

Call for Applications

Scholarship Opportunity: Sustainable Development Law and Policy at Cambridge University in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with the University of Cambridge, is offering 150 scholarships to professionals interested in advancing their knowledge in sustainable development law and policy. This capacity building initiative is designed to equip current and aspiring law and policy leaders with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks and policies essential for implementing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This action-oriented course delves into developments in law and policy related to the SDGs, providing learners with the knowledge to effectively implement and report on these goals at various governance levels, in alignment with the 2030 Agenda. A significant component of the program focuses on the Paris Agreement, exploring its mechanisms and the role of law in scaling up implementation worldwide and in learners' jurisdictions. By examining the Paris Agreement, participants gain insights into international climate commitments and strategies for national implementation. Furthermore, this knowledge is instrumental in enhancing national capacity to meet transparency requirements, develop robust monitoring and reporting systems, and effectively implement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. The program is delivered by global experts and reflects Cambridge's commitment to academically rigorous standards, offering a learning experience that mirrors the university's values.

About the Program

Scholarship recipients will be enrolled in two substantive online courses, each with an approximate market value of £1,800, delivered by leading expert institutes from the University of Cambridge and its global partners. The courses are:

1. Key Essentials: The Sustainable Development Goals and the Law

2. Key Essentials: The Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development, and the Law

These non-credit-bearing courses are conducted entirely online, allowing participants to complete them remotely from anywhere in the world. Upon successful completion, learners will receive a certificate from expert institutes at the University of Cambridge.

Who Can Apply?

This opportunity is open to mid-career professionals, including:

- Individuals with at least Bachelor's degree in related field.
- Law school students, Attorneys, and / or Councilors
- Environmental scientist, manager, and climate change experts or in training at the graduate school level.
- Senior-level government officials and Law makers.

How to Apply

Interested candidates must submit an online application, which includes:

- A personal statement (max. 500 words) detailing their interest in the program and how it aligns with their career goals.
- A CV or résumé outlining relevant professional and academic experience.
- A letter of recommendation (optional but encouraged).

Deadline for Applications

- All applications must be submitted in one PDF format on or before **Friday February 21, 2025 at 11:59 pm** to the below email address: abecker@epa.gov.lr and copy: info@epa.gov.lr
- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the EPA for final selection.

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Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Professional Status

- Must be a mid-career professional with a demonstrated interest in sustainable development law and policy.
 - Open to individuals with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in related field.
 - Law school students, Attorneys, and / or Councilors are encouraged to apply.
 - Senior-level government officials and law makers are encouraged to apply or express interest.
2. Nationality & Geographic Scope
- Priority is given to Liberian professionals.
 - However, eligible applicants from other countries may be considered if space allows.
3. Commitment to the Program
- Must demonstrate an interest in completing both courses offered through this scholarship.
 - Should be able to dedicate approximately 8-10 hours over a two-week period per course.
 - Willingness to engage in self-paced online learning and complete course assignments remotely.
4. Professional and Academic Interests
- Preference will be given to applicants with experience in law, policy, governance, climate change, environmental science, and sustainable development.
 - Applicants should demonstrate how these courses align with their career objectives.

Selection Process

1. Application Review
- Applications will be assessed based on the applicant's academic qualifications, professional experience, and relevance of the courses to their career path.
 - Priority will be given to candidates who demonstrate leadership potential in sustainable development law and policy.
2. Pre-Selection by the EPA
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct an initial shortlisting of applicants based on eligibility and commitment.

- Pre-selected candidates will be contacted for confirmation of their acceptance into the program.

3. Final Selection & Enrollment

- Successful applicants will receive formal communication regarding their scholarship and instructions on course enrollment.
- Candidates must confirm their participation and commit to completing both courses to maintain their scholarship status.