

## IARU GSP Mission Statement

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*The GSP Working Committee in 2008 agreed to revisit the mission statement of the IARU GSP. Representatives from Oxford, Copenhagen, Yale and ANU developed the following revised mission statement:*

### What is the IARU Global Summer Program?

The Global Summer Program is an initiative undertaken as part of the collaboration among a group of leading research universities committed to the internationalization of their campuses and the preparation of their students to be global leaders. Faculty on each campus teach intensive summer courses designed for students drawn from member institutions who, learning together in the classroom, form an international community of young scholars who also learn from and about each other.

### The unique experience for students

Students participating on the GSP will:

- **Tackle the major challenges of the 21st century.** GSP students have the opportunity to explore the most urgent challenges and opportunities for humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Issues explored range from international environmental policy, contemporary Asian development to global leadership.
- **Work with outstanding peers from around the globe.** GSP students are the best of the best. Come and study with the most talented, motivated people at some of the world's top universities - the International Alliance of Research Universities: Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, ANU, Berkeley, NUS, Copenhagen, Tokyo, Peking, and ETH. By bringing together students and faculty from different countries and cultures, the courses offer a truly global perspective on key contemporary issues.
- **Live and learn intensively, at a foreign university.** GSP is a residential summer programme, experienced over 3-5 weeks at a IARU member university. Students will be immersed in learning. Days are full and they learn in a variety of settings, formal and informal: from lectures and classes to tutorials and field visits, from student panels and debates to intense discussions over breakfast. They also participate in social activities.
- **Learn about research from top professors.** All IARU universities are research-intensive. GSP is specifically designed to give students exposure to research-led learning. Professors on GSP are both leading researchers and teachers. Students will enhance their research skills by: conducting independent library-based research and writing papers; conducting field-based observation; participating in team research projects and by becoming part of an unique global alumni network of the best students from the world's top research universities.