

UNIC International Autumn School for Sustainability Leadership

Transformation and transition to green and liveable cities

Academic contributor template

A key priority action under UNIC TL2 is the development and delivery of an *UNIC International Autumn School for Sustainability Leadership*. The School will be delivered in Cork in 2025, Malmo in 2026 and another UNIC city in 2027. The School will have both an on-line and in-person format. The target audience School in 2025 and 2026 are postgraduates and postdoctoral researchers.

The *UNIC International Autumn School for Sustainability Leadership* will draw on the JRC Green Competences framework. The focus here is on non-technical and interpersonal leadership skills designed to complement the deep domain-specific knowledge acquired within academic disciplines during postgraduate training and research. Within the School we wish to develop a “sustainability mindset” amongst attendees developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes to think, plan and act with empathy, responsibility, and care for our planet.

Competences learned within the programme will be applied to a city-based challenge within Cork City. The proposed theme of the 2025 Autumn School will “Sustainable City Transitions”, a theme which has been agreed Cork City Council.

The inaugural Autumn School will take place in mid-October, 2025 in Cork. This in-person school would be preceded by a number of weeks of online lectures (2 hours each) commencing in September 2025.

We are now seeking Expressions of Interest from academics across UNIC universities to deliver content as part of the Autumn School. To minimise workload, we are suggesting that each academic would deliver **approx. 1-2 hours of content** (although more may be possible depending on content and available time).

Please **complete this short form below and return to Dr Paul Bolger at p.bolger@ucc.ie.**

Name of academic:

University:

Discipline/department/centre:

Would you like to contribute in-person or online

Online

In-person

Proposed contribution (100 words)

Alignment with sustainability competences and 2025 City Theme (please tick competence closest to area of topic to be delivered – if not sure please leave blank)

Leading for sustainability

Inter- and trans-disciplinarity

Complexity-systems thinking

Futures thinking

Values for sustainability and nature

Transformation/transition/change

Values for sustainability and nature

Knowledge-to-action

Sustainable cities

Other (please state):