



Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Value Chains

This part-time course will equip you with the knowledge and skills required to establish resilient and sustainable value chains that are fit for the future.



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PCSVC is a ten-month course which equips senior and mid-career professionals with the relevant skillsets to integrate sustainability into strategic business action in a value-chain context. The programme attracts strong, international cohorts of participants from a wide range of business functions associated with value chains, whilst also being relevant to those from not-for-profits and the public sector.

Benefits of attending

Through a combination of interdisciplinary insights, academic analysis, practical business application, peer learning and personal reflection, PCSVC aims to develop a community of leaders who have:

- a robust knowledge of global social, environmental and economic trends, and the ability to develop the strategic business case for sustainable value creation
- exposure to a range of approaches, tools and techniques for transformation
- the critical skills and confidence to embed sustainability thinking across whole value chains to achieve practical outcomes

“There are many sustainability courses, but PCSVC is unique. The Cambridge setting, the faculty's knowledge, the people you meet, the social and personal experience. This programme will remain a highlight in my educational career.”

Sascha Reimann, Head of Logistics Contract Management, Airbus

How the course is delivered

PCSVC draws on expertise from the University, as well as from external thought leaders and industry experts. Our team of Tutors are integral to the learning process, providing subject knowledge, guidance and support. The course is taught at two short (four day) residential workshops. The learning approach is highly interactive and designed to encourage reflection and debate.

Assignments

Students complete two business relevant individual assignments and a group project.



Groups

We encourage teams from across a company's value chain to attend the course together. Previous groups have returned to the workplace empowered to implement their assignments. Group discounts are available.

Who teaches on the course?

Previous speakers have included:

- Alastair Child, Vice President, Global Sustainability, Mars Wrigley Confectionery
- Prof Steve Evans, Director of Research, Institute for Manufacturing, University of Cambridge
- Peter Lunt, Industrial Performance Leader, Airbus
- Carmel McQuaid, Head of Sustainable Business, Marks and Spencer
- Erinch Sahan, Policy Advisor, Private Sector, Oxfam
- John Koo, Innovation Partner, Interface Inc.

Key dates

Workshop 1: 15-18 July 2019

Workshop 2: 18-21 November 2019

Applications open: 4 September 2018

Applications close: 29 March 2019

Further Information, application and fees

The fee for 2019 entry is £7,694 which includes accommodation, subsistence and course materials.

Bursaries are available. See our website for details.

Places are awarded throughout the admissions process. We advise early application.

For more information, entry requirements and to access the application form visit www.cisl.cam.ac.uk/pcsvc