The DEL-MEM program’s flexible structure allows purpose-driven professionals from all disciplines to develop a highly transferrable, in-demand skill set, meeting personal and professional goals in a convenient and efficient manner while continuing to work. Our students graduate as environmental leaders—capable of affecting change, spurring innovation and inspiring others to action.

DEL-MEM ALUMNI

CURTIS BERNARD
Senior Technical Director, Conservation International
Guyana

“The diversity of interests, experience and orientation of both the faculty and students has helped me widen my horizons and better understand the issues of environmental management in today’s world. I found the ability to take the classroom to my job and my job to the classroom to be extremely useful in providing opportunities for practical learning and immediate application of knowledge.”

ALISON MURPHY
Global Collective Impact Manager, lululemon athletica

“The program can be summed up as an incredible opportunity to learn from a community of experts. I was drawn to the program’s format and got so much more. I honed my writing and presentation skills and learned new tools for analysis and decision making.”

MATTHEW BURKS
Chief Strategy Officer, E Source

“The school empowered me to step back from my daily responsibilities to not only better understand our global environmental challenges, but the social, political, economic and technological connections among future mechanisms of change.”

THE DEL-MEM DIFFERENCE

• Balanced blend of online and in-person learning platforms

• Cohort and faculty develop a strong community, fostering relationships and networks

• Peer-to-peer learning provides exposure to new viewpoints and perspectives

• Personal leadership development plan, with guidance from a hands-on Leadership Advisor

• In-demand skills that are both practical and specific, pertaining to the most relevant environmental issues of our time

• Facilitation of career advancement through direct application of coursework toward career
The DEL-MEM curriculum integrates environmental science, policy and management with a set of core courses. Students also choose from a range of rotating electives, which are designed to address relevant, urgent environmental challenges. Sample electives include:

- The Science of Climate Change
- Restoration Ecology: Principles & Practice
- Community-Based Environmental Management
- Business Strategy for Environmental Sustainability

OUR FACULTY

COURSES DESIGNED WITH THE WORKING PROFESSIONAL IN MIND

Duke faculty are world leaders in the physical, life and social sciences. Our faculty bridge academic research with the tools and needs of our working professionals, drawing on and valuing the expertise each student brings to the online classroom.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

DEC. 15
PRIORITY DEADLINE
JAN. 15
REGULAR DEADLINE
FEB. 15
NEED-BASED AID DEADLINE

If space is available, late applications may be considered.

D.C. LEADERSHIP MODULE

A hallmark of our program, this session provides a point of reference for leadership development, through meetings with prominent environmental leaders from all sectors.

< PLACE >

The incorporation of short, focused in-person sessions encourages the development of strong relationships and networking between students and faculty. These sessions prepare you for the upcoming semester and allow you to bond with your peers and faculty, focus on leadership development and connect with Duke University.

Travel courses in locations such as Chile, Mexico, California and Hawaii are also offered so that students may see firsthand the diverse array of effective environmental leadership styles in practice.

< SPACE >

Students participate in virtual classrooms both synchronously and asynchronously, utilizing simple web-based tools. Webconferencing is used for real-time weekly course meetings with peers and faculty.

< LEADERSHIP >

Students build leadership capacity that drives career advancement and impactful environmental management through guided reflection and exposure to leaders, theory and models.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To help maximize your DEL-MEM experience, our professional staff pledges to:

- assist you in envisioning and executing your mid-career advancement strategy;
- help you build, refine and communicate your career skills;
- provide tailored career guidance and support while a student and throughout your career; and
- help you make connections with professionals and alumni in your field.

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