

# GlobalEnvironments

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*Peer-to-peer learning for emerging changemakers*



## What is the Global Environments Summer Academy (GESA)?

GESA is a 3-week summer course designed to broaden and deepen the knowledge, networking, and communication skills of postgraduate students, professionals and activists who are concerned about human dimensions of environmental challenges. During GESA, an international and multidisciplinary group of resource people nurture the ability of participants to:

- develop their academic insight and competence
- transcend their disciplinary and geographical boundaries
- expand their understandings of policy
- enhance their advocacy skills
- learn from their peers and tap into new support networks

“GESA was much more than a summer academy or a leadership programme. It was about stories, fun, joint commitment, about challenging and being challenged, about making new friends and building relationships - and about learning so much!”

Marie Wilke,  
GERMANY

“Everyday there were instances in which I felt thoroughly inspired.”

KuoRay  
Mao,  
TAIWAN



## GESA: a practical experience

Our intensive course includes roundtable discussions, participant-led seminars, workshops and field trips. Throughout the 3-week academy, participants:

- engage directly with policy-makers
- acquire practical skills in research design, fieldwork methods and data analysis
- join hands-on innovation and communications workshops
- collaborate on advocacy projects
- work personally with leading scholars to enrich their ideas, practice and research





“This was a brilliant opportunity to meet a lot of people from different aspects of development - from academia, from NGOs, and even policy makers at government level. It was an opportunity I would never have gotten elsewhere.”

Rishabh Kumar Dhir, INDIA



## GESA resource people

GESA resource people include academics, professionals, artists, and activists who together represent an extraordinary diversity of backgrounds and experiences.



“What a privilege it is to have this opportunity to get supported, to have space to air what your challenges are, to be reminded that you are not alone doing the work, and to make new friends.”

Dr. Carolyn Finney,  
Resource Person, USA



# After the summer: Global Environments Network and GESA Innovation Fund

Global Environments Network (GEN), which is composed of GESA alumni and resource people and other emerging initiatives, comprises a virtual space with opportunities for collaboration. GEN provides a supportive platform for emerging changemakers as they:

- carry out cutting edge multidisciplinary research
- lead transformative policy-making
- develop practical and advocacy-related projects to change the world in socially just and bioculturally sustainable ways

GESA alumni may apply to the GESA Innovation Fund to continue peer-to-peer collaboration; further their efforts to advance advocacy, environmental justice, and ethical approaches in their respective fields; and disseminate the results of their applied research to the general public.



## APPLY

Applications are invited from students in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences – as well as from professionals working in advocacy, research, law, media, policy, or the arts – who focus on the relationship between environment and society.

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GESA is organised by the Global Diversity Foundation ([www.global-diversity.org](http://www.global-diversity.org)) and is hosted every summer by a European academic institution, such as the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich, Germany and the Centre for Development and Environment in Bern, Switzerland.