



## LEADS 2023–2024 Student Applications

**DEADLINE: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023** Please send your application and your most recent CV to the Program Coordinator, Odile Joblin, at [leads.coordinator@sustainabilitydigitalage.org](mailto:leads.coordinator@sustainabilitydigitalage.org)

### Program Overview

The Leadership in Environmental and Digital innovation for Sustainability (LEADS) graduate training program aims to mobilize the scientific understanding of the current sustainability crisis and identify opportunities for digital tools and technologies to be used to accelerate the transition to global sustainability. It is led by Damon Matthews, Professor and Research Chair at Concordia University, in collaboration with McGill University, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal, and Sustainability in the Digital Age through the Canada Hub of Future Earth. Students in the program will develop the skills needed for interdisciplinary collaborations, systems and collective thinking, and policy communication—qualities that will be essential requirements of future sustainability leaders.

### General Terms of Participation

As a trainee receiving funding from LEADS, you will be required to fully participate in all organized program activities: completing a 200-hour internship with Future Earth or another organization; attending our annual Summer School and Leadership Training (once each); and attending the speaker series on Sustainability in the Digital Age over the course of your participation in the program. You will also be encouraged to participate in available professional training opportunities (such as the GradProSkills workshops at Concordia) and to take advantage of opportunities to attend science-policy meetings and/or academic conferences.

#### **Applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered for admission to LEADS:**

- Applicant has been accepted into a Master's, PhD or Postdoctoral program of study at Concordia University, McGill University, Université de Montréal or Université du Québec à Montréal.
- A LEADS professor at one of these universities has agreed to act as the applicant's supervisor or co-supervisor.
- Applicant has a general idea of the subject area for his/her research, and: (1) this research fits with the supervisor and the degree program; and (2) the research is relevant to the themes of sustainability science and digital innovation.
- Applicant has provided evidence of a general awareness of, an interest in and a motivation to learn more about sustainability in the digital age.
- Applicant has provided evidence of a good work ethic and strong skills in research, writing, leadership and presentation.



## A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Level of Studies (Master's, PhD or Postdoc):

Anticipated Start Date:

Thesis Supervisor(s):

University:

Status in Canada (expected as of Fall 2023):

- Canadian citizen
- Permanent resident
- International student enrolled at a Canadian university

Program of study (e.g., department in which you are seeking enrolment):

Discipline Group (choose one that is most relevant):

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Other. Specify (e.g., Human Geography, Political Science, Sociology, etc.):

Discipline Type (choose one that is most relevant):

- Natural Sciences & Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Social Sciences & Humanities
- Business
- Other. Specify:



**B. RESEARCH INTERESTS** (maximum 400 words)

*Please describe your research interests as well as your interest in the program. What do you hope to get out of participating in LEADS?*



**C. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND** (maximum 400 words)

*Please describe your relevant academic experience, such as the courses you have taken, your experience in research, writing, presenting and leadership, and the specific topics/skills in which you would like to gain more experience.*



**D. PERSONAL STATEMENT** (maximum 400 words)

*Please comment on other experiences you have had that you consider relevant to your application and your strengths as a LEADS candidate and that you think would contribute to the LEADS community. We would welcome you to include any information about barriers or obstacles you have faced that have impacted your portfolio, including impacts of COVID-19.*