



# 2025 Fellowship FAQs

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## 1. What is the SDG Impact Lab Fellowship?

The SDG Impact Lab Fellowship is an innovative programme that brings together the best of academia and business to tackle challenges aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It offers graduate students from the University of Oxford the opportunity to participate in an 8-week Master Class series, followed by research projects with partners such as BMW Group, Rosberg Philanthropies, Formula 1, UN Tourism, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), and other non-profit organisations in Oxford.

## 2. Who can apply for the Fellowship?

The Fellowship is open to all graduate students from the University of Oxford, across all academic disciplines. Applicants do not need specialist knowledge of the SDGs or sustainability, just a keen interest in applying their research skills to these global challenges.

## 3. What does the Fellowship consist of?

The Fellowship has two key components:

**Phase 1: Masterclass Series (Hilary Term):** An 8-week programme held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, covering ethics, evidence-based research, and engagement with SDG-related challenges.

**Phase 2: Partner Project Programme (Trinity Term and Summer):** Selected fellows will work in interdisciplinary teams on real-world projects with industry and policy partners, which may include a full-time placement during the summer for 2-6 weeks, with a stipend provided.



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## 4. What topics will the Masterclass Series cover?

The Master Class Series will focus on three main areas:

**Ethics:** Understanding what is right and responsible leadership.

**Evidence:** Applying research skills to real-world SDG challenges.

**Engagement:** Delivering meaningful change through collaboration with partners. Each session will feature expert input from Oxford faculty, business leaders, and case studies from past projects.

## 5. Do I need specialist knowledge in sustainability or the SDGs to apply?

No, applicants do not need specialist knowledge in sustainability or the SDGs. The Fellowship is open to anyone with a strong interest in the SDGs and a desire to apply their academic research skills to make a real-world impact. Participants from diverse academic backgrounds, including social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and medical sciences, are encouraged to apply.

## 6. How much time do I need to commit to the Fellowship?

The programme is extracurricular but requires a serious commitment:

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## 7. Can I choose which project or partner I work with?

You can express your preferences for specific projects or partners when completing the application. However, the final selection will depend on the needs of the project and the partner. Flexibility is encouraged as projects span diverse areas, from environmental to social and economic challenges.

## 8. Will I get paid during the Fellowship?

For the full-time summer placements, selected fellows will receive a small stipend to support their participation.

## 9. What are some examples of past projects?

Past projects have addressed a range of challenges, including:

- Employee well-being.
- Sustainable fuel solutions in the maritime sector.
- Feasibility analysis of carbon capture technologies.
- Sustainability certification in tourism.
- Impact Measurement in the Amazon rainforest.

## 10. How do I apply?

To apply, visit [sdglab.uk](https://sdglab.uk), navigate to the student page, and carefully read the [programme information](#) before filling out the application form. You will need to submit the following:

- A current CV.
- A headshot.

**Application Deadline: Noon, Monday 25th November 2024.**

If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to the SDG Lab team at [sdgimpactlab@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sdgimpactlab@qeh.ox.ac.uk).