### Role Summary

The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) is a globally influential institute, developing leadership and solutions for a sustainable economy. Through focused collaboration between business, government and finance institutions, we believe the economy can be ‘rewired’ to deliver positive outcomes for people and the environment – in short to deliver the UN Sustainable Development Goals. HRH The Prince of Wales is our Royal Founding Patron and has inspired and supported many of our initiatives, including our flagship executive education programmes, collaborative platforms and our vision to ‘rewire the economy’. CISL contributes to the University’s leadership position in the field of sustainability via a portfolio of executive programmes, business platforms and strategic engagement with major organisations.

CISL’s Corporate Relations and Communications team contributes to CISL’s long-term goals by building CISL’s reputation and profile as a global thought leader working with leaders to tackle critical global sustainability challenges. In order to achieve this, it is important that we establish strong relationships with the media to secure coverage and raise the profile of CISL and its leadership groups with key audiences. Securing favourable media coverage for the Institute and its initiatives supports CISL’s long-term growth by ensuring that the individuals and organisations we want to work with are aware of our world-class thought leadership, research, initiatives and programmes; that new clients seek us out, and existing clients value the public exposure of their work. The media is also a growing route to impact, ensuring that our thinking and tools are taken up and used by policy makers, practitioners and other influencers, globally.

The purpose of this role is to increase the public profile of CISL and its leadership groups through proactive media engagement and strategic thought leadership. Where needed they will also support the development of CISL’s flagship projects by supporting the creation and roll out of integrated communications strategies that maximize exposure, impact and engagement with target audiences.

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**Job title** | Senior Press Manager  
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**Grade** | Grade 7  
**Salary range** | £30,395 - £39,609  
**Staff Group** | Academic Related (Unestablished)  
**Portfolio/ Team** | Corporate Relations and Communications  
**Department / Institution** | University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
Key Responsibilities

This section details, but is not an exhaustive list, of the specific activities or obligations for which we require and hold the role accountable.

Developing Portfolio-level media strategies

- Works with CISL Portfolio Directors to develop communications and media strategies for their portfolios and projects, which supports their impact, reputation and positioning with key audiences.

Media management and outreach

- Serves as an in-house senior press manager, managing inbound press queries relating to CISL and its leadership groups.
- Seeks and secures regular media opportunities.
- Develops and manages relationships with key editors and journalists from target national, global and trade media.
- Monitors media coverage and prepares regular evaluation reports for CISL management, internal stakeholders, and leadership groups, including for quarterly reporting and ad hoc individual projects.

Writing and editing communications content

- Researches and writes key thought leadership pieces on behalf of organisational leadership.
- Drafts and copy-edits a wide range of organisational material, including statements, articles, blogs, press releases and updates to organisational messaging.

Contributing to Institutional Media Strategy

- Drives the development of the organisational profile among key target audiences by developing and implementing strategies for proactive thought leadership on key topics of interest to CISL.

Developing and executing media campaigns

- Devises and produces proactive media campaigns that help to position CISL and its leadership groups on key themes; e.g. leadership, SDGs, sustainable finance, circular economy, net zero carbon.
- Ensures that these campaigns meet KPIs and align with other communications channels such as web and social media.

Developing and supporting spokespeople

- Builds the capacity of members of CISL and its leadership groups to engage on thought leadership, including organising and delivering media training for key spokespeople and supporting spokespeople.
Person Profile
This section details the knowledge, skills and experience we require for the role.

Education & qualifications
- Educated to degree level.
- Career qualifications, from the PRCA, NCTJ or the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

Relevant experience
- Proven experience operating as a PR and communications professional, particularly in the areas of corporate and B2B communications. International experience is desirable.
- Knowledge of the business, policy and finance sectors.
- Excellent networking skills with media demonstrated by a strong network of contacts and relationships with media titles and journalists across mainstream news and business media.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills, with proven ability to write and copy-edit different types of content e.g. press or blog articles, website copy etc.

Interpersonal & communication skills
- Excellent communication & interpersonal skills; persuasive and resilient.
- Excellent organisation skills.
- Excellent IT skills.
- Excellent written and spoken English.
• Ability to cope with pressure well and meet tight deadlines.
• Understanding of the importance of social media and to be comfortable editing and posting in social media formats.

Additional requirements
• A demonstrable interest in Sustainability and committed to the values that underpin CISL’s work.
• Willingness to travel and work out of hours if required.

Terms and Conditions

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Screening Check Requirements
We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the right to work in the UK before you can start working for us. If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon you gaining it. If you need further information, you may find the Right to Work page within the ‘Applying for a job’ section of the University’s Job Opportunities pages helpful.

