The Chanel Sustainability Leadership Bursary
Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership
Closing date for applications 31 January 2022

Overview
The Chanel bursary aims to offer an opportunity to people who have faced challenges in achieving their full potential through personal, physical or socio-economic circumstances and who would be unable to pursue the Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership without financial support.

Chanel is a private company and a world leader in creating, developing, manufacturing and distributing luxury products. Founded by Gabrielle Chanel at the beginning of the last century, the company believes in cultivating human potential and having a positive impact in the world. Chanel works with a range of social organisations and actively supports different communities, recognising that varied life experiences can bring a breadth of perspectives and feed the spirit of responsible leadership.

This bursary forms part of a multi-year strategic partnership between Chanel and CISL focused on education, leadership, and innovative operational projects.

Eligibility criteria
The Chanel Sustainability Leadership Bursary aims to support candidates who would otherwise not be able to participate in the course, and preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate this.

This bursary is available to candidates who:

- have applied for admission to the Master’s via the standard application process by 31 January 2022 and fulfil any admission conditions set by the University of Cambridge;
- receive an offer of admission to the Master’s following the competitive selection process;
- clearly demonstrate their commitment to sustainability leadership, their ambitions and how they will be able to implement their experiences on this programme in their professional / personal life;
- can demonstrate the challenges they have faced or continue to face in working towards their potential, presenting a clear case for meriting financial support to participate in the programme;

Chanel and CISL are committed to improving access and enhancing diversity and inclusivity. We would particularly welcome candidates who are:

- From ethnic minority groups in their country;
- From disadvantaged backgrounds;
- Citizens of countries in the DAC list of ODA recipients

Bursary value
Funding is available for up to two exceptional candidates each year. The value of the bursary awarded will be 100% of the Combined Graduate Fee which is currently £27,960 for the duration of the Master’s. Candidates
should anticipate the need to cover any remaining costs incurred to fulfil the course requirements (such as subsistence, travel and accommodation) when attending residential workshops.

The amount awarded will be paid directly into the recipient’s fee account (administered by CISL) in equal annual instalments and is not transferable. Recipients must be able to pay any remaining cost incurred to fulfil the course requirements such as the accommodation, food and travel costs associated with attending the residential weeks or required learning materials.

**Expected commitments**

Each bursary recipient will be put in contact with relevant representatives at Chanel for the purposes of their research or assignments if appropriate.

In addition, we hope that recipients of the bursary will be willing to share their experiences with Chanel, possibly by producing:

- A short annual report about their experiences as students on the Master’s course;
- Offering a short testimonial describing their experiences on the course for use (print and online) by CISL and Chanel;
- Sharing, once completed, the course assignments and dissertation with Chanel, unless there are compelling reasons preventing this;
- Delivering a talk at a Chanel event or a webinar within 2 years of completing the course; and/or
- Completing a short ad hoc project of relevance to Chanel.

A bursary recipient may be invited to focus their dissertation or other assignments on an issue related to sustainability at Chanel, if relevant and appropriate for both parties.

**Application and selection process**

To be considered for this bursary, candidates must have applied to the Master’s through the standard admission process administered by the Institute for Continuing Education by 31 January 2022.

Once the standard application has been submitted, candidates may apply for this bursary by emailing a separate bursary application letter to the CISL team (education.bursary@cisl.cam.ac.uk) with ‘Chanel Bursary Application’ in the subject line.

This letter must explain in less than 1,000 words:

- How they are aspiring to be a change agent for sustainability leadership. This should demonstrate commitments, ambitions and actions that they will be able to implement their experience on the course in their professional/personal life;
- Why additional financial support is required and how they meet the eligibility criteria, confirming that other institutional funding has not be secured; and,
- Willingness to support the activities of Chanel and fulfil the expected commitments (see above).

The deadline for submitting the bursary application letter is 31 January 2022.

Please note that you should only email the bursary application letter to CISL Team and not resend any of the documents submitted as part of your application for admission. The letter you provide for the bursary will not be considered as part of the process to determine whether an offer of admission will be made.

Further information and/or supporting evidence may be requested. Only bursary applications from candidates who may potentially receive offers of admission will be processed fully.

The bursary selection process will involve a review of the bursary application letter, the documents submitted via the normal admission process, and the record of the admission interview. Shortlisted bursary
candidates are likely to be invited for an additional interview, by an independent panel (which will include individuals from CISL, Chanel and the wider University) either in person or via Zoom.

Successful recipients will be notified as soon as possible. Confirmation of the award of a bursary is subject to the admission offer being confirmed, with all conditions met, including confirmation of adequate financial support from other sources to cover any remaining costs.

There will be no obligation to award a bursary if no eligible candidate is selected.

Candidates who receive admission offers, but do not receive written confirmation of the award of a bursary, are still eligible to join the course, but would need to provide confirmation of adequate financial support from other sources to cover the full fees and costs (as is the case for all other candidates).

**Termination of an individual bursary**

A bursary may be terminated if an individual is found to be in violation of the Statutes or Regulations of the University, or of the terms of the offer letters issued to the scholar, or is convicted of any offence against the laws of England and Wales, or is unable to continue his/her studies at the University for any reason whatsoever, including having made unsatisfactory progress as determined by the University.