand the field of view by connecting colleagues across up to four communities and organizational priorities.

Prism. Bring the full spectrum of LENS together through network-wide participation, research, shared initiatives and wider collaboration.

THE GUIDING IDEA

Membership levels describe the breadth of access, not the worth of a member. Insight and contribution matter at every level.

What is expanding for members?

The 2027 portfolio offers year-round opportunities through councils, Discovery Forums, Learning Labs, leadership development, and research. The National Council on Administrative Fellowships (NCAF) also becomes a named LENS community, connecting fellowship excellence more closely with leadership development, workforce strategy and academic partnerships.

2027 BENEFIT	FOCUS	VISTA	PRISM
Leadership Excellence Summit (in person)	1 included registration	2 included registrations	4 included registrations
Leadership Accelerator Summit (virtual)	4 registrations	6 registrations	8 registrations
Council / community participation	Choose 1	Up to 4	All
NCHL research and member resources	Selected access	Expanded access	Enhanced access

Event registration details will be provided separately. Framework member resources and inclusions by level are being finalized; see prospectus page 10. Research participation, advisory roles and certain benefits vary by level and member type.

What should existing LENS members know?

- NCAF is now one of the available LENS communities. When NCAF is selected, NAFCAS platform access is included; Prism includes the full community portfolio.
- Graduate programs participating in NCAF also receive reciprocal access to the Academia & Industry Collaborative. Additional participation exceptions are detailed in the prospectus.
- Vista organizations may add up to two communities at the Focus investment rate per additional community.
- Steering participation is role-based and tied to Prism. For workgroups and advisory groups, healthcare-provider Prism members receive priority consideration; Vista members are eligible by invitation, based on program needs. Academic members are eligible at Focus level and above.
- Renewal communications will confirm how your organization's existing arrangement and preferred engagement level translate into 2027.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

We are here to help you identify the best path for your organization. Contact Christina Volpicelli at cvolpicelli@nchl.org **or** lens@nchl.org**.**

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