Achieving sustainability is the pre-eminent challenge of our time and outstanding leadership will be crucial if we are going to meet this challenge successfully. The Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership draws on the intellectual breadth of the University and on leading thinkers and practitioners from around the world to help leaders in business, government and civil society understand and address pressing issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, resource depletion and poverty – and then to respond in ways that help themselves and others.

**Senior Research Associate, Global Sustainability (7 Fixed-Term Posts)**

**Salary: £40,792 to £51,630**

**Vacancy reference number EN18648**

The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) is seeking to appoint a cadre of Senior Research Associates under [The Prince of Wales Global Sustainability Fellowship Programme](https://www.cisl.cam.ac.uk/research/prince-wales-global-sustainability-fellowship-programme). This exciting new Programme aims to unlock the potential of the University to partner with business, government and finance institutions on real-world challenges and opportunities that must be addressed in order to build a sustainable economy. The ambition is to foster new cross-disciplinary thinking on sustainability leading to practical insights, tools and recommendations for decision-makers to carry into their organisations alongside important advances in fundamental knowledge.

Funding for the Fellowships has been secured through philanthropic donations from companies, foundations and individuals. Each Fellow will be tasked with developing and leading a research project of relevance to one of the defined topics below. Applications are welcome from highly regarded researchers from any relevant discipline with a strong academic record and interest in conducting research in business, policy or civil-society contexts.

These posts are full-time or part-time (minimum 80% FTE), and CISL is open to secondments or similar arrangements which accommodate existing commitments. From 2020 the Programme will be based at CISL’s new premises in the centre of Cambridge, which will serve as a vibrant, collaborative atmosphere for transdisciplinary research, education, industry and policy engagement.

The first round of Fellowships is now open spanning the following topics:

Industrial Transformation:

* Radical innovation and disruption (Paul & Michelle Gilding);
* Transforming the pulp and paper industry (Sappi);
* Pathways to a circular economy (Unilever).

Social Inclusion:

* Resilient communications (Asda);
* Luxury and inclusion (Chanel);
* Infrastructure in local communities (Equal Opportunities Foundation).

Health:

Air quality and NCDs (AstraZeneca).

A second round of recruitment is planned for September 2019 and includes themes such as micro-nutritional deficiencies (Royal DSM), connected communities (Sainsbury’s), climate risk and disclosure (Heathrow), purpose and leadership (Anglian Water).

Please provide a full CV, cover letter, and research proposal containing a 1 – 2,000-description with a 100-word summary intended for a general audience. If you wish to be considered for this opportunity on the basis of a secondment, please provide evidence of home institutional support.

Applicants must be committed to the values that underpin CISL’s work and, our Fellows will be expected to have the following attributes:

* PhD or equivalent in a relevant area with substantial postdoctoral experience;
* Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge to design and execute research of a high standard;
* The skills and experience to work independently and manage own workload with limited oversight, while also seeking to foster fruitful collaborations;
* The ability to continually update knowledge in the specialist area and engage in continuous professional development;
* Sufficient project management skills and experience to oversee a substantial research project, including financial management, establishing and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, reporting and overseeing more junior staff, as required;
* The creativity and initiative to develop a new project and the intellectual energy and independent thinking necessary to deliver the research;
* Clear enthusiasm for engaging flexibly and responsively to opportunities for impact.

To apply online for this vacancy and to view further information about the role and application processes, please visit:

<http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/20980/>

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact CISL’s Research Team, research@cisl.cam.ac.uk.

Please quote reference EN18648 on your application and in any correspondence about this vacancy.

Closing date: Monday 27th May 2019

The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society.

The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.