

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP

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Project Aladdin and BAU's **International University for Intercultural Leadership** is an annual program supported by UNESCO. It brings together students from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Americas for two weeks every summer. In 2023, for the 9th edition, the organizers are thrilled to welcome several new partner universities from Australia, China, and Argentina, whose participation will further expand the perspective of the program. Its aim is to develop students' intercultural skills and give them the opportunity to study key issues in international affairs that are linked to coexistence, diversity, the rule of law and good governance.

2023 Theme:

“How Natural Disasters and Ecological Challenges Impact a Fractured World?”

This year's summer IUIL program will focus on the study of international responses to changing environments and natural catastrophes. The devastating February 2023 earthquakes in Syria and Turkey highlight the fact that natural catastrophes and environmental challenges are not contained by international borders, no matter how fractured the landscape of global cooperation is becoming. Beyond this single event, humanity faces natural threats abound: Droughts, floods, famines, wildfires, and storms are but a few of the recurring calamities felt around the world. Responses to such events require a humanist approach, uniting international support with national action. The program will be structured around this human-centered response to disaster, which must include expertise in politics, economics, medical treatment, disaster relief, urban planning, land use and more.

More broadly, the program will consider the context of climate change and the increasingly challenging environmental degradation that the world faces. Likewise, there will be an emphasis on humanitarian development of effective solutions, aiming to pinpoint how international social cohesion emerges from, develops throughout, and helps to mitigate environmental dangers. In these two weeks, students will arrive at a deeper understanding of the wide-ranging impact of ecological challenges on our societies. Upon the program's completion, they will recognize the potential for international societal cooperation to remedy these. Our diverse panel of lecturers present natural disasters and their impact on societal development in both contemporary and historical settings.

UNESCO will organize a workshop to introduce the 2023 cohort to its “Toolkit for Intercultural Dialogue”, while cultural visits will enable students to gain a first-hand understanding of the major ethnic and religious groups in Istanbul.



PROGRAM

- **Dates & duration:** 17-28 July 2023
- **Theme:** *How Natural Disasters and Ecological Challenges Impact a Fractured World?*
- **Location:** Istanbul, Turkey
- **Who can participate:** 3rd year undergraduate and masters students



WHAT STUDENTS SAID

"I learned to meet others, work in groups, and accept opinions that were different than mine. I learnt that dialogue is the basis for coexistence and peace."

Amina Ouaziz, Mohammed V University, Morocco — IUIL 2014

"[It is inspiring] how much can be learned from listening to others' perspectives and lived experiences."

Michelle Gimenez, UCLA, USA — IUIL 2019

"The summer university is definitely one of those experiences which in some way changed my life. I am so grateful."

Bastien Charaudeau, SciencesPo Paris, France — IUIL 2019

"My takeaway from the program is that anyone who is willing to listen to opinions from different cultures and perspectives has already taken the biggest step toward becoming a cross-cultural leader."

Eve McDonald, University of St Andrews, UK — IUIL 2022

"I couldn't imagine that it would be so hard to say goodbye to such incredible people. At the end of the two weeks, I realized that I was surrounded by such amazing people who became like my second family."

Batool Al-Mutawa, Applied Science University, Bahrain — IUIL 2022

APPLICATION

Students who wish to apply must be senior **bachelor** students (third year undergraduate) or **master** students, preparing a degree. Candidates must be **proficient in English** and will be selected on the basis of their level of education (third year undergraduate, masters) and their academic performance, with special emphasis on their **leadership qualities** (their role in student organizations, or their involvement in civil society, for example).

Application must include:

- A curriculum vitae
- A letter of reference and/or a cover letter

Should you have any questions, please contact
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PROGRAM CONTENT

The summer school is designed for students who already have a background and/or a strong interest in the following disciplines: social science, political science, environmental science, international relations, sociology, international law, anthropology, and peace and conflict studies. Lectures and workshops will be conducted in English by practitioners and academics who will come from partner universities.

LOCATION:

Bahçeşehir University is proud to host the 2023 cohort at its *Future Campus*, a freshly inaugurated university complex located in northern Istanbul, linked to the historic city by shuttle bus and subway.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

MORNING LECTURES

- Multidisciplinary lectures on a broad range of topics pertinent to the theme
- Academic lecturers as well as practicing specialists
- Learning experience with international peers and visiting experts

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND SITE VISITS

- Small group research/study of selected issues addressed during morning lectures
- Visits of Istanbul and its UNESCO World Heritage sites
- A range of social and cultural activities, including the *Welcome to my Culture* evening, where participants introduce each other to their own cultural background.



RESEARCH PROJECTS

Students will be equally divided into groups reflecting different countries and cultural backgrounds to work together on a common research project. Each group will be required to present an abstract by the end of the summer university. Final research projects are **to be completed after the two-week program** and submitted to an international panel of academics in October 2023.

CERTIFICATE

Students who successfully complete the program will receive certificates naming them "Young Ambassador for Peace and Intercultural Dialogue" from the organizing institutions.

IUIL Partner Universities

Academy of Public Administration (Azerbaijan)
Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
Ain Shams University (Egypt)
Al Ain University (UAE)
Al-Quds University (Palestinian Territories)
American University of Iraq Sulaimani (Iraq)
American University of Sharjah (UAE)
Applied Science University (Bahrain)
Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)
Bahçeşehir University (Turkey)
Bahrain Polytechnic (Bahrain)
Baku State University (Azerbaijan)
Bar-Ilan University (Israel)
Boğaziçi University (Turkey)
Boston College (USA)
Boston University (USA)
Cadi Ayyad University (Morocco)
Cambridge University (UK)
Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal)
Columbia University (USA)
Côte d'Azur University (France)
École Supérieure Polytechnique (Senegal)
Florida International University (USA)
Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
George Washington University (USA)
Georgetown University (USA)
Harvard University (USA)
Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (France)
Johns Hopkins University (USA)
Kadir Has University (Turkey)
Koç University (Turkey)

London School of Economics and Political Sciences (UK)
LUMSA University of Rome (Italy)
Lyon Catholic University (France)
Manouba University (Tunisia)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
McGill University (Canada)
Mohammed V University (Morocco)
Muscat University (Oman)
National Autonomous University of Mexico (Mexico)
New York University (USA)
Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)
Peking University (China)
Princeton University (USA)
Sabanci University (Turkey)
Saint Joseph University of Beirut (Lebanon)
Salahaddin University-Erbil (Iraq)
Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
SciencesPo Paris (France)
SOAS University of London (UK)
Stanford University (USA)
Stockholm University (Sweden)
Tel Aviv University (Israel)
The Graduate Institute (Switzerland)
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
Tsinghua University (China)
University of California, Los Angeles (USA)
United Arab Emirates University (UAE)
University College of Bahrain (Bahrain)

University of Aix-Marseille (France)
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
University of Athens (Greece)
University of Augsburg (Germany)
University of Barcelona (Spain)
University of Bristol (UK)
University of Buenos Aires (Argentina)
University of Cologne (Germany)
University of Exeter (UK)
University of Fribourg (Switzerland)
University of Geneva (Switzerland)
University of Haifa (Israel)
University of Melbourne (Australia)
University of Montpellier (France)
University of Oslo (Norway)
University of Oxford (UK)
University of Pennsylvania (USA)
University of Queensland (Australia)
University of Salzburg (Austria)
University of São Paulo (Brazil)
University of South Carolina (USA)
University of Southern California (USA)
University of St Andrews (UK)
University of Strasbourg (France)
University of Sydney (Australia)
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Vytautas Magnus University Education Academy (Lithuania)
Yale University (USA)

