



Key details

Portfolio:	Sustainability Leadership for the Built Environment	
University of Cambridge qualification:	Master of Studies Degree	Postgraduate Certificate
Course Title:	Sustainability Leadership for the Built Environment	Sustainability Leadership for the Built Environment
Type of programme	Full Master's degree	Postgraduate qualification equivalent to 1/3 of a Master's degree
Duration and format	Part time over 2 years. 6 residential workshops in Cambridge; each workshop is 7 days	Part time over 10 months. 2 residential workshops in Cambridge; each workshop is 7 days
Application dates	Applications for 2027 entry open in September 2026 and close 28 April 2027.	
Start date	19 September 2027	
Workshop dates	Provisional workshop dates for students starting in 2027 are: Workshop 1: 19 - 25 September 2027 Workshop 2: 12 - 18 December 2027 Workshop 3: 26 March - 1 April 2028 Workshop 4: December 2028 dates TBC Workshop 5: March/April 2029 dates TBC Workshop 6: July 2029 dates TBC In addition to the residential workshops, students must attend a virtual dissertation conference in March/April 2028 (as audience members) and present at a virtual dissertation conference in March/April 2029, dates TBC	Provisional workshop dates for students starting in 2027 are: Workshop 1: 19 - 25 September 2027 Plus, either: Workshop 2: 12 - 18 December 2027 or Workshop 3: 26 March - 1 April 2028



Time commitment	1 day per week (8 hours) on directed learning, independent study, reading, accessing one-to-one support, and completing work for assessment. Students admitted to the programme are also expected to be in a position to undertake personal reflection, apply the learning in practice and/or gain relevant practical experience related to the themes of the programme for at least 1 day per week.	
Fees	£30,300 (£15,150 p/a). The fee includes membership of a Cambridge College. It excludes travel, accommodation and meals; however, reasonably priced College accommodation is offered. PG Cert alumni pay a reduced fee of £22,725 (£11,362.50 p/a). Applicants will be expected to cover the application fee (£85 online). Field trips, gala dinners, matriculation and other group photos are optional additional costs.	£9,309, which includes all teaching fees, learning materials and accommodation for the two Cambridge residential workshops. The fee does not include travel costs or meals. Field trips, gala dinners, matriculation and other group photos are optional additional costs. A discount of £2,350 is applied to this fee for candidates who have successfully completed a CISL 8-week online programme .
Bursaries and scholarships	Two scholarship opportunities are available; the Changemaker Scholarship for candidates who demonstrate personal, academic and/or professional achievements in the built environment and an ambition to catalyse positive change in the industry and the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors Scholarship for candidates committed to sustainability in the built environment. A limited number of Access bursaries for a 10-50% of the course fees are offered on a competitive need basis.	A limited number of Access bursaries for a 10-50% of the course fees are offered on a competitive need basis.
Accreditation*	180 CATS points at level M	60 CATS points at level M

*CATS points refers to the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme. It may be possible to transfer the CATS points to Level M programmes of other higher education institutions. As institutions vary on their policies of accepting transferred credits you should contact your preferred institution for further advice.



Additional information

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Who would benefit?	Mid-career professionals involved in the financing, commissioning, design, assessment, construction and management of projects in the built environment who want to develop their capacity to deliver sustainable project outcomes and mobilise complex and diverse interdisciplinary teams, drawing on the research excellence of the University of Cambridge.	Mid-career professionals involved in all aspects of the built environment who wish to gain a broad and action-oriented introduction to sustainability in the built environment as well as develop an understanding of effective interdisciplinary teamworking.
Assessed work	First year: Two industry-relevant individual assignments and a Group Project (typically 5–8 students), supported by a specialist course Supervisor. Second year: 15,000-word research dissertation, under the direction of an academic Supervisor.	Two industry-relevant individual assignments and a Group Project (typically 5–8 students), supported by a specialist course Supervisor.
College membership and award of degree	Students become full members of a Cambridge College and can attend a University graduation ceremony at the Senate House.	Students are not members of a Cambridge College. Residential workshops are held in a range of Cambridge Colleges and Institutions, and an Award Ceremony at a Cambridge College is offered to candidates who wish to receive their certificate in person.
Progression options and eligibility	The MSt is the highest award currently available via CISL. Progression to a PhD would be via another Department or University.	Alumni of the PG Cert SLBE (or IDBE) can apply for the MSt. If accepted, they pay a reduced fee and are exempt from the first-year assignments and the two workshops they already attended.
Testimonials	Read testimonials from previous students	