

# Are you the next sustainability leader?



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“The question of reaching sustainability is not about if we will have enough energy, enough food, or other tangible resources – those we have.

The question is:

***will there be enough leaders in time?”***

– Dr. Göran Broman and Dr. Karl-Henrik Robèrt, founders of the MSLS programme



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## Master's programme in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability

### The challenge

The results of unsustainable human development are evident worldwide; climate change, species extinction, pollution, poverty, and inequality are deteriorating our capacity to sustain our ways of life. Our society needs more effective ways of using our skills and resources to create positive change. This is the challenge that our graduates are prepared to meet.

### Description of the programme

The programme is founded on the basic premise that a 'whole-systems', transdisciplinary approach is needed to deal with the sustainability challenge of meeting our society's needs today and into the future. The programme is delivered in a non-traditional educational setting with experiential and holistic learning methods. Two streams are integrated throughout:

- 1) a strategic sustainable development approach for planning and decision-making towards sustainability; and
- 2) organizational learning and leadership required for engaging others to create positive change.

### As a participant, you will gain

- The scientific foundation and the practical skills for strategic planning towards a sustainable society;
- Experiential learning from within Sweden, one of the leading nations in sustainable development;
- Interaction with peers from diverse nationalities and professional backgrounds;
- Graduation into an active and supportive alumni network; and
- Career paths as sustainability practitioners in business, academia, government, and community organisations.

### Programme specifics

- The programme is for early to mid career professionals from any nation.
- The programme runs for one academic year from late August to June.
- Entry is competitive to ensure a high quality learning environment.
- For European citizens, tuition is fully sponsored by the Swedish government.
- The programme is taught (and therefore requires proficiency) in English.
- Upon completion, you will graduate with a Master of Science (One Year) in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability.



The cultural, professional, and personal diversity that the students and staff of the MSLS programme bring helped me see the world in new ways. The combination of the scientific rigor of the framework for strategic sustainable development, combined with the powerful tools and concepts of how to lead transformational change have enabled me to be a leader in creating a better future.

*George Dyer, Class of 2006*

Life has always been full of incredible opportunities, but they often required making a difficult decision - choosing to pursue your passions or sharpen your skills. The MSLS programme showed us that we no longer have to separate those two aspects of life, but when we are able to merge our passions and skills, far greater opportunities arise leading to unimagined possibilities.

*Spud Marshall, Class of 2010*



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#### About Karlskrona

The MSLS programme is offered at Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH), one of the leading institutions in the fields of technology and sustainability. The campus is located in Karlskrona, the capital of Region Blekinge in the south of Sweden. The city is situated on an archipelago and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its unique naval heritage.

Karlskrona abounds with cultural buildings and its beautiful natural setting makes it a tourist destination in summer, when water sports such as sailing, kayaking, and canoeing are popular. In the winter months there is some snowfall, though Karlskrona's climate is considered mild compared with more northerly parts of Sweden.

#### Student Life

MSLS students are heavily involved in campus activities such as sports, social clubs, and more. The professional experiences and entrepreneurial spirit of the MSLS class are put to good use promoting sustainability and cultural exchange within the student body. MSLS students are also active in the community and are connected to local supporters of sustainable development. Each year the class hosts various events and activities to engage the local community, connect with student groups at other schools, and generally to explore, enable and celebrate sustainable development.

#### Career Paths

Students in the MSLS programme reflect the diversity of the world, illustrated in the map below, and as such they follow many different career paths after graduation. With a solid understanding of sustainability, MSLS graduates are well positioned to return to their former employers to lead organisational change efforts related to sustainability or bring sustainability thinking in new roles in academia, business, government and non-profit organisations. Visit our website to see where our graduates are working now: [www.bth.se/msls](http://www.bth.se/msls)

