

What is the UPG Sustainability Leadership Program?

UPG Sustainability Leadership mobilises people and organisations to support Positive Citizen Leadership on Sustainability. We bring together people who are committed to impact by taking positive actions. From 2019 until now, 586 UPG Sustainability Leaders have already been trained and in 2022 UPG is training and certifying 500 new young leaders from all over the world and flying 60 of them to a FREE, complementary and immersive 1-week experience on an island in the USA: the Hurricane Island Centre for Science and Leadership.

How Do I Apply?

<https://unitedpeople.global/sustainability/upg-sustainability-leader-application/>

To apply, head over to <https://upglive.org/UPGSustainability> and click on APPLY. You will be directed to an online application form which you can complete.

How do I complete the application form?

- Applications must be completed online; applications that are mailed, faxed, or emailed to UPG will not be accepted
- Questions that are marked with a red asterisk are mandatory and must be answered
- Individuals may only submit one application. If an applicant submits two applications using different email addresses, then the individual will be disqualified

What are the Eligibility Requirements to apply?

- Candidates must be 18-35 years of age by 1 October 2022
- Candidates must be self-motivated, capable of overcoming major challenges and able to think outside the box
- Applicants from all nationalities are eligible to apply

- Candidates from all genders and candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Is there a language requirement to apply?

Yes. All applicants to the UPG Sustainability Leadership program will need to have a good understanding of English to apply. Application forms, all training and all supporting materials will be in English so to get the most out of the program a strong English language capability is required.

I am 35 years old now, can I still apply?

Applications are welcome from all candidates who will be a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 35 years of age on 1 October 2022. This ensures that all candidates are within this age group for the duration of the training and experiences that are planned.

Candidates outside that age range are not eligible for UPG Sustainability Leadership but are welcome to join the UPG Community for other opportunities: <https://unitedpeople.global/join/>

I am 17 years old now, can I still apply?

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What are the selection criteria for UPG Sustainability Leadership Program?

UPG is looking for young, determined people from all different paths of life and regions of the world. From well-experienced professionals to freshly graduated students. The selection process considers four factors:

- A. Your Profile – this helps us to strive for diversity
- B. Your Motivation – we select the most motivated
- C. Your Capabilities and
- D. The Potential for Impact

How can I make my application more competitive? Or How can I increase my chances of being selected as a UPG Sustainability Leader?

You can become a UPG Champion. Becoming a UPG Champion indicates to us that you are already doing your part to spread ideas of peace and sustainability wherever you are based. To learn more about becoming a UPG Champion, click [the link here](#).

Do I have to upload a video and how do I do this?

Yes, we would strongly advise you to include a video as part of your application. This is an opportunity to add personality to your application and for us to get to know you better. To upload a video, create a video up to 2 minutes, upload it to a drive or video sharing platform, as not listed, and include the link in the requested field at the application form. Please provide all details requested when uploading you video, specifically your name and the purpose of the upload: UPG Sustainability Leadership.

Will the UPG Sustainability Leadership training be offered online or in-person?

The 2022 cycle of the UPG Sustainability Leadership program will be offered entirely online. This means you can participate from wherever you are in the world. From our 500 selected participants, 60 will be chosen to join a one-week immersive trip to Hurricane Island* to continue their learning at the Hurricane Island Centre for Science and Leadership. **Covid-19 restrictions allowing*

What is meant by 'Mini-training sessions' and 'Sustainability Related Project'?

UPG Sustainability Leaders commit themselves to execute at least one SDG related local project and host one mini-training session in their community to share the knowledge they have gained as part of the program.

- A mini-training session is a one-time event where the UPG Sustainability Leader runs a training session in their local community, a school or organisation (usually between 1-2 hours) to raise awareness about the SDGs and/or about the sustainability-related project.
- The project is something broader that will not only raise awareness but also impact your local community and it usually involves actions.
- Sustainability Leaders will be provided with the tools to carry out this project and training as part of the program.

When will I know if I have been selected to participate in the UPG SL Program?

Applications close on the 31st of December 2021. Applicants can expect to hear the outcome of their application by 31st January 2022.

What will it cost to join the UPG Sustainability Leadership Program?

Nothing. Participation in UPG Sustainability Leadership is FREE for selected participants. All 500 participants will receive online training free of charge and all will be certified as UPG Sustainability Leaders after completion of the course.

Participants selected for the 1-week immersive excursion will have the costs of the program covered – training material, accommodation, subsistence, local transportation, international flights (a round trip flight from participant's hometown to the US)

I have been selected to go to Hurricane Island in the USA. Will my Visa costs be covered?

No. Visas are not included in the costs of the program, and selected applicants are entirely responsible for covering these expenses. UPG will send visa application letters to assist with the process (if necessary).