

PRME Students Regional Leaders

Call for Applicants and Terms of Reference 2026

Background

The Principles for Responsible Management Education ([PRME](#)) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that advances sustainability in business and management education through [Seven Principles](#) designed to serve society and safeguard the planet.

Today, PRME engages over 850 business and management schools across 96 countries, supporting academic institutions in equipping future leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to balance economic, environmental, and social priorities. In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the [United Nations Global Compact](#), PRME works to embed responsible leadership and sustainability into management education worldwide.

Recognising the collective potential of over 3 million students across its Signatory Member institutions, PRME established PRME Students (**formerly PRME Global Students or PGS**) as a global platform to channel this energy into meaningful impact. PRME Students extends PRME's mission by fostering collaboration, reflection, and exchange among student organisations worldwide, connecting more than 500 student groups across regions and disciplines.

PRME Students is built around three core pillars:

Advocacy & Representation: Elevating student voices in global dialogues on responsible management, sustainability, and the SDGs, including engagement in United Nations-related forums such as the UN General Assembly High-Level Week, COP, and the PRME Student Summit, convened as part of the annual PRME Global Forum.

Skills Development & Entrepreneurship: Building practical, future-ready capabilities and supporting sustainability-driven innovation through initiatives like the [PRME Students Innovation Studio](#) that enable students to develop and implement their own SDG-aligned ventures.

Career Readiness: Preparing students to navigate the transition into the workforce through mentorship, real-world projects, and meaningful connections with responsible businesses and institutions.

To drive the development of a global student-led network, PRME Students appoints nine Regional Leaders representing diverse regions around the world:

- Latin America
- North America
- Africa
- Europe
- Eurasia
- Middle East
- South and Central Asia
- East and Southeast Asia
- Oceania

With a one-year voluntary mandate and under the supervision of the Coordinator of Programmes & Engagement at the PRME Secretariat, Regional Leaders are responsible for proactively identifying, connecting with, and engaging students within PRME Signatory Member institutions to support their participation in PRME Students' programmes and initiatives.

This is a volunteer role and is not remunerated; however, all travel costs related to official programme activities and responsibilities are fully covered.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Schedule and conduct introductory calls to present PRME Students and connect student organizations/ councils within the region to relevant programmes and initiatives.
- Represent PRME in panels and conferences within your region (both online and in-person), and on global stages when requested by the PRME Secretariat.
- Organize student engagement events, programmes, and initiatives for PRME Students, including organizing high-level events in collaboration with the PRME Secretariat, such as for the UN High Level Political Forum, COP, and UN General Assembly.
- Serve on the relevant PRME Chapter Steering Committee as an ex-officio member; or work closely with the [PRME Chapter\(s\)](#) within your region to coordinate the partnership with PRME Students by remaining in frequent contact with their **Head of Student Engagement or Chapter Chair**.
- Foster relationship between PRME Students and the PRME Working Groups for relevant programmatic work, where appropriate.
- Serve as an advocate of responsible management education and sustainable development in your region.
- Actively engage on the PRME Commons Community page as a "Member", contributing to relevant issue area dialogues and facilitating dialogue between students in the platform, as well as between students and other stakeholders registered in Commons.

- Provide regular input in PRME global communications, highlighting student and youth activities across the PRME community.

Knowledge/Expertise/Skills Required

- Familiarity with PRME, the UN Global Compact and the general UN system is desirable.
- Academic or professional interest in responsible management, corporate social responsibility, sustainability, and the SDGs.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and networking skills, with the ability to engage diverse stakeholders across academic, business, and international contexts.
- Excellent organisational skills, including the ability to manage projects and maintain accurate records of partnerships and engagements.
- Prior leadership experience in student organisations or sustainability-focused initiatives is an advantage.
- Fluency in English is required. Fluency in another UN official language is desirable. Conversational proficiency in the other languages of your region is desirable.
- Applicants must be enrolled students (undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D.) from universities or institutions that are [members of PRME](#).

Application Process

Rolling applications will open on 1 June and close on 3 July, 2026 (11:59 PM EDT/NYC). Selected candidates will be announced at the beginning of August. See the complete timeline below.

To complete your application, candidates must fulfill [this Google form](#), thus sharing information about:

- Personal and academic information
- Purpose Statement (500 words max)
- Video Statement (1-minute max)
- CV/Resume

Applicants must include a written purpose statement and a video statement. Applications without these two files will not be considered.

Tips for Making Your Video

At the beginning of your video, we invite you to state your name and the country/city in which you are located. Then, we invite you to talk about the following topics:

- Share a defining success story or experience that has shaped your values, leadership journey, or commitment to social impact; **or**
- If you could address the UN Secretary-General directly, what is one message you would share about how education and business systems should evolve to better serve society and the planet?

The video should be a maximum of one minute. All video content should be in English. For media to be considered, you must have created and have permission to use all content in your video, including still imagery and music. We will not accept work containing profanity or content that violates the UN Charter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write an email to students@unprme.org or reach out to the Regional Leader in your region directly.

Application Timeline:

- Application opening: 1 June, 2026
- Application closing: 3 July, 2026 (11:59 PM EDT/NYC)
- Interview with shortlisted candidates: 10- 31 July, 2026
- Selected candidates announcement: By 10 August , 2026