

Sustainability Leadership Access Bursary

Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership 2021-23

Closing date for applications: 1 February 2021

The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) is offering bursaries for the 2021 entry to the [Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership](#).

This fund has been made available through the generosity of alumni and teaching colleagues who wish to support sustainability leaders of the future otherwise unable to fund their studies. CISL recognises the positive value of diversity and inclusivity and is committed to promoting equality of access, hence we particularly encourage applicants from ethnic minorities and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Eligibility Criteria

The **Sustainability Leadership Access Bursary** meet all academic entry requirements for the course;

- can clearly demonstrate their commitment to sustainability leadership, their ambitions and how they will be able to implement their experiences on this programme in their professional / personal life;
- can present a clear case for requiring financial support on the programme;
- have applied for admission to the Master's via the [standard application process](#) by **1 February 2021**;
- 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, CISL is committed to improving access and enhancing diversity and inclusivity in our postgraduate cohorts, hence we particularly welcome candidates who are:

- UK citizens from ethnic minorities
- UK citizens from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Citizens of countries in the [DAC list of ODA recipients](#)

The bursary aims to support candidates who would otherwise not be able to participate in the course, and preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate this.

Bursary Value

The value of bursary awarded will be between 10% and 50% of the Combined Graduate Fee, which is currently £27,222 (£13,611 p/a). Funding is currently available for the equivalent of one fully-funded place, hence 1 to 4 bursaries may be awarded.

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

Bursary recipients must be willing to submit a short testimonial describing their experiences on the course for use (print and online) by CISL.

Application and Selection Process

To be considered for the bursary, candidates must have applied to the Master's through the [standard admissions process administered by the Institute of Continuing Education](#) by **1st February 2021**. (Please note that this is earlier than the closing date for applicants who do not wish to be considered for this bursary.)

Once the standard application has been submitted, a separate **bursary application letter** must be emailed (masters@cisl.cam.ac.uk) to the CISL Team with 'Sustainability Leadership Access Bursary Application' in the subject line. This letter must articulate (in less than 1,000 words) the applicant's case for support, highlighting their commitment and ambition, and explaining their financial need.

The deadline for submitting the bursary application letter is 1st February 2021.

Please note that applicants should email the bursary application letter only to CISL Team and not resend any of the documents submitted as part of the main application for admission. The letter 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. The bursary selection process will involve a review of the bursary application letter, the documents submitted via the normal admission process, and the record of the admission interview. Shortlisted bursary applicants are likely to be invited for an additional interview, in person or by videoconference (e.g. Skype or Zoom). Further information and/or supporting evidence may be requested.

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.

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

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.

