

Global Environments Summer Academy

A five-month fellowship



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The Global Environments Summer Academy (GESA) is a five-month immersive fellowship for changemakers who are working to find durable solutions to complex social and environmental challenges. GESA brings together participants from across the world, attracting practitioners, activists, academics, and artists. The Academy provides mentoring, support, guidance, tools-sharing and expertise for those working on the frontlines of ecological and social justice. We have opened applications for our seventh GESA, due to start in April 2022. Join us to achieve systemic change through collective action.

[Learn more about GESA on our website](#)





Global Environments Network

[Global Diversity Foundation](#) works with changemakers to help communities and environments flourish. [The Global Environments Network](#) is our community that connects more than 600 of these change-makers who are operating on the frontlines for systemic change. We provide them with personalised, hands-on support and the network they need to create flourishing communities and environments around the world. For twenty years, we have been implementing long-term programmes that empower communities and regenerate biocultural diversity.

Online Programme

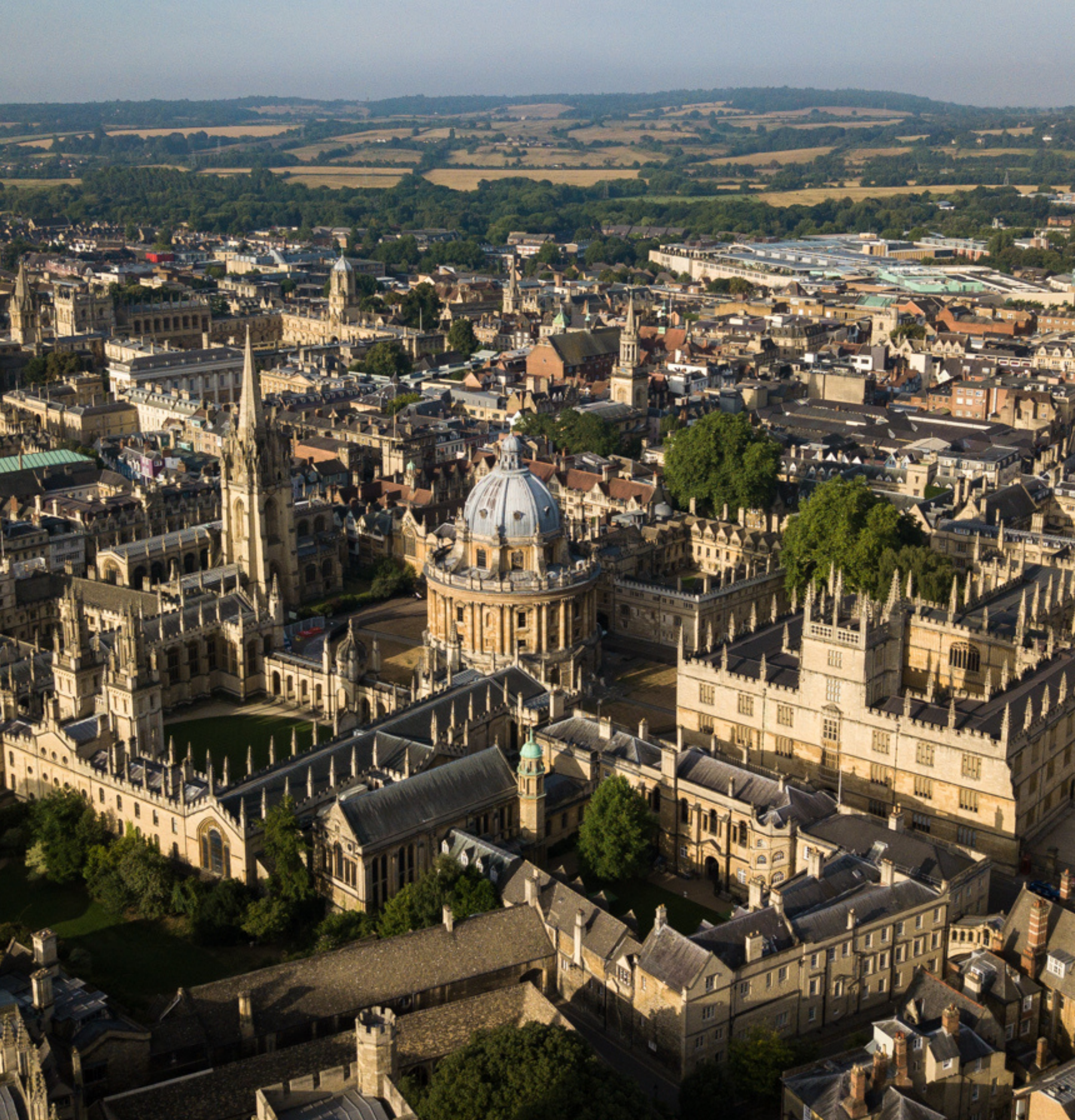
At GESA 2022, our guiding themes throughout will be Resilience and Adaptation, explored through the five elements: Spark (fire), Breathe (air), Flow (water), Ground (earth), and Lift Off (ether). There will be a 4 month online Fellowship, following each element.

