



## Global Environments Summer Academy 2018

The [Global Diversity Foundation](#) announces [GESA 2018](#): the sixth Global Environments Summer Academy, designed to broaden and deepen the knowledge, networking, and communication skills of activists, scholars and practitioners who are concerned about human dimensions of environmental challenges. GESA is the cornerstone of the [Global Environments Network](#), a transformative action network that connects 300+ emerging environmental changemakers from all over the world.

The Academy will be held in collaboration with the University of Oxford's [Environmental Change Institute](#) and [Interdisciplinary Centre for Conservation Science](#) between 25 July and 11 August 2018. More details are available on the [GESA 2018 webpage](#) which will soon be updated with further information on GESA 2018 programme, schedule and registration.



*The dreaming spires of Oxford seen from Christ Church Meadows*

The Academy spans local to global scales, exploring the most critical contemporary socioenvironmental issues from multiple perspectives including political ecology, sustainability studies, spiritual ecology and personal activism. Accompanied by international and multidisciplinary [resource people](#), participants are invited to hone their practice, develop theoretical insights, and transcend intellectual boundaries. Resource people and fellow participants offer personalised support in applied research, conceptual frameworks and policy engagement.

Since 2011, GESA has welcomed 96 emerging environmental leaders from 43 countries. This year, we will once again select 18-21 activists, professionals or students from around the world with the capacity to become environmental leaders who impact academia, civil society, the private sector or government. We invite applications from candidates in the arts and humanities, natural sciences and social sciences – as well as those working in advocacy, law, media or policy – who focus on the relationship between environment and society. Applicants should be fluent in English, and have at least a Master's degree, although we make exceptions for individuals with undergraduate degrees who have significant experience in relevant fields.

There is a two-stage application process for GESA 2018. Candidates are invited to complete the [application form](#) and upload their CV before 15 March 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results of the first stage selection by 5 April 2018, and finalists will be invited to the second stage, during which they will be asked for additional information and encouraged to actively seek funding for their participation. We will provide advice to finalists on potential sources of support. A final selection of participants will be completed by 1 June, and applicants will be informed of the award of any fee waiver by 15 June 2018.



*GESA begins with a retreat where participants explore their connection with nature and build a learning community, and ends with an outdoor-based practical retreat*

*Resource people are in residence throughout the Academy to share their experience and insights*

*The focus in GESA is on peer-to-peer learning that is experiential, interactive and transformative (All photos: Inanc Tekguc)*

The cost of the academy is €2500, inclusive of accommodation, tuition, field trips, insurance and materials, but excluding local and international travel, meals and other living costs. Participants are expected to independently secure funding to cover all expenses through academic scholarships, crowdsourcing, personal funds, employer support, government grants or travel allowances. A few partial fee waivers may be available, based on demonstrated need.



*GESA 2018 participants will come from diverse countries, disciplines and sectors of society (Photo: I. Tekguc)*

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