Application Process
To submit an application for this vacancy, please click on the link in the ‘Apply online’ section of the advert published on the University’s Job Opportunities pages. This will route you to the University’s Web Recruitment System, where you will need to register an account, if you have not already, and log in before completing the online application form.
If you have any questions about this vacancy or the application process, please contact the CISL Human Resources team at human.resources@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

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**General Information**

**The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership**

The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) is a globally influential Institute developing leadership and solutions for a sustainable economy.

Through leadership and collaboration between business, government and finance institutions, we believe the economy can be ‘rewired’ to deliver positive outcomes for people and the environment.

We support this by:

- Building the leadership capacity of individuals
- Developing the capability of organisations
- Facilitating collaboration and dialogue across conventional boundaries
- Catalysing innovation and solutions
- Building the evidence base for action

Each year we work with business, government and finance leaders in over 250 organisations and more than 1,200 individuals complete one of our graduate or executive programmes.

We have a leadership network of over 8,000 senior leaders and practitioners from business, government and civil society who have an impact in every sector and on every continent. Their experience and insights shape our work, which is underpinned by multidisciplinary academic research.

Our activities span the breadth of sustainable development, with particular focus on six key areas critical to the transition to a sustainable economy:

1. **Sustainable finance** – How can we create a finance system that rewards long-term thinking?
2. **Economic innovation** – How will industries, jobs and markets evolve, and how should public policy and business ensure economic development is inclusive and sustainable?
3. **Inclusive development** – How can companies become agents of improved health and livelihoods, whilst providing more equitable access to income and opportunity?
4. **Natural capital** – How can companies sustain the natural world and its resources through their strategies and operating practices?
5. **Future cities** – How can cities develop vibrant communities of healthy people, supported by clean, green energy, food, water and transportation systems?
6. **Leadership** - How can individual and organisational leaders shape the economy to deliver positive sustainability outcomes, whilst ensuring successful and resilient organisations?

We operate across UK and Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East – with offices in Cambridge, Brussels and Cape Town, and delivery partners in Beijing and Melbourne.

HRH The Prince of Wales is our Royal Founding Patron and has inspired and supported many of our initiatives.

**The University of Cambridge**

The University is one of the world’s leading academic centres. It comprises 150 faculties and departments, together with a central administration and other institutions. Our institutions, museums and collections are
an excellent resource for researchers, students and members of the public representing one of the country’s highest concentrations of internationally important collections.

The University has an annual income of £1.66 billion. Research income, won competitively from the UK Research Councils, the European Union (EU), major charities and industry, exceeds £400 million per annum and continues to grow. The Colleges and the University remain committed to admitting the best students regardless of their background and to investing considerable resources in both widening access and financial support.

The 31 Colleges are self-governing, separate legal entities that appoint their own staff. Many academic staff are invited to join a College as a Teaching Fellow, which provides a further social and intellectual dimension. The Colleges admit students, provide student accommodation and deliver small group teaching. The University awards degrees and its faculties and departments provide lectures and seminars for students and determine the syllabi for teaching and conducting research.

The University’s estate is undergoing the most significant transformation in its history. Cambridge has been able to create a new science and technology campus to the west of the city centre, and is now expanding further to the north west of Cambridge including investing in affordable homes for University key workers and community facilities. Even with our continued development, the University remains within walking or cycling distance across the campus. The University is a major partner on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and we continue to redevelop our historic city centre sites demonstrating our determination to ensure that we can offer the best facilities and opportunities for our staff and students.

Our instinct for seeking out excellence and setting up enduring and mutually beneficial collaborations has led us to establish strategic partnerships across the globe. Whether it is the successful Cambridge-Africa Programme involving universities in Ghana, Uganda and elsewhere on the African continent; or the close association with the government of India to pursue new research in crop science; or the creation, with Germany’s Max Planck Institutes, of a Cambridge-based centre for the study of ethics, human economy and social change – international partnerships are now an inextricable part of the University’s make-up.

There is much more information about the University at http://www.cam.ac.uk/univ/works/index.html that we hope you will find helpful.

What the University can offer you

We offer a comprehensive reward package to attract, motivate and retain high performing staff at all levels and in all areas of work. The University offers a wide range of competitive benefits, from family leave entitlement, to shopping and travel discount schemes. Our generous annual leave package contributes to the positive wellbeing of our University employees. Sabbatical leave enables academics to focus on research and scholarship, whilst still maintaining their full salary. The University also has a career break scheme for academic and academic-related staff, with additional flexible working policies for all other staff.

CAMbens employee benefits

We offer a CAMbens scheme for University employees, providing access to online and in-store shopping discounts and cashback. With more than 2,000 participating retailers, employees can save money on a wide range of household expenses, from groceries and clothes, to holidays and insurance and much more. A range of local discounts are also available, helping employees to save money whilst also supporting local Cambridge businesses. CAMbens Cars and CAMbens Cycle to Work salary sacrifice schemes are also available, which enable employees to save money on transport costs. A 10% discount rate on the purchase
of train season tickets, bulk buy tickets and an interest free travel to work loan are also available for staff of the University of Cambridge.

