Who can attend?

Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century is a program designed for members of the community of Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum. The World Economic Forum has established a comprehensive selection process to identify the most outstanding young leaders around the world and to recognize them for their individual professional accomplishments and commitment to society, as well as their potential to provide inspiring leadership. Young Global Leaders who are committed to action, to operating effectively on the world stage, and who are deeply committed to addressing some of the most pressing issues facing our world today can attend this program. Participation in this program is by invitation only.

Program session and registration

Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century is a ten-day program offered each spring at Harvard Kennedy School. To apply for Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century or to receive information on program dates and application deadlines, please visit www.hks.harvard.edu/ee/leaders.

Selection criteria: A central goal of the Young Global Leaders community and this program is to build an enduring network of visionary leaders who share a common understanding and commitment to addressing our most challenging global problems. The personal relationships that participants establish will enable lifelong opportunities for collaboration. To this end, the admissions committee will select participant groups that will be balanced geographically as well as across the corporate, nonprofit, and public sectors.

Tuition: This program is the result of a partnership between Harvard Kennedy School and the World Economic Forum. It is made possible through the generosity of David Rubenstein of The Carlyle Group, The Bill & Penny George Family Foundation, Marilyn Carlson Nelson, and Howard Cox, Jr. The contributions of these generous donors will cover tuition-related expenses. Travel and incidentals are the responsibility of participants.

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Withdrawal fee: Withdrawals must be received in writing by both Harvard Kennedy School and the World Economic Forum. There is a cancellation fee of 1,000 CHF for any withdrawal within 6 weeks of the program start date.
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The greatest challenges facing our world today – from globalization and nuclear proliferation to global warming and entrenched poverty – are complex, interrelated, and urgent. Now is the time to shift course toward a better future.

Real progress on global challenges demands honest assessments of why some approaches have worked and others have failed – and a vision of how to move forward to craft innovative and collaborative solutions that achieve significant breakthroughs. This can only be accomplished by a new generation of corporate, public, and nonprofit sector leaders who possess intense curiosity; diverse backgrounds in business development, social and creative enterprise, and public leadership; broad knowledge; and the proven ability to translate ideas into action.

Our objective is to expand your leadership horizon to address our most pressing problems. You will have the opportunity to think more deeply about the major issues facing future generations and acquire the leadership skills necessary to effect significant change.

“Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century was a once in a lifetime experience – a unique opportunity to interact with fellow Young Global Leaders, Harvard faculty, and people who care about making the world a better place. I left with greater knowledge, enhanced skills, and deeper friendships.”

AMY BUTTE LIEBOWITZ, FOUNDER AND CEO, TILE FINANCIAL
The program will focus on leadership, allowing you to hone your skills in such diverse areas as:

- Thinking globally and creatively in a world of complex interdependence
- The responsible exercise of power and influence
- Negotiation, trust building, and fostering cooperation
- Communication across cultures, constituencies, and sectors
- Decision making in a world of surprise
- Overcoming prejudice and discrimination
- Leading with purpose

In addition, the program will be taught by world-renowned scholars and practitioners with expertise in policy areas of critical importance in an age of globalization, including:

- International development and poverty alleviation
- Environment, climate change, and energy
- Education
- Global public health
- International security

Together with your fellow Young Global Leaders, you will analyze the problems, the historical reasons for their persistence, the consequences of inaction, and the necessary skills and strategies to apply solutions in each of these policy areas.

Because policy becomes a solution only when put into action by talented leaders, the faculty will integrate activities that build the skills and insights needed to work in dynamic, contested arenas with public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders across geopolitical, economic, and cultural boundaries.

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“The program was deeply inspiring. My fellow participants were an impressive and accomplished group. If true education is not about filling a glass in the mind, but about lighting up a fire in the soul, then the program succeeded beyond measure.”

KEVIN CASAS ZAMORA, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT, COSTA RICA

Curriculum

The Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century program curriculum integrates theory and practice, emphasizing the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to serve as a powerful global force for progress. Each session is tailored to challenge the unique group of Young Global Leaders, and is led by expert senior faculty. The program focuses on critical global policy areas, with an emphasis on implementing innovative solutions in dynamic, multiple-stakeholder arenas.

Working with faculty and in teams, participants will:

- Identify the essential elements of a problem
- Assess the industry, regional, and global dynamics that have thwarted the resolution of problems
- Analyze the consequences of inaction
- Explore alternative solutions and their economic, social, and political implications
- Learn strategies for innovative and practical solutions involving multiple stakeholders – the private sector, political leaders, and civil society
- Develop strategies for ‘acting in time’

Faculty

Given the special nature of Young Global Leaders, this program will feature senior faculty from across Harvard University with expertise in the corporate, public, and nonprofit sectors and will include experienced faculty and speakers from other world-class academic institutions. Chairing the faculty team will be Iris Bohnet, Professor of Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, director of the Women and Public Policy Program, and vice-chair of the Program on Negotiation. Bohnet is joined by co-founders, Joseph Nye, former Harvard Kennedy School dean and renowned scholar of international affairs, and David Gergen, White House adviser to four presidents and director of Harvard Kennedy School’s Center for Public Leadership, a partner in this program. The faculty chair has developed the overall conceptual framework of the program, and has created a curriculum around the core elements of public policy and leadership training.
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