MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT PACKET

Thank you for your decision to apply to Future Generations University for a Master of Arts in Applied Community Development. This Registration & Enrollment Packet contains information to aid you in your application. We look forward to having you join our global community. Welcome!

If you have any questions or need help with your application, please call Paula Collier, registrar, paula.collier@future.edu, (681) 271 - 0519.

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AT WWW.FUTURE.EDU

Future Generations University features extensive registration and admission information on the website. Find the online registration form, academic catalog, financial aid forms and resources, student right-to-know documents, and more.

REGISTRATION FORM

APPLY BY JUNE 1 FOR FALL SEMESTER

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- [ ] BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC AND CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY CONTACT
- [ ] A CURRENT RESUME OR CV THAT HIGHLIGHTS YOUR COMMUNITY WORK
- [ ] TRANSCRIPTS FROM YOUR UNDERGRADUATE AND ANY GRADUATE DEGREE
  Submit a transcript (official or unofficial) for any post-secondary college or university studies that you completed.
- [ ] STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (500-750 WORDS)
  Tell us about your background and experience, and explain how you think a master's degree in Applied Community Development will help you achieve your goals. Please be specific. Feel free to be creative with this. Show your passion.
- [ ] LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
  Provide one reference, whom the Admissions Committee will contact. This should be a past or current employer, academic advisor, professor, or colleague who can comment meaningfully on your capacity to undertake graduate studies and applied community research and work. You are responsible for contacting this reference to ensure they accept this invitation.

KEY DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall 2026 – June 1, 2026
Spring 2027 – January 1, 2027
Fall 2027– June 15, 2027
Spring 2028 – January 1, 2028

SEMESTER DATES

Fall 2026 – August 10 – December 4, 2026
Spring 2027 – February 8 – June 4, 2027
Fall 2027 – August 16 – December 10, 2027
Spring 2028 – February 7 – June 2, 2028

TUITION, PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT, FINANCIAL AID

TUITION

Admitted Students
Cost Per Credit Hour $800

Prior Learning Assessment Fees
Cost per Credit hour $250

NEED-BASED AID

As part of our commitment to reach the most students, we offer need-based scholarships to qualifying individuals. Admissions decisions are need-blind. Once you are admitted to the university, we will work with you to figure out how to best fund your education.

FINANCIAL AID HANDBOOK:

GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

www.future.edu/prior-learning-assessment/
Your experience in community development can earn you credit for what you already know. A **Prior Learning Assessment** will ensure you get the credit you have already earned and only take the courses you need to graduate.

Use your work, volunteer, or educational experience to obtain credit for a course. This provides a way to validate what you already know how to do in community development, allowing you to earn your degree more quickly.

If your experience aligns with courses in the Future Generations Course Catalog, you may be able to obtain credit for this course once you have demonstrated you have gained the necessary skills and knowledge through life experiences.

2026 ACADEMIC CATALOG:

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS TRACK

Future Generations University offers an Alternative Admissions Track, a path to qualify for the master's program without a bachelor's if you demonstrate that you can perform at a graduate level. Enroll and receive a B or better in four courses, after which you will qualified for admission to the MA program based on your proven performance.

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS REGISTRATION:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FUTURE GENERATIONS UNIVERSITY DEGREE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

The University offers one degree: a Master of Arts in Applied Community Development. The degree is **32 credits**. Full-time students take nine credits (three classes) per semester.

Four core courses are required for graduation. All other credits can be earned through a combination of elective courses, personalized learning courses, and in-person field courses courses.

PATHWAY TO A MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (32 credits)

Required Courses (3 credits each) — 12

Introduction to Community Change
Taking Impact to Scale
Social Research for Social Change
Synthesis and Integration

Select 20 credits from any of these: — 20

Elective Courses (3 credits each)
Fundraising and Resource Development
Leadership in Community Building
Social Entrepreneurship
Strategic Communication for Change
Natural Resource Management
Community Resource Mapping
Nonprofit Management
Bottom-Up Economics
Sustainable Communities
Monitoring & Evaluation

Field Courses (2-3 credits each)
Community Development in the Himalaya (Nepal)
Community Development in East Africa (Uganda)
Gandhian Methods (India)
Resilience in Appalachia (United States)

Personalized Learning (2-9 credits each)
Independent Research
Independent Project
Internship

CAN I ATTEND PART TIME?

Yes! You can take one or two classes, as your schedule permits. Our students have full lives outside of school and a full-time academic schedule isn't feasible for everyone. In addition, you can start classes either in the fall semester or the spring semester.

HOW DO CLASSES WORK?

The University uses a distance-delivered, blended learning model. Classes meet live, online, for one hour each week. All coursework, which includes readings, videos, presentations, are completed and graded online. Every class includes a **community lab**. All lab work is done within your community, so what you learn in class is applied directly to your community. **Field Courses** are offered at least twice a year for 2-3 credits. These are similar to short-term study abroad programs; designed for place-based, in-person immersion alongside your peers from around the world. Personalized learning options include independent studies, independent projects, or internships designed by the student and supervising faculty member.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Applicants can expect to hear back about their acceptance within five weeks of their completed application. Applications received after the admission deadline will be reviewed as time allows, but may need to defer their start date to the following semester. Upon acceptance, applicants are encouraged to fill out a financial aid application right away. The financial aid process, from application to award, take approximately two weeks.

Once the financial aid process is complete, students receive a future.edu email address and login details to an online onboarding course that familiarizes them Moodle, the University's learning platform, and other digital course tools.

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