MEMBER ELIGIBILITY AND PRICING

Our funding model is designed to share the costs of running Lever Press equitably among our members. Members make 3-year pledges to support Lever, with contribution rates based on an institution’s materials expenditure. Below are the pledge levels for the 2025-2027 pledge cycle.

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Each member’s annual cost will not exceed the amount committed to in their 3-year pledge, but may be less. Our primary goal for the 2025-2027 cycle is to increase membership and reduce member costs. We are committed to sharing information about our operations and costs with members, and to being responsive to membership questions and feedback. Learn more by visiting our website at leverpress.org.

ABOUT

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