



**iuventum**

## **iuventum | Virtual University**

The vision of iuventum is to provide global education across generations through a virtual university program. A university is an institution of higher education and research that grants academic degrees in a variety of subjects and provides both undergraduate and postgraduate education. The word university is derived from the Latin *universitas magistrorum et scholarium*, which means community of teachers and scholars.

The virtual university constitutes an important example of the use of information and communication technology to deliver higher education in both developed and developing countries. New initiatives are growing steadily as universities seek to reach a broader, and in many cases, an international student body. Various organizational models exist, from the online arm of a traditional university to a university operating completely in cyberspace, from respected and well-known institutions to private profit-making ventures. Most of these institutions base their instructional delivery on the Internet. They seek students regardless of their geographic location, and they teach and evaluate these students in a different manner from the traditional academic procedures established for on-campus students. *(Source: UNESCO, International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) project on the virtual university and e-learning)*

Global economic and environmental challenges require a global economy and culture in order to become globally resourceful and to create our future. Innovation, management and entrepreneurship, culture, and sustainable development will be at the core of different education programs to be pursued. The focus is on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), intercultural and entrepreneurial education, provided through international exchange and global programs. The priority is on transforming learning and training environments.

iuventum was founded in 2009 as a charitable organization and incorporated in Germany and the US.

The ESD Forum was established in 2011, recognized by the Japan Council on the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD-J) and the German Commission for UNESCO - Secretariat, UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and supported by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan, and the Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), Germany. Providing modern research options as a virtual university, honorary degrees in Entrepreneurship, Economic Science and Sustainability Science were introduced in 2015, with peer-reviewed journal and conference publication requirements, and with broad research areas for students to research on topics of global reach. iuventum is an organization in observer status in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process and in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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**iuventum relates to the 4 Latin words *iuventus*, *ingenium*, *mundus* and *universitas*.  
It shall be associated with the English words *youth*, *natural capacity*, *world* and *univers(al)ity*.**