“Education empowers people and transforms lives. It is the key to creating equitable, inclusive and prosperous societies and the building block of sustainable development and lasting peace.”

Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General

The United Nations, through its Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014), stressed the need to reorient existing education towards sustainability. Education for sustainable development (ESD) helps people better understand themselves and their links to the wider natural and social environment; it also helps individuals and communities adopt behaviours and practices that enable all to live a full life without being deprived of basic necessities.

In 2003, in response to that call, the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies launched an ESD programme that works on research and capacity development to integrate components of ESD into curricula at all levels of education and in all sectors of society. ProSPER.Net is one of the flagship initiatives of this programme.

Membership in ProSPER.Net is limited to higher education institutions located in the Asia-Pacific region that offer postgraduate education and research in sustainable development and related fields. ProSPER.Net also has an affiliate membership category for higher education institutions located outside the Asia-Pacific region working for the benefit of the region. Inquiries about membership should be made through the network’s Secretariat (UNU-IAS) at the email address below.

For more information or to become a ProSPER.Net member, please contact:

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There are currently 30 ProSPER.Net members, spread across a wide variety of disciplines. ProSPER.Net is an alliance of leading universities in the Asia-Pacific region that are committed to integrating sustainable development (SD) into higher education. It works towards a common goal of sustainable development by providing a new platform for multi and interdisciplinary dialogue, pursuing cutting edge research, and giving them the tools and expertise to launch innovative research projects to improve the living conditions of communities.

The Annual Awards

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Leadership Training

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2) Innovative Research Projects

Innovative Research Projects focus on creating partnerships that bridge the gap between science and society. They aim to understand the interconnectedness of societal challenges and work together towards solutions.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation supports the award of the Young Researchers’ School Fellowship, which allows research teams from a German institution and emerging science regions to collaborate with a Humboldt Research Fellowship, which is given to young post-doctoral researchers with an opportunity to better understand the opportunities that underpin their work.

The ProSPER.Net-Scopus Young Researchers’ School Fellowship is an innovative research project that brings together young post-doctoral researchers and gives them the tools and expertise to launch innovative research projects to improve the living conditions of communities.

ProSPER.Net members work together to build a future for our children’s children. Using ProSPER.Net as a platform for collaboration, members pursue groundbreaking research on sustainable development with a strong emphasis on education for sustainable development (ESE).

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