

The International Master's Program in Environmental Management and Sustainability requires that you provide a 400-600 word statement of interest in our program. Your statement should explain how the International Master's Program in Malta will help you achieve your personal and professional goals in environmental management and sustainability. Highlight any unique experiences or qualities that you bring to the program. Below is an example of the type of statement you should be providing.

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### **Sample Statement of Interest, International Master's Program in Environmental Management and Sustainability**

I have been interested in environmental sustainability ever since I took my first course in Human-Environment Interactions. Since then, I have been deeply committed to natural resource conservation, especially the use of the Earth's finite resources. As a geology major with an environmental studies minor, I am particularly interested in more sustainable forms of energy and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and oil. Not only are these resources finite, but their use contributes to global warming and geopolitical instability. My undergraduate coursework has focused mostly on the geology of mineral resources. But I have started to realize that there is a strong social component to sustainability as well, because it is really all about changing people.

The International Master's Program in Environmental Management and Sustainability will help me reach my career goals. I would like to work in the field of renewable energy management, and I believe I need a well-rounded education and a master's degree to do so. The program's emphasis on systems thinking is really attractive to me, and I need to learn more about ecology and other kinds of environmental science. I also like how we get to study a range of sustainability topics, such as water and agriculture. All of these things are interrelated.

Studying in Malta also sounds very exciting. I did a summer study abroad in Ireland when I was a sophomore, and it really changed my understanding of the world. I want to continue to build my overseas experience, especially since the world of renewable energy is a global industry. I think I am able to work well with others, and while in Ireland we worked on projects with archaeology students at Trinity College to better understand stratigraphy and carbon dating.

I bring a number of experiences and qualities to the program. Like I already mentioned, I get along well with others and can work well in a team. I have had some interesting projects in my classes, including things like GIS analysis of coal reserves and topographical map-making. While I do not have any paid work experience in this field, I did work as a lifeguard during the summers for school. From this I learned how to pay attention to detail, work with others, and stick to a schedule. In one of my environmental studies classes, I also did a service learning project by volunteering as an interpretive guide for one of our local nature parks.

In sum, I have a strong commitment to making the world more sustainable. I think my undergraduate classes have prepared me for graduate study in this area, and I would like to broaden my understanding of sustainable development, especially with energy use. I am a good student and have good work habits, and will do my best in your program.