Future 17: Sustainable Development Goals Challenge Programme
(Term 2, 2021–22)

Interested in tackling real-life global challenges together with students around the globe?

Had been passionate about SDGs and wanted to share with others?

Wanted to develop employability skills with global corporations and institutes while taking a course?

If your answers to the above questions are ‘yes’, you must not miss the upcoming programme! Future 17 is a new global initiative offered by the University of Exeter and Quacquarelli Symonds Limited (QS) in the UK, and leading international universities designed to support students to develop the skills needed to collaboratively tackle 21st-Century global challenges through working with professionals to create innovative solutions to real-world issues associated with one or more of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Future 17 will enable students to collaborate with learners from a consortium of global partner universities in international, interdisciplinary and multicultural teams to tackle challenges through projects defined by SDG Challenge Partners (businesses, charities, governments, NGOs, etc.).

Partner universities:
• Duke University (USA)
• Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
• The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)
• The University of São Paulo (Brazil)

Partners invited (finalized list to be confirmed later):
Programme structure:

Future 17
Sustainable Development Goals Challenge Programme 2022

A new global initiative to support students to develop the skills needed to collaboratively tackle 21st Century global challenges through working with professionals.

1. Induction Programme
A series of online, flexibly available asynchronous learning activities to learn about the principles of Design Thinking.

2. Group Collaboration
Working as teams, students are to design ways to diagnose sustainability problems in collaboration with academic and SDG Challenge Partner mentors, and to develop approaches for delivering solutions.

3. Future 17 Solution Showcase
An online showcase event, where each group of students working on a sustainability challenge will undertake a 25-minute presentation of their project, followed by questions and feedback.

Upon successful completion of the Programme, a CUHK undergraduate student could apply to the Office of University General Education for course and unit exemption in the University General Education (University GE) requirements. Following the prevailing practice and framework of granting University GE course and unit exemption, as in the case of a student completing a course in a recognized student exchange programme, up to 3 units in the most approximate University GE Area from among Areas A, B, C or D could be approved depending on the nature of the Future 17 project.
Please register for the upcoming information session to learn more about the programme. Details of the session are as follows:

Date: 11 January 2022 (Tuesday)
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mode of delivery: online

If you are interested in joining this programme, please fill in the online application form by 14 January 2022 (Friday). For enquiries, please drop an e-mail to sdg-ouge@cuhk.edu.hk. Be the change for the future!