Monthly schedule for sessions:

Week Same time every week (2 hrs/week)

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| 1 | Seminar / GEN in conversation |
| 2 | Seminar / workshop |
| 3 | Peer-to-peer mentoring |
| 4 | Bring your own project |





In-Person Academy

In August, we will meet in person for a 5 day opening retreat in an idyllic rural setting, followed by a 6 day academy hosted by the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford.

The programme will include field trips, ethnobotany breaks, embodiment sessions, seminars, skills sharing and practical workshops.

Covid-19 contingency, cancellations and refunds for in-person academy:

In the case of Covid-19 related travel restrictions preventing the organisers from travelling, or in the case of local lockdowns, local travel restrictions or national lockdowns, or other Covid-19 related travel impediments that affect fellows, the event will be postponed to a later date, or participants will be refunded the fee for the in-person academy.



SPARK



FIRE 19, 26 April
3 May



BREATHE



AIR 10, 17, 24, 31
May



FLOW



WATER 7, 14, 21, 28
June



GROUND



EARTH 5, 12, 19, 26
July



LIFT OFF



ETHER 2-9
August

Decolonising

Rewilding

Political ecology

Anti-racism

Activism

Spiritual activism

Spiritual ecology/
Deep adaptation

Tending to ecological grief

Conflict resolution &
courageous conversations

Transformational leadership
in challenging times

Mentoring

Community organising &
engagement

Community centred health
sovereignty

Transition movement

What do we mean by
capitalism, anyway?

Alternative economics

Degrowth theory

Nature connection

Personal resilience toolkit

Creating communities of
care

Meaningful storytelling

Videomaking

Effective proposal writing

Fundraising 101

Creating an effective
communication campaign

Fees & Bursaries

The full fee to participate in GESA is £2500 per person. This covers accommodation, food, field trips, and all sessions in the online and in-person academy. Please note that participants will need to cover their travel expenses to and from the UK.

We operate a sliding fee scale, which means that if you are financially able to contribute more than the fee, you will help others with fewer means to access the event. GEN also offers support and guidance to crowdfund for fees and travel costs. Please contact us if you are interested in crowdfunding your fee. We have a limited number of bursaries that will be offered through an application process. We do not want fees to be a barrier, so please reach out to us if you need any support.

You can find out more about bursaries and apply [here](#).

If you require financial assistance, please submit a bursary application to hannah@global-diversity.org by 11th March.





What to expect?

The online programme aims to accommodate a diversity of locations, time zones, and experiences. For four months, we will meet on Zoom every Tuesday at 4 PM GMT, from 19 April to 2 August 2022. Each month we will deep dive into the broad topics within our themes; with a seminar, workshop, peer-mentoring, and space to bring your own personal project or initiative. All sessions will be recorded and available for fellows who cannot make it live. To support different personal and physical needs, provided that the internet connection is sufficient, we encourage people to join sessions in whichever way suits them best, be it on a walk, lying down or on their desk.

The sessions will be 2 hours, with breaks. A timetable will be shared in advance.

Please be aware that the time of the course will change mid-way through for countries with daylight savings. The anchor time for the course is 4 PM GMT.

What to bring with you?

Fellows will come from diverse geographies, cultures, and backgrounds and will be actively engaged in social and environmental challenges. We welcome historically marginalised people, with a focus on communities from the Global South, Indigenous Peoples and people of all genders and sexual orientations. We encourage people who have an understanding of the structural causes of inequality, structural racism, and other systemic oppressions.

Every fellow is encouraged to bring a practical challenge or project to work on through the duration of the fellowship and will be supported by the cohort, as well as the core GDF team. We encourage people who commit to being active members of our community, and can share the knowledge within their own respective communities.

Fellows must be able to commit to 8 hours per month for the 4-month online duration of the fellowship (19 April - 9 August) and have access to a reliable internet connection. The final session of the month will be collectively self-organised by cohort members.



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Our future depends on our respectful engagement with cultural diversity of our planet.

We work to protect this diversity.

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