

Sustainability Leadership for the Built Environment

Access Bursary

Overview

The Sustainability Leadership for the Built Environment programme explores the importance of building knowledge and leadership skills to drive real change through multiple professions and disciplines working together. We strive to enable qualified applicants to study on the Postgraduate Certificate or Master's programme and encourage all applicants with financial needs to consider applying for a bursary.

Typically, bursaries range from 10 to 50 per cent of the combined graduate fee, based on need as detailed in the bursary application.

By providing a partial bursary CISL hope to provide the support required which may otherwise prevent a student from taking such an opportunity to equip them with the strategic decision-making, inventive problem-solving, and leadership and collaboration skills needed to respond to the challenges and opportunities facing the world and lead others to achieve positive change.

Eligibility criteria

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 our students. In particular, we welcome applicants 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](#)
- Candidates who are under-represented at Cambridge including but not limited to; refugees or asylum seekers, carers, care-leavers, individuals with a disability
- Candidates who can demonstrate a case for financial need, including applicants from low-income backgrounds, low-income countries or without access to company or other sources of funding.

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.

This bursary is available to candidates who have applied for admission to the programme via the standard application process by 29 April 2026..

Bursary value

The value of bursaries awarded may range in value between 10% and 50% of the [Combined Graduate Fee](#). The amount awarded will be paid directly into the recipient's fee account (administered by CISL). For the Master's this will be made in two instalments; the first at the start of year one and the second at the start of year two. For the Postgraduate Certificate this will be made in one instalment at the start of the programme. The bursary is not transferable. Recipients must be able to pay any remaining fees, meet any accommodation, food and travel costs associated with attending the residential weeks, and cover any others costs that may be incurred to fulfil the course requirements, e.g. undertaking research.

Application and selection process

To be considered for this bursary, candidates must have applied to the programme through the standard admission process by 29 April 2026. Once the standard application has been submitted, candidates must also complete the [bursary application form](#) where you will be asked to outline:

- Details of your financial barriers to accessing the programme
- Any other funding opportunities you have investigated, including employer support
- Any other supporting factors for consideration
- What you will bring to the course in terms of diversity of perspective
- What impact you anticipate from the programme and how you will implement your experiences on the programme in your professional /personal life

Please note that when completing the form, you should not resend any documentation submitted as part of your application for admission. The documents provided for the bursary will not be considered as part of the process to determine whether an offer of admission will be made. Only bursary applications from candidates who may potentially receive offers of admission will be processed fully. Further information and/or supporting evidence may be requested.

There will be no obligation to award a bursary if no eligible candidates are 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).

Timeline

Although admission decisions are made on a rolling basis, bursary applications will only be reviewed once all offers have been made. We will review bursary application forms in June and may invite candidates to a virtual interview following this review.

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 portion of the fees and other costs.

Expected commitments from recipients

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 CISL.

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.