

— UNITAR EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

UN-Certified Academic Leadership Suite

Shaping the future of education through leadership, AI, governance and global impact.

United Nations, Geneva

27–30 October 2026



— THE CONTEXT

Why this program, why now

Higher education is being reshaped by forces no single institution controls — and academic leaders are expected to respond with strategy, not improvisation.

Artificial intelligence & AI ethics

Sustainability & the SDGs

Crisis leadership

Governance & accreditation

Internationalisation

Student success

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— THE PROGRAM

A four-day executive program at the United Nations

Delivered by UNITAR with Ureka Education Group as global implementation partner, convening senior academic leaders in Geneva.

- 01 Held alongside the Global Educators Summit
- 02 Engagement with Ministry officials & policymakers
- 03 Official UNITAR Certificate of Achievement

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— THE COHORT

Who should attend

A selective cohort of leaders accountable for the direction of their institutions.

Chancellors

Vice Chancellors

Presidents

Provosts

Deans

Directors

Department heads

Senior faculty

Registrars

Policymakers

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— THE CURRICULUM

Core themes

A

Academic leadership &
global education strategy

B

Governance, policy &
institutional decision-
making

C

AI-driven education &
institutional innovation

D

SDGs, sustainability &
global impact

E

Crisis leadership &
institutional resilience

F

International collaboration
& cross-border exchange

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— MODULE ONE

Academic leadership & institutional strategy

Aligning vision, governance, policy and execution to turn institutional ambition into measurable delivery.

— IN THIS MODULE

- Designing governance that holds under pressure
- Aligning boards, leadership and faculty
- Turning strategy into measurable delivery

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Vision into governance

Translating ambition into governable, accountable structures.

Policy into execution

Closing the gap between board decisions and institutional delivery.

— MODULE TWO

AI-driven education & institutional innovation

AI is a leadership and governance question — not only a classroom tool.

| Responsible adoption

| Faculty readiness

| Assessment & integrity

| Ethics & accountability

| Institutional policy

| Data & infrastructure

— MODULE THREE

SDGs, global impact & institutional accountability

Translating SDG commitments into measurable outcomes, durable partnerships and institutional credibility.

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Sustainable
Development
Goals

From commitment to credible,
reportable institutional
accountability.

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— THE PLATFORM

The Global Educators Summit

Participation positions leaders within a wider international platform for education policy and collaboration.

- Access to the Global Educators Summit
- Dialogue with senior decision-makers
- A standing global network of leaders

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— THE GENEVA DECLARATION

UNITAR Academic Leadership Framework

A Roadmap for Future-Ready Education

Participants contribute to and are associated with the development of a UNITAR-led white paper and pledge — a practical framework for advancing future-ready education, institutional transformation, responsible innovation, and measurable impact.

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— THE SETTING

The Geneva experience

- Guided tour of the Palais des Nations
- Official Welcome Session at UNOG
- Executive sessions in a United Nations setting
- Cultural Evening & Cruise Networking Dinner
- Daily lunch, refreshments and visa support documentation
- International peer exchange with academic leaders

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— WHAT YOU LEAVE WITH

Outcomes for participants

Strategic frameworks

Practical tools for governance and decisions.

Global perspective

An international view of education leadership.

Future opportunities

Joint programs, speaking platforms and UN collaboration.

Governance insight

Sharper policy and accountability practice.

A global network

Lasting peer relationships across borders.

Change roadmap

A plan for measurable institutional transformation.

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— INVESTMENT

The Ureka Financial Grant

STANDARD FEE	USD 6,000
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UREKA GRANT	– USD 1,500
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EARLY BIRD	– USD 500
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TOTAL PAYABLE

USD **4,000**

Eligible participants receive a USD 1,500 grant, plus a USD 500 early bird discount when paid by 10 August 2026 — a total of USD 4,000. Selection is merit-based.

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— A D M I S S I O N S

The application process

- 01 Submit curriculum vitae
- 02 Submit Statement of Purpose
- 03 Online interview
- 04 Final selection

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“How will your participation in the Academic Leadership Suite enable you to drive institutional transformation, influence education policy, and create measurable, long-term impact within your academic ecosystem and beyond?”

— OCTOBER 2026 COHORT

An invitation to lead the future of education

Qualified academic leaders are invited to apply
for the October 2026 cohort at the United Nations
in Geneva.

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