

Empowering the next generation of climate innovators

A 2-Week Immersive Summer School

Dates : July 12 - 25, 2026

Locations : Paris & Beauvais, France

Credits : 3 ECTS



Don't just observe the future. DESIGN IT.

The climate crisis and societal challenges demand more than technology—they require **ethical, action-oriented leaders**. This program is designed to transform your perspective, turning you into a driver of sustainable change.

- **The Mission:** Understand the systemic causes of climate change and co-create solutions at the intersection of technology and sustainability.
- **Connect to Purpose:** Align your personal values with global action and build the emotional resilience essential for impact.

Who should apply?

- No prior experience in environmental studies or engineering is required. We empower students **from ALL academic backgrounds**.
- We actively prioritize and encourage applications from US students from **Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) including Community Colleges**, providing an accessible pathway to international mobility and leadership development.

This intensive, project-based experience provides you with more than just a certificate:

- **Academic Recognition:** Earn 3 ECTS Credits.
- **Essential Skills:** Develop futures thinking, emotional intelligence, leadership skills and an innovation toolkit.
- **Global Networking Boost:** Share **cultural and social events** with a concurrent group of **Chinese students**, broadening the international network and experience.
- **Portfolio Piece:** Prototype and pitch your sustainable solution.

The French adventure: culture, fun & immersion

Experience one of the world's most dynamic Tech for Good ecosystems while enjoying French culture.

- **Dual immersion:** Discover the **global governance** hub of Paris (UNESCO, Louvre) and the **authentic soul** of Beauvais (local officials, historic sites).
- Celebrate France's **Bastille Day** with the fireworks on July 13th.
- **Day trip to the sea:** Combine learning with leisure during our field visit to the **Le Treport Offshore Wind Farm** area!
- **Networking evenings:** Engage in **official dinners** and a **social event** with French students, entrepreneurs, and experts.

Key outcomes for impact leaders

By the end of the program, you will:

- Master the **systemic view** of climate challenges, integrating global and interdisciplinary perspectives to identify root causes.
- Cultivate **ethical & resilient leadership**, leveraging emotional intelligence and self-awareness to drive sustainable, collective change.
- Apply **Futures Literacy methodologies** to explore uncertainty, challenge assumptions, and design breakthrough solutions.
- Strengthen **cross-cultural collaboration** capabilities with French and international peers and sector leaders within the ecological transition.
- **Prototype actionable solutions** and refine storytelling for impact to effectively pitch your project to expert juries.



Experiential & action-based learning

Our method blends Theory U and Design Thinking to move participants from insight to action. We combine expert lectures, hands-on workshops, and a final Project Pitch Contest.



Tech for Good field visits

Meet with leading companies, labs and startups focused on sustainability and innovation to link theory to real-world industrial impact.



Why Paris and France?

Paris is a global capital of climate governance, tech innovation, and international cooperation — home to the Paris Agreement, UNESCO, and a vibrant ecosystem of Greentech pioneers.



Cultural exploration

Guided visits to iconic sites like the Louvre Museum will offer a rich perspective on French heritage and global citizenship.

Preliminary program – Week #1 in Beauvais

	Sunday 7/12	Monday 7/13	Tuesday 7/14	Wednesday 7/15	Thursday 7/16	Friday 7/17	Saturday 7/18
							
MORNING	Arrival Day	Beauvais immersion: "Treasures of Beauvais" cultural hunt	Futures Literacy Lab 1/2: Exploring probable & desirable futures	Climate Fresk Workshop: understanding climate change	Field visit: UNILASALLE – sustainable agriculture, resilient territories, and public health	Field visit: AGCO & ISAGRI, global leaders in farming machinery & software	Day trip to the sea: offshore wind farm observation
AFTERNOON	Welcome to France! Transfer to Beauvais	Local culture, intercultural dialogue... and fun!	Futures Literacy Lab 2/2: From new questions to action	Meeting with local officials: regional sustainable growth strategy	UniLaSalle Exchange: Meeting Students & researchers on Tech for Good	Field visit: BIOCDEX – biotech & sustainable health	Day trip to the sea: free time
EVENING	Official welcome dinner	Bastille Day celebration & fireworks		Networking event with French students & startups			

- Cultural & social activities
- Lectures & workshops
- Field visits

Preliminary program – Week #2 in Paris



	Sunday 7/19	Monday 7/20	Tuesday 7/21	Wednesday 7/22	Thursday 7/23	Friday 7/24	Saturday 7/25
							
MORNING	Transfer to Paris & check-in	Workshop: Leading self (emotional intelligence & resilience)	Workshop: Ethical challenges of AI & the future of work	Cultural Visit: The Iconic Louvre Museum	Workshop: Storytelling for impact & narrative crafting	Field visit: UNESCO headquarters & global climate governance	Free time in Paris
AFTERNOON	Guided walk in Paris Center	Workshop: Leading others (collective action & mobilization)	Field visit: CLIMATE HOUSE – GreenTech startup innovation	Innovation Lab: Solution co-creation & prototyping	Final pitching contest to expert jury	Scenic Seine River cruise (à la Mouches)	Check-out & transfer to airport
EVENING						Official Farewell Dinner & Program Conclusion	

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Leaders for Good: Partners dedicated to your impact

The "Future 'Tech for Good' Leaders" summer school is offered by **École des Ponts Business School (EPBS)**, an internationally accredited institution with a founding vision of "business to make a better world." EPBS is proudly positioned within the ecosystem of **École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées**, France's oldest engineering *Grande École*, and a core member of **Institut Polytechnique de Paris**. This prestigious affiliation guarantees the highest level of academic rigor and deep expertise at the intersection of technology, engineering, and sustainability.

The program is collaboratively delivered by 3 strategic partners:

- **École des Ponts Business School:** Providing academic rigor, expertise in sustainable business, and cross-cultural learning.
- **UNESCO Chair for the Future of Value:** Guaranteeing ethical governance and Futures Literacy authority.
- **Connection Leadership:** Our specialized pedagogical partner, ensuring experiential leadership development and the essential close, personal accompaniment crucial for a successful experience.

This collaboration is supported by our dedicated practice center, the **Circle for Advanced Leadership**.

Our commitment to local engagement in Beauvais is anchored by our existing long-term partnership with the **Communauté d'Agglomération du Beauvaisis**. This collaboration, which includes the training of international entrepreneurs through our **Vista:Beauvais** Master in Tech for Good program, ensures rich, practical interactions with regional officials and industry leaders focused on green growth and sustainable regional development.

The program is sponsored by the French Institute for Culture and Education:

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