THE MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) and IE School of Global and Public Affairs (IEGPA) have jointly launched a Master in International Development, a world-class training program for professionals who want to address the complex challenges highlighted by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The first cohort will begin classes in September 2019 in Madrid (Spain). The faculty will be made up of high-level experts, many of them currently working for the United Nations, as well as top scholars in sustainable development. All sessions will be conducted in English.

The curriculum has been designed around the 5P of the 2030 Agenda – People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships. In addition, students will further develop their hard and soft skills, learning the most advanced frameworks and tools for policy writing, data analysis, results-based management, political acumen, cross-cultural negotiation and adaptive leadership.

The Master makes use of the most advanced learning methodologies and includes discussions with global leaders, coaching sessions, and applied studies on innovation for sustainable development. Students will also benefit from a one-week immersion experience at the UN in Geneva and will develop an applied consultancy-type project to address a specific problem posed by a UN entity or a partner organization.

More information is available here.

“The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for leaders who can think and act differently.

Through the Master in International Development, in collaboration with IE, we hope to create a pipeline of policy-makers who have the skills and capabilities to address the complex challenges facing the global community today.”

Jafar Javan
Director of the United Nations System Staff College

THE PARTNERS

UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM STAFF COLLEGE

A center of excellence for training and knowledge management within the UN system, UNSSC’s mission is to transform the UN into a more effective, results-oriented and agile organization.

IE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An innovative academic institution that builds talent through a practical understanding of social, political, technological and economic connections.

The School belongs to IE, a world-class international university recognized by the quality and innovation of its programs, several of them top-ranked by the Financial Times, The Economist and others.
The Sustainable Development Leaders Scholarship is available for staff members of the United Nations who are accepted into the Master in International Development and demonstrate strong commitment to sustainable development, academic excellence, outstanding contribution and leadership potential. We are looking for candidates who are seeking to understand complexity and are passionate about using their insights to make a difference and aim to assume a higher level of responsibility after graduation.

The Master in International Development has a total tuition of 32,000 EUR, including the cost of the one-week immersion experience in Geneva. There are seven scholarships available to cover 40% of the tuition (12,800 EUR) for each student.

The criteria for selection are as follows:

1. Be a staff member of any fund, specialized agency, program, associated entity or body of the United Nations.
2. Have an outstanding academic record.
3. Demonstrate leadership qualities and outstanding achievements in your personal and professional life.
4. Demonstrate an international outlook and a strong commitment for sustainable development.
5. Be fluent in English.

The admissions process for applicants is as follows:

1. Online Application
2. Online Assessment
3. Entrance Exam: Students are required to take either the GMAT, GRE or IE Global Admissions Test (IEGAT Test)
4. Personal Interview (face-to-face or via Skype) with the Admissions Department
5. Admission Committee Final Decision: Candidates will receive the final decision within one to three weeks

NOTE: The Master requires full-time dedication, so UN staff members who want to attend this program should move to Madrid and previously obtain a Special Leave from their UN entity for at least 10 months (from October 1st to June 30th). The request shall be submitted to the corresponding Office of Human Resources, which will give special consideration to the fact that this program has been developed by the UN System Staff College and the scholarship has been established in coordination with the Assistant Secretary General for Human Resources at the UN Secretariat.

IE FINANCIAL AID

At IE, we work hard to make sure that high-potential individuals have access to world-class education. Our IE Financial Aid Office will help you understand the different financing and scholarship options available, and it will guide you through the application process.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship Application Deadline: 16th of June 2019

1. Screening of candidates by IE Financial Aid
2. Presentation & selection of finalists
3. Selection of winners by UNSCC & IE

To find out more about our selection process, please visit www.ie.edu/financial-aid

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