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# Programme Information

## Oxford SDG Impact Lab 2024/2025

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## Overview

The SDG Impact Lab is a pioneering programme that bridges the gap between academia and business, enabling Oxford University students to develop value-based leadership and employability skills as well as the opportunity to undertake real world research projects linked to the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

You can find more information, including case studies of past Fellows and Projects on our website: [www.sdglab.uk](http://www.sdglab.uk).

## Programme structure

This year's programme is divided into two parts:

- The SDG Impact Lab - Masterclass Series (Hilary term)
- The SDG Impact Lab – Partnership Projects (Trinity term / summer break)

Applications are now open for the SDG Impact Lab - Masterclass Series, which will welcome a maximum of 100 new Fellows.

There will be an opportunity in Hilary term for Fellows to apply for a place on one of our SDG Impact Lab Partnership Programme projects running through Trinity term and into the summer break. **Please note that acceptance on the Masterclass Series does not guarantee a place on one of the Partnership Projects.**



## The SDG Impact Lab – Masterclass Series

The SDG Impact Lab Masterclass Series is an eight-week course focused on how to make progress towards the SDGs. It is underpinned by three core curriculum areas:

**Ethics** – How do we know what is right?

**Evidence** – How do we know what works?

**Engagement** – How do we deliver impactful change?

Each session will focus on one or more of the SDGs with expert input from Oxford faculty, business, and community leaders. There will be a group and peer-learning component as well as case studies of projects delivered by previous Lab Fellows.

## Key dates

SDG Impact Lab – Masterclass Series	Date	Time	Location
Induction Day & Dinner	Friday 17th January 2025	9:30 – late	TBC
Masterclass Series*	Tuesday (WK1-WK8) - Hilary Term	17:30 – 19:30	Pichette Auditorium, Pembroke College
Project Explore Session (optional for those interested in applying for the Partnership projects)	Thursday 13th February 2025 (date subject to change)	TBC	TBC (online and in-person)
Project Explore Session (optional for those interested in applying for the Partnership projects)	Thursday 20th February 2025 (date subject to change)	TBC	TBC (online and in-person)
Partnership projects selection confirmation	Thursday 29th February 2025 (date subject to change)		

\*Please note that all Fellows are expected to attend the Induction Day and at least 75% of the Masterclass Series in order to successfully finish the programme and receive a certificate of completion.

## The SDG Impact Lab – Partnership Projects

All Fellows who have participated in the Masterclass series will have the opportunity to apply for one of this year's Impact Lab projects in collaboration with one of the Lab's partnership organisations.

Projects will take place through Trinity term and into the summer break, culminating in a project Showcase in mid July. A desk research phase will be followed by a practical 'Field Lab', where students will be required to work on their projects full time. Some projects can count towards postgraduate summer projects (e.g MBA, MPP) subject to approval from the Fellow's supervisor.

Field Labs will vary according to project but as and when full time commitment is required, Fellows will be paid a weekly stipend of £500.

Please note that project placements are limited so there will be a selection process during Hilary term. We are still finalising our Project Partners but expect to be able to offer c.45 - 50 project placements.

## Key dates

SDG Impact Lab - Partnership Projects	Date	Time	Location
Skills Development Day & Dinner	Friday 25th April 2025	9:30 – late	TBC
Weekly project progress meeting*	Various		
Field Lab**	Monday 23rd June – 18th July 2025	Various	TBC
Showcase Event	Various		TBC

\*Project progress meetings frequency will vary according to project.

\*\*Field Lab duration will vary according to project, but is expected to be a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 6 weeks' full time.

## Projects & Programme Partners

Confirmed project partners include:

### BMW Group MINI Plant Oxford

The BMW Group Plant Oxford Programme is an exciting opportunity to work with one of Oxford's largest employers. Those interested in this programme will be focusing on high-impact and research projects that will contribute to making the Plant's operations more sustainable. Previous areas of research have included climate adaptation, staff wellbeing, and CSR frameworks.

### Rosberg Philanthropies (Rosberg Climate Fellowship)

The Rosberg Climate Fellows programme is the first major project funded by Rosberg Philanthropies, the non-profit run by sustainability entrepreneur and Formula 1 world champion, Nico Rosberg. Building on last year's successful partnership with Formula 1 and Silverstone Race Circuit, this year's projects will continue a focus on sustainability in motorsports.

### Oxford Social Impact

Following last year's pilot programme, Fellows will partner with a range of local social enterprises and community projects that are tackling inequality across the county. Last year's impact research projects looked at areas ranging from social prescribing to community hubs and climate adaptation.

### Sport Leadership Lab

The Oxford Sports Impact Lab seeks to use sport as a platform to advance the SDGs on both a local and global level. Projects include an educational outreach programme as well as a project looking at how to make sporting venues more sustainable. Several other sports-related projects are currently in the pipeline and will be announced as they are confirmed.

### Local Policy Lab

The Local Policy Lab, a partnership between the University of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University, and Oxfordshire County Council, aims to bridge the gap between research and local policy, fostering lasting connections between public policy actors and academic researchers.

*For more information about the Lab please visit our website,  
or e-mail us at: [sdgimpactlab@geh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sdgimpactlab@geh.ox.ac.uk).*

**Before initiating the application process, ensure you have the following attachments ready:**

- Your CV
- Your headshot

It is essential to submit your application using your University Single Sign-on (SSO), for example, qeh1111@OX.AC.UK, and not an alternative departmental email address.

**Application deadline is midday on 25th November, 2024.**

**Applicants will be advised if they have secured a Lab fellowship no later than 13th December 2024.**



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