



# EXECUTIVE MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Designed in partnership with the **United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)**, the Executive Master in International Development provides skilled professionals with the opportunity to work toward our shared commitment to the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

### Executive Master in International Development

The Executive Master in International Development is a transformative program that addresses the complex global challenges associated with promoting sustainable social, economic and environmental development. The program offers a hands-on approach to strengthen multilateralism in today's world, aided by IE University's partnership with the **UNSSC**.

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The program will address the following questions:

- How does the UN need to change to address today's challenges?
- What are the core requirements of a functioning multilateral system?
- How can the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus (HDP) be strengthened to deliver more cohesive UN responses?

- How can we shape international relations and development cooperation to support the 2030 Agenda?
- How can we move beyond sectoral interventions to holistic policies that foster sustainable transformation?

This program will allow professionals to emerge more agile, results-oriented, politically savvy and prepared to address the global challenges facing the multilateral system.

The next cohort will begin the program in September 2023 and will graduate in July 2024. All sessions are conducted in English. The faculty comprises high-level experts carefully selected by both IE University and the UNSSC. Many faculty members currently work for the United Nations or are top scholars in sustainable development. The student body is composed of executive professionals with highly diverse backgrounds and experience with a shared ambition to boost their career in international development within a public or private organization.

The Executive Master will utilize the most advanced learning approaches and technologies. Professionals will cultivate their global outlook and hone their management skills while debating key topics in the field of international development with their professors and peers. Weekly faculty-led asynchronous forums and live videoconferences give students the chance to immediately implement what they learn in their day-to-day work.

The program is enriched by both in-person sessions and in-depth residential trips. Students will participate in one-week residential trips to Madrid and New York to visit the United Nations headquarters and take part in key workshops. In addition, students are offered an optional residential week in Madrid to participate in the graduation ceremony.

## WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

**We've designed the program for candidates who wish to:**

- Move from technical to advisory roles.
- Cultivate a broader understanding of the political issues and transformation of the UN system in support of governments.
- Obtain a master's degree to advance their career.
- Transition from national to international positions.
- Deepen their understanding of the political issues facing multilateral organizations.
- Want multi-sectoral expertise, an advanced skillset and tools to engage in sustainability transformation.
- Obtain the skills required to steer the UN of the future.

Exclusively current and former United Nations personnel are eligible to receive a scholarship to cover up to 25% of tuition.

To find out more about this program, please visit our [webpage](#).

## HOW TO APPLY

Candidates shall apply to the Executive Master in International Development through this [link](#). In your application, please justify your association with the UN through a letter of recommendation or any other useful resource.

TIP: if you have a UN email address, use it for your application process.



To find out more about our selection process, please visit this [website](#).

If you have any doubts concerning the program or the scholarship, please contact [iegpa.admissions@ie.edu](mailto:iegpa.admissions@ie.edu)

## ABOUT IE UNIVERSITY

IE University is an international university based in Spain. Our programs focus on international relations, business administration, law, technology and social sciences and we're proud to have been recognized as a leading educational institution in Europe. At IE University, we deliver several master's degrees included in the top 10 in the world according to the **Financial Times**, **The Economist**, **Forbes**, **QS** and other rankings.

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