

Lucy Cavendish College and CISL Sustainability Leadership Access Bursary for the Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership 2022-24

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2022

[Lucy Cavendish College](#) (LCC) and the [Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership](#) (CISL) share a key aim to empower individuals and organisations to take leadership to tackle critical global challenges.

Through a combination of interdisciplinary insights, academic analysis, practical business application, peer learning and personal reflection, the Master of Studies (MSt) in Sustainability Leadership offered by CISL aims to develop a community of leaders who have:

- a wide awareness and deep understanding of the social, environmental, ethical and economic challenges and opportunities facing the world;
- the vision and ambition to drive business leadership to achieve real systems change;
- the knowledge, experience and ability to critically evaluate a range of strategic levers for change; and
- the leadership capacity and confidence at a personal and organisational level to best use these levers to effect transformation

By providing a partial bursary to an MSt in Sustainability Leadership student(s), Lucy Cavendish and CISL hope to provide the support required which may otherwise prevent a student from taking such an opportunity to develop real leadership confidence and skills in responding effectively to the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the world and lead others to achieve positive change. In particular, both organisations are committed to improving access and enhancing diversity and inclusivity.

This bursary has been made available through the generosity of LucyGives Giving Week supporters, in addition to alumni and CISL teaching colleagues who wish to support sustainability leaders of the future otherwise unable to fund their studies.

Criteria for Granting the Bursary

We recognise the importance of diversity of perspective and experience within our cohorts, and seek to optimise the diversity of cohorts to the benefit of all of our students. We welcome applicants in particular who have experienced social, economic or educational disadvantage, with an express objective of ensuring that the bursary is used to enable applications from disadvantaged backgrounds to access the opportunity of study with us. We will particularly consider:

- Applicants from a low income background
- UK citizen from ethnic minorities
- Citizens of a country in the [DAC list of ODA recipients](#)
- Participants who are under-represented at Cambridge including but not limited to; refugees or asylum seekers, carers, care-leavers, individuals with a disability

Applications are welcome from any candidate, irrespective of gender, nationality or geographical location. There are no restrictions on citizenship, country of residence or fee status.

In addition we ask all applications to outline:

- Anticipated contribution to CISL/MSt Sustainability Leadership and Lucy Cavendish College communities.
- Their commitment to sustainability leadership, and how they will be able to implement their experiences on the programme in their professional / personal life.

Eligibility to be Confirmed as the Bursary Recipient

In addition to the bursary criteria, to be eligible to be confirmed for the award candidates must:

- have applied for admission to the Master's via the standard application process;
- obtain membership at Lucy Cavendish College¹; and
- have received and fulfilled any admission conditions set by the University for an offer to join the programme in September 2022 and for membership at Lucy Cavendish College before they can be considered for the bursary.

Bursary Value

The value of bursaries awarded may be up to £24,000 and may range in value between 25% and 85% of the Combined Graduate Fee, which is currently £27,960 (£13,980 p/a). The amount awarded will be paid directly into the recipient's fee account (administered by CISL) in one instalment at the start of the course and is not transferable. Recipients must be able to pay any remaining fees, meet the accommodation, food and travel costs associated with attending the residential weeks, and cover any other costs that may be incurred to fulfil the course requirements, e.g. undertaking research.

Expected Commitments

The beneficiary will be required to submit a short report on their course experience outlining the impact of the bursary on their Cambridge experience for use (print and online) by Lucy Cavendish and CISL.

Application and Selection Process

Once the standard course application has been submitted, a separate **bursary application letter and short CV** must be emailed (education.bursaries@cisl.cam.ac.uk) to the CISL Team with 'LCC and CISL Sustainability Leadership Access Bursary' in the subject line. This must be sent by **31 January 2022**. This letter must articulate (in less than 1,000 words):

- How participation in the course will help the candidate respond effectively to the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the world and lead others to achieve positive change.
- How the candidate will be able to play a part in the life of Lucy Cavendish College.
- How financial support will enable access to the course, and any supporting factors demonstrating social, economic or educational disadvantage. We will prioritise candidates who have significant financial hardship, or who are under-represented at the University.

¹ During the application stage one of the main host colleges (Fitzwilliam or Robinson) for the programme will need to be selected; however the successful bursary candidate will be submitted to Lucy Cavendish College to be considered for membership.

Please note that applicants should email the bursary application letter and short CV only to the CISL Team and not resend any of the documents submitted as part of the main application for course admission. The documents provided for the bursary will not be considered as part of the process to determine whether an offer of course admission will be made.

CISL will manage the application and allocation process, selecting the award recipient in consultation with Lucy Cavendish College.

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 standard admission process, and the record of the admission interview. Shortlisted bursary applicants may be invited for an additional interview, in person or by videoconference (e.g. Skype or Zoom). Further information and/or supporting evidence of any supporting factors raised in the application may be requested.

Successful recipients will be notified as soon as possible. Receipt of the bursary is subject to accepting an offer of admission to the MSt Sustainability Leadership for 2022 entry, meeting any admissions conditions set by the University and confirmation of adequate financial support from other sources to cover any remaining portion of the fees and other costs.

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

Candidates who receive course 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, 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.