Family-friendly policies

The University recognises the importance of supporting its staff. We have a range of family-friendly policies to aid employees’ work-life balance including a generous maternity, adoption and shared parental leave entitlement of 18 weeks full pay and emergency family care support via My Family Care. In addition, our Ofsted rated ‘outstanding’ workplace nurseries, childcare vouchers, a childcare salary sacrifice scheme and a high quality holiday play scheme are available to help support University employees with caring responsibilities. The Newcomers and Visiting Scholars Group is an organisation within the University run by volunteers whose aim is to help newly arrived wives, husbands, partners and families of Visiting Scholars and members of the University to settle in Cambridge and give them an opportunity to meet local people.

Your wellbeing

The University’s Sport Centre, Counselling Services and Occupational Health are just some of the support services available to University employees to promote their physical and mental wellbeing. There are many societies in Cambridge catering for almost every taste and interest. Whether you want to take part in a sport, participate in music or drama, pursue a hobby, or join a political group, you will almost certainly find that a society exists for this purpose.

The University also hosts the Cambridge Science Festival and Cambridge Festival of Ideas, as well as Open Cambridge weekend, which together attract over 50,000 visitors per year. The festivals are a great opportunity to get your first taste of public engagement, through volunteering, supporting hands-on activities or proposing a talk.

Pay and benefits

The University salary structure includes automatic service-related pay progression in many of its grades and an annual cost of living increase. In addition to this, employees are rewarded for outstanding contribution through a number of regular pay progression schemes. The University offers attractive pensions schemes for employees, with an additional benefit of a salary exchange arrangement providing tax and national insurance savings. Payroll giving is also a simple, tax-efficient way for employees to donate to charity.

Relocating to Cambridge

The University Accommodation Service exists to help employees in their search for a rental home in Cambridge. A new University development at North West Cambridge called Eddington offers subsidised rented accommodation to University staff. The development consists of high quality furnished one and two bedroom apartments. For more information about the development and how to apply please visit the website https://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/hr-staff/information-new-starters/accommodation-service

Equality & diversity

The University has a vibrant and varied community. We support and encourage under-represented groups and we value diversity. We welcome applications from individuals with disabilities. Our recruitment and selection procedures follow best practice. We have an Equal Opportunities Policy, along with a range of diversity networks for women, black and minority ethnic and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender staff. More details are available here: http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/

Development opportunities

CISL Further Information, Senior Press Manager
We support new employees to settle in through various activities. The encouragement of career development for all staff is one of the University's values and we put this into practice through various services and initiatives. Our Personal and Professional Development Department provides development opportunities and courses for all University employees. These include face-to-face sessions, online learning modules and webinars. Employees may also apply for financial support to undertake training that will lead to a qualification. We offer reduced staff fees for University of Cambridge graduate courses and the opportunity to attend lectures and seminars held by University departments and institutions. The CareerStart@Cam programme also supports employees in assistant staff roles who do not hold higher education qualifications to develop their skills, experience and qualifications.

**Equality of Opportunity at the University**

We are committed to a proactive approach to equality, which includes supporting and encouraging all under-represented groups, promoting an inclusive culture and valuing diversity. We make selection decisions based on personal merit and an objective assessment against the criteria required for the post. We do not treat job applicants or members of staff less favourably than one another on the grounds of sex (including gender reassignment), marital or parental status, race, ethnic or national origin, colour, disability (including HIV status), sexual orientation, religion, age or socio-economic factors.

We have various diversity networks to help us progress equality; these include the Women’s Staff Network, the Disabled Staff Network, the Black and Minority Ethnic Staff Network and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Staff Network. In addition, we ranked in the top 100 employers for lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) staff in Stonewall’s Workplace Equality Index 2013 and we hold an Athena SWAN silver award at organisation level for promoting women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine.

We are supportive of staff with caring responsibilities, such as through our flexible working, career break and returning carer’s schemes. We encourage individuals to include details of any breaks in employment due to caring responsibilities in applications for employment so that these can be taken into consideration in assessments made, where appropriate.

**Information if you have a Disability**

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities and we are committed to ensuring fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. We will make adjustments to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability wherever it is reasonable to do so, and, if successful, to assist them during their employment. Information for disabled applicants is available at [http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/disabled/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/disabled/).

We encourage you to declare any disability that you may have, and any reasonable adjustments that you may require, in the section provided for this purpose in the application form. This will enable us to accommodate your needs throughout the process as required. However, applicants and employees may declare a disability at any time.

If you prefer to discuss any special arrangements connected with a disability, please contact the CISL Human Resources team, who are responsible for recruitment to this position, on +44 12237 68814 or by email [human.resources@cisl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:human.resources@cisl.cam.ac.uk).