



Earth Charter Scholars Bridge

The Earth Charter Scholars Bridge enables Earth Charter International colleagues, friends, and partners to sponsor the tuition cost for educators to participate in the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) course and students and young leaders to attend the Leadership, Sustainability & Ethics (LSE) course.

What is the impact of one educator attending the ECI Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) course?

Education is one of the most significant factors in changing mindsets and levels of consciousness to reach a more ethical and sustainable world. Educators are at the top of the pyramid in terms of where we should be investing to achieve more sustainable future. Graduates of our Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) program from all over the world have gone back to motivate institutional support for the Earth Charter, conduct research on sustainable development, given back to their communities and encouraged students at their institution to attend the ECI LSE course.

What is the impact of one student attending the ECI Leadership, Sustainability & Ethics course?

Students who have participated in ECI programs and courses have gone on to mobilize fellow students to participate in sustainability programs, organize climate campaigns at their university, expanded their studies to address environmental challenges, and pursued careers in humanitarian causes or climate and environmental sustainability.

What are the benefits of sponsoring an educator, student, or young leader to participate in Earth Charter programs and courses?

Each time you sponsor an educator, student, or young leader, through your contribution to the Earth Charter Scholars Bridge, they will complete a research or action project as a part of completing the program/course. When you sponsor an educator, you open the opportunity to expand the scope of the ethical principles of the Earth Charter and learn about current research in different parts of the world. By sponsoring a student or young leader, you open the door for stimulating meaningful action projects and collaboration among students from different continents.



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After the course, the educator, student, or young leader will communicate with you, share a copy of their Certificate from the respective ECI program and highlight the most impactful aspects of their learning experience.

Once your sponsored educator or student completes the program/course, they will send you information about the research or the action project they undertake due to your generous sponsorship. You will have an opportunity to communicate with the recipient of your sponsorship and prioritize your scholarship investment by region, country, or institution. You may indicate your preference on your sponsorship form.

How the Earth Charter Scholars Bridge works and why your generous sponsorship makes a difference:

1. 100% of all your contribution will be directed towards the tuition cost of an educator applying to enroll in ECI's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) program or a student or young leader applying for the Leadership, Sustainability & Ethics class.
2. The ESD program (5-month program) for educators is offered annually and begins in late January of each year.
3. The LSE class (10 weeks) for students and young leaders is offered twice a year in January & September.
4. All programs/classes are delivered in a hybrid teaching style that includes several live facilitated courses as well as self-study.
5. The full tuition cost for one educator to enroll in the ESD Program is \$1,500.
6. The full cost for one student or young leader to enroll in the LSE class is \$299.
7. ECI welcomes contributions of all sizes, and your generous contribution will be directed towards the full tuition cost for an educator or student/young leader, based upon your preference.



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WHO WE ARE:

At Earth Charter International (ECI), we have a mission to contribute to the much-needed social transformation by inspiring and engaging educators, students, young leaders and changemakers from around the world, enhancing their capacity to contribute to the betterment of our global societies. Over the past 23 years we have organized international educational conferences, special events, online dialogues, Masterclasses on topical issues and developed resources such as podcast, articles, and books around the theme of sustainability, planetary ethics, and education. We coordinate a network of over 100 affiliated and partner organizations located in all regions of the world and develop stories about our affiliates who are incorporating the Earth Charter principles in their sphere of work and action. Since 2012, we have experienced the privilege of using our UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter to focus on research and training at the intersection of sustainability, values, and education. All our efforts work towards the purpose of stimulating the minds and hearts of people and expanding their worldviews to a more caring and life centered one.

THE EARTH CHARTER AND ITS SYSTEMIC NATURE

Pillar I
Respect and
Care for the
Community of
Life



Pillar II
Ecological
Integrity



Pillar III
Social and
Economic
Justice



Pillar IV
Democracy,
Nonviolence
and Peace



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Mission, Goals & Objectives:

The mission of Earth Charter International is to contribute to the transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet.

Our Goals

- Raise awareness worldwide of the Earth Charter and promote understanding of its inclusive ethical vision.
- Promote the adoption and use of the Earth Charter as an ethical guide and the implementation of its principles.
- Encourage and support the educational use of the Earth Charter.
- Promote recognition and use of the Earth Charter as a soft law document.

Our Strategic Objectives

- Facilitate the development of a global network of Earth Charter supporters and activists with the collaboration of advisors, affiliates, volunteers, and partner organizations.
- Create and disseminate high-quality communications and educational materials for the use of millions of people.
- Ensure that the Earth Charter serves as a guide in efforts to address urgent challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and conflict resolution.
- Undertake training programs to help participants put the Earth Charter in action.



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