

# THE 7 KEY APTITUDES OF GRADUATE SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS



## 1. FOSTERING JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Building sustainable futures for all requires inclusive decision-making and just problem-solving around a diversity of lived experiences, outcomes, and needs.

## 2. BUILDING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Knowing how to value, inspire, and empathize with others will build resilience and maintain integrity despite challenges and setbacks.



## 3. COLLABORATING FOR IMPACT

Working in teams is essential when the urgencies and complexities of problems transcend any one discipline and demand novel integration of approaches.



## 4. COMMUNICATING & ENGAGING

Listening, questioning, and sharing are important for giving to and fostering exchanges between the wide array of perspectives, positions, and priorities for sustainability issues.



## 5. STRATEGIC THINKING & PLANNING

Accounting for high uncertainty and complex interdependencies requires a clear vision, creative approach, and means of measuring progress against goals.



## 6. WORKING PRODUCTIVELY & EFFICIENTLY

The ability to make the most of what you have, while advocating for what more you need, is critical when it comes to balancing competing priorities, resource scarcity, and getting things done.



## 7. MAKING YOUR WORK MATTER

Cultivating relationships and mutual understanding will help push towards solutions requiring buy-in from diverse stakeholders and decision-makers.

