Royal Warrant Holders Association (RWHA) Scholarship Programme for the Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership 2019-21

Closing date for applications: 31st January 2019

Introduction

Due to the generosity of the Royal Warrant Holders Association (RWHA), a scholarship programme has been established for deserving British and/or Commonwealth nationals to attend the Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership.

Sustainability is a key pillar for every Royal Warrant holding company and the scholarships are intended to support ‘game changing’ leaders of tomorrow who will drive more sustainable corporate behaviour where they work and beyond.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship is available to candidates who:

- are British or Commonwealth nationals;
- do not have corporate financial support;
- have applied for admission to the Master’s via the standard application process by 31st January 2019; and
- receive an offer of admission to the Master’s following the competitive selection process, and fulfil any admission conditions set by the University;

In addition, the following will be prioritised in the competitive selection process for the scholarship:

- Sustainability leadership potential
- Academic ability, which will be assessed based on:
  - Past academic record
  - Quality and relevance of the dissertation proposal submitted

Scholarship Value

The value of scholarships awarded will be between 25% to 100% of the Combined Graduate Fee, which is currently £ 24,690 (£12,345 p/a). Funding is currently available for the equivalent of one fully-funded place, hence 1 to 4 scholarships may be awarded. 100% scholarships are seldom awarded, hence applicants should anticipate the need to cover 25-75% of the Fee from other sources, depending on the strength of the case that is made for support.

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 fees, meet the 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.
Expected Commitments

Scholarship recipients must provide a short annual report of their experiences as students on the Master’s course for submission to the RWHA. It is expected that, once completed, the course assignments and dissertation will be shared with the RWHA, unless there are compelling reasons preventing this.

If requested, the scholarship recipient must also be willing to submit a short testimonial describing their experiences on the course for use (print and online) by RWHA and CISL.

In addition, recipients will be encouraged to contribute to RWHA’s activities in at least one of the following ways:

- Undertaking assignments and/or dissertation research of relevance to one or more RWHA members. (Please note that access to RWHA members is not guaranteed as part of the scholarship award.)
- Delivering a talk at an RWHA event or a webinar for RWHA members within 2 years of completing the course.
- Completing a short ad hoc project of relevance to the RWHA and/or a member(s).

Application and Selection Process

To be considered for the scholarship, candidates must have applied to the Master’s through the standard admissions process administered by the Institute of Continuing Education by 31st January 2019. (Please note that this is earlier than the closing date for applicants who do not wish to be considered for this scholarship.)

Once the standard application has been submitted, to apply for this scholarship a separate scholarship application letter must be emailed (masters@cisl.cam.ac.uk) to the CISL Team with ‘RWHA Scholarship Application’ in the subject line. This letter must explain (in less than 1,000 words):

- How they are aspiring to be future change agents for sustainability. (This may include relevant elements of the Personal Statement submitted with the course application.)
- Why additional financial support is needed and confirming that corporate funding has not been secured.
- Willingness to support the activities of the RWHA (see above).

The deadline for submitting the scholarship application letter is also is 31st January 2019.

Please note that you should only email the scholarship 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 scholarship 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 scholarship applications from candidates who may potentially receive offers of admission will be processed fully. The scholarship selection process will involve a review of the scholarship application letter, the documents submitted via the normal admission process, and the record of the admission
interview. Shortlisted scholarship applicants are likely to be invited for an additional interview, in person or by Skype.

Successful recipients will be notified as soon as possible. Confirmation of the award of a scholarship 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.

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

Candidates who receive admission offers, but do not receive written confirmation of the award of a scholarship, 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 Scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated if an individual Scholar 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.