International Coral Reef Management and Leadership Program

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Building capacity to protect coral reefs as a foundation for sustainable development
Coral reefs need skilled managers and inspiring leaders

As reefs and the people who depend on them confront the global challenges of climate change and population growth, the effective management of coral reefs has never been more important. The International Coral Reef Management and Leadership Program, an Australia Awards Fellowships initiative, provides opportunities to build leadership and management capacity for addressing these challenges and help improve the outlook for coral reef areas around the world.

Immersion learning on the Great Barrier Reef

Building the capacity of coral reef managers and leaders since 2015, the International Coral Reef Management and Leadership Program is held in the iconic setting of the Great Barrier Reef. Participants will learn from global experts in coral reefs and share experiences with colleagues from the Great Barrier Reef, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean and Indian Ocean regions to learn about the latest issues and approaches in coral reef management and to develop the skills and knowledge to tackle the big challenges facing coral reefs.

Building leaders for sustainable development in coral reef nations
Dr. Adam Smith
Director of Reef Ecologic with almost 30 years’ experience in research, management, and leadership, including 15 years with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Adam is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand. Adam has a BSc (Hons), PhD and MBA and has authored 45 scientific papers and books.

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Terry Harper
is a Director of TerraFormDesign and has more than 25 years experience managing protected areas including the Great Barrier Reef. Terry is passionate about managing natural ECOSystems and human EGOsystems for lasting mutual benefit. He is an energetic facilitator with a wealth of experience in field management.

Silvia Damiano,
CEO of AboutmyBrain, is a leadership activist and change agent. Silvia’s curiosity about the human brain led her research into optimal brain functioning and neuroscience in leadership. Silvia’s clients have described her as a passionate, dynamic, a highly experienced speaker and master facilitator on the topics of Leadership and Engagement.

Kim Kenny
holds bachelor’s degrees in biology and international studies from Oregon State University and a master’s degree in journalism from Stanford University.

Nathan Cook
is a marine scientist with over 10 years working on coral reef issues, using participatory approaches and engaging media to empower stakeholders to be reef stewards.

Dr. Ameer Abdulla
is an Assoc Professor with the University of Queensland, a National Geographic Explorer and a member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. He led the coral reef conservation science group in the IUCN Global Marine Program for 12 years and has 20 years of research, field, and management experience.

Program Facilitators

Management

Leadership

Communications

International Management and Conservation

Coral Reef Leadership and Management Course
Inspire, Learn, Share, Grow

Based in Townsville, the program setting provides participants with unparalleled access to world leading experts in tropical marine science, coral reef management and leadership. During the program, participants will learn and share knowledge with global experts based in Australia, including leading managers and researchers from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Reef HQ, Australian Institute of Marine Science, James Cook University, University of Queensland and Reef Ecologic. Participants will interact with leaders in the coral reef tourism and fishing industries, and learn from local communities and powerful stewardship projects. Learning opportunities span lectures and workshops, field trips to the Great Barrier Reef, site visits with leading innovators in reef based industries, and networking sessions.

Location: Townsville, Great Barrier Reef

Funding: Current and emerging leaders in coral reef management from eligible countries can apply for Fellowships funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Australia Awards Fellowship Program. Applications from additional participants from non-eligible countries are welcome. Costs and an application form are provided at the end of this brochure.

Organisers: Reef Ecologic  www.reefecologic.org
The International Coral Reef Management and Leadership Course has been designed to bring together current and future generations of people who care about coral reefs and wish to tackle some of the biggest problems on the planet such as climate change, declining water quality, overfishing and coastal development.

The course has been designed by world experts on coral reef management and leadership to equip the participants with knowledge, skills, experiences, case studies and inspirational stories about coral reefs and people. The course has been delivered in 2015 and 2016 to select coral reef leaders, managers and scientists from the Caribbean, Indian and Asia-Pacific regions. The 2017 course once again brings together coral reef leaders and managers from around the world. There are limited opportunities for additional reef managers to join the Fellowship recipients in the course. In addition we are offering the opportunity for Australian coral reef leaders, managers and scientists to join us for a shorter 5 day course.

The course features a high-calibre team of facilitators, experts and presenters from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Reef HQ, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, James Cook University, University of Queensland, Reef Ecologic, World Commission on Protected Areas and local industry leaders to share knowledge and inspire you. The course covers broad topics including leadership, management, resilience, climate change, philanthropy, problem solving, project planning, fisheries and much more.

Participants join field trips to the Great Barrier Reef and Research Stations with leading innovators in reef-based industries, and participate in several practical management and networking sessions. Participants are provided with communication exercises and are supported and empowered with activities including social media, radio, newspaper, video and TV interviews.

We use a ‘Learning by doing with reflection’ based approach that encourages you to learn from the course presentations, booklet, online learning and from your colleagues. The course results in new ways of thinking, new skills and new global networks. We measured the leadership and management skills of the fellows before and after the course and over 92% of the 2016 fellows improved their leadership and management skills.

Testimonials

“This is such an awesome experience where I learned a lot from the participants and facilitators. There is never a program I’ve gone where people become bonded together like this group.”

“It was an amazing course. It not only looked at the theoretical side of things, but sought to reach the core of people, passions, and values, which is what translates to our work.”

“This is an amazing opportunity to learn contextual knowledge on coral reef management and leadership skills. Activities, field trips and learning material were interactive.”

2016 Australia Award Fellows
Coral Reef Leadership and Management Course
Application form for non-Fellowship Participants

Global learning and networking opportunity. Limited positions are available to join the Australia Awards Fellows on the Coral Reef Management or Leadership Course. To be considered for a place on either the long or short course, please complete and submit the application form below together with a copy of your resume to reefecologic@gmail.com.

Name (First name/Surname):

Contact details: Telephone:

Email:

Work details: Role/Title:

Organisation:

Experience: (please add additional page if required)

Referree Name (First name/Surname):

Title/Organisation:

Contact details: Telephone:

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I am applying for the (select one):

Management Course: 12 Days [ ] 5 Days [ ]

Leadership Course: 12 Days [ ] 5 Days [ ]

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Course contribution includes all meals, accommodation, course materials, internal transport and transfers. Course contribution does not include airfare to/from Townsville. Details on short course inclusions are available upon inquiry. All prices are in Australian dollars and are correct at the time of printing or publication. Prices are subject to change without notice.