

JMU Global Academy for Future Leaders

Designing Solutions. Leading Globally.

A Summer Global Learning Experience at James Madison University (USA)

The JMU Global Academy for Future Leaders is a three-week, in-person summer program hosted at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA. The Academy is open to students from JMU partner universities and JMU students who are interested in future skills, global employability, and leadership in an AI-enabled world.

Through interdisciplinary coursework, experiential learning, and cultural engagement, students develop future-ready skills and gain firsthand experience in U.S. higher education.

Academic Courses

Courses are designed and taught by JMU faculty and professional staff.

Course 1: AI & Future Learning

Explore how artificial intelligence is shaping learning, work, and society, with a focus on ethical AI use, data verification, and human-centered skills such as critical thinking, adaptability, and responsible decision-making.

Course 2: Future Skills for Global Employability

Develop career readiness through career exploration, job and internship search strategies, communication skills, and professional adaptability in a global and AI-influenced workforce.

Course 3: Leadership, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Examine how Virginia's leadership traditions, innovation ecosystems, and workforce development models connect local practice to global solutions through field experiences and site visits.

Optional: English as a Second Language (ESL)

Academic English support for communication and cross-cultural engagement.

Academy Project

Students work in small interdisciplinary teams on a project related to AI, future skills, leadership, and global challenges, culminating in a final presentation.

Program Schedule

- Week 0: Virtual Orientation
- Weeks 1–3:
 - Mon & Wed: Courses 1 & 2
 - Tue & Thu: Course 3 / Optional ESL
 - Fri: Academy Project Day

Why Participate?

- Build AI literacy and future-ready power skills
- Learn in a U.S. university classroom with JMU faculty

- Gain hands-on, experiential learning beyond the classroom
- Explore Virginia, Washington, D.C., and the Shenandoah Valley
- Join a diverse international cohort
- Earn a JMU Certificate of Completion of Global Academy for Future Leaders

Program Details

- **Duration:** July 13-31, 2026, in-person three (3) weeks session (travel dates are flexible)
- **Location:** James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA
- **Format:** In-person
- **Cost:** USD \$3,250 (Includes campus housing, lunches on campus, course materials, excursions, transportation, tickets, and airport pick-up/drop-off. Not included: airfare to/from IAD, select meals, and personal expenses) USD \$2,750 for INU members.
- **Credits/Certificate:** Academic credit or non-credit option available
- **Eligibility:** Students from JMU partner universities and JMU students

Why James Madison University?

James Madison University is a highly ranked U.S. public university recognized nationally for undergraduate teaching, innovation, student engagement, and career preparation. JMU offers a supportive and engaging environment for students seeking global learning and future-focused education.

Partnership & Student Nomination Inquiries

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