

NEXT GENERATION GLOBAL COLLABORATORY

NGGC Science Diplomacy

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

From Learning to Practice: Preparing the Next Generation of Science Diplomacy Leaders



NOVEMBER 2, 2026 - MARCH 30, 2027

An international professional development fellowship at the intersection of science, diplomacy, policy, technology, and global cooperation.

A collaboration of **Next Generation Global Collaboratory (NGGC)**, **Global STEM Education Center, Inc.**, and **DiploFoundation / Diplo Academy**

A Fellowship Built Around Two Connected Experiences

The Fellowship combines a rigorous academic foundation with practical engagement. Fellows first study the concepts and practice of science diplomacy, then continue applying that learning within an international working community.

PART I

Academic Foundation - Diplo Academy

- Five-week online Science Diplomacy course
- Four modules: foundations, practice, bridging science and diplomacy, and science & technology
- Collaborative learning with participants from science, diplomacy, international organizations, academia, and NGOs
- Weekly 90-minute live Zoom class plus asynchronous discussion
- Approximately 5-7 hours of study and engagement per week

PART II

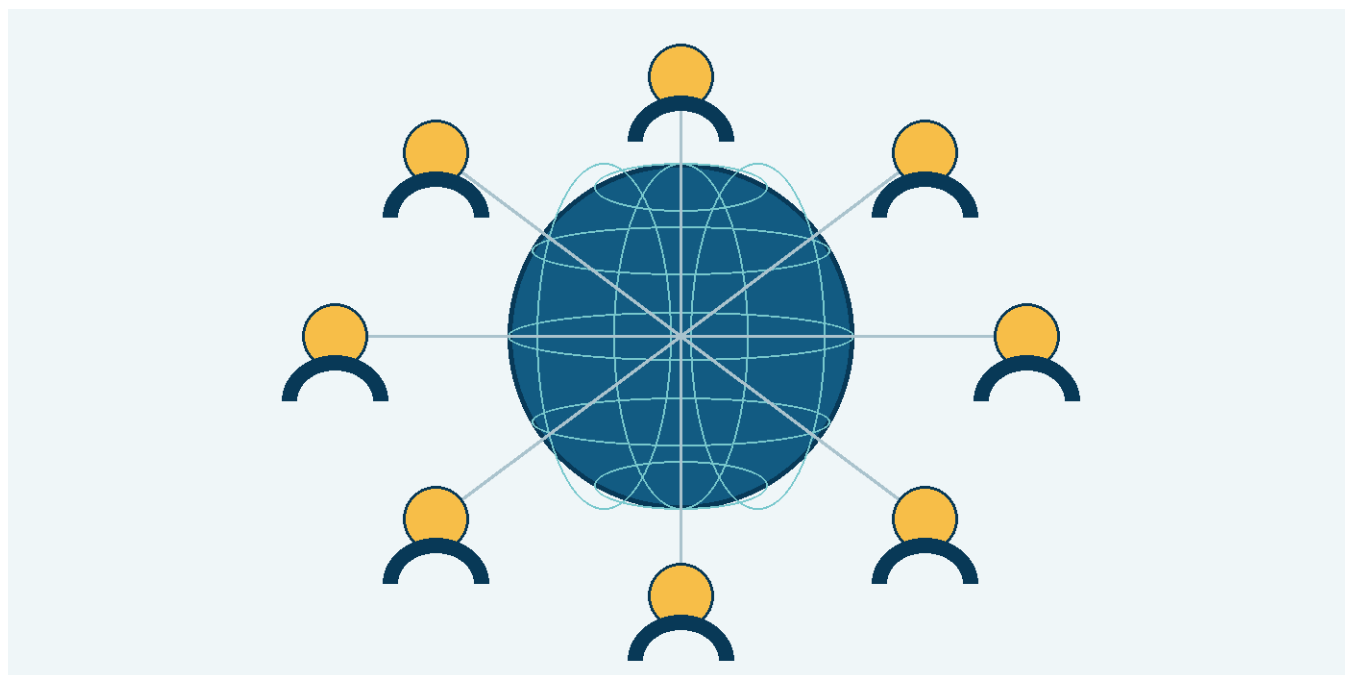
From Learning to Practice - NGGC

- Practical engagement continues through March 30, 2027
- Participation in the NGGC Science Diplomacy Working Group
- Interaction with NGGC members and current/former UNITAR Global Diplomacy Fellows
- Real-world interdisciplinary discussions and collaborative activities
- Application to Earth observation, AI/data, citizen science, sustainability, education, and other transboundary challenges

The Academic Course at a Glance

01	Introduction to Science Diplomacy
02	Opportunities & Challenges in Practice
03	Bridging the Worlds of Science and Diplomacy
04	Science & Technology: AI, Emerging Technologies & Geopolitics

From Learning to Practice



Science diplomacy is best learned not only by studying it, but by practicing it.

LEARN	ENGAGE	APPLY	COLLABORATE	CONTRIBUTE
Build foundations	Meet across fields	Connect ideas to issues	Work across borders	Turn dialogue into action

What Fellows Will Develop

- A stronger understanding of the relationship between science, diplomacy, policy, and global cooperation.
- Experience communicating across scientific, policy, educational, and diplomatic communities.
- A professional network spanning countries, disciplines, institutions, and sectors.
- Practice translating scientific knowledge and evidence into dialogue, partnerships, and cooperative action.

Who Is This For?

The Diplo course is designed for diplomats and international-organization staff, scientists, academics, and NGO representatives working at the intersection of science and policy. The broader Fellowship is especially relevant to participants who want to connect their field of study or professional expertise with international collaboration and global challenges.

Why this matters for students

Science diplomacy offers a way to bring disciplinary expertise into international problem-solving - whether your interests are environmental science, data and AI, public health, sustainability, education, policy, or global affairs.

A Global Community for Science Diplomacy

Many of today's most consequential challenges cannot be addressed by science alone or diplomacy alone. They require people who can connect evidence with policy, dialogue, international cooperation, and collective action.

DIPLOFOUNDATION / DIPLO ACADEMY	GLOBAL STEM EDUCATION CENTER	NGGC
Academic preparation Provides the structured online Science Diplomacy course and collaborative learning environment.	Fellowship support Supports the Fellowship and helps connect academic learning with professional development.	Practice & community Provides the international collaborative setting and Science Diplomacy Working Group for continued engagement.

Fellowship Recognition

Participants who successfully complete the academic requirements receive the applicable Diplo Academy course credential. Fellows who complete the full academic and practical Fellowship components also receive recognition of completion of the NGGC Science Diplomacy Fellowship Program from NGGC and the Global STEM Education Center.

SCIENCE AS A BRIDGE

Connecting knowledge, people, institutions, and nations in pursuit of the common good.

Fellowship dates: November 2, 2026 - March 30, 2027

Academic course: Diplo Academy Science Diplomacy online course | Practical component: NGGC Science Diplomacy Working Group