

# Grants and opportunities

## Cambridge Masters in Conservation Leadership: applications and scholarship support for October 2019

The MPhil degree in Conservation Leadership at the University of Cambridge is a full-time, 11 month course aimed at graduates of leadership potential with at least 3–5 years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation. Based in the University's Department of Geography, a unique feature of this course is its delivery by members of the Cambridge Conservation Initiative, a partnership between six university departments and nine conservation organizations or networks based in and around Cambridge. The Masters in Conservation Leadership has a dedicated teaching room within the David Attenborough Building, offering students access to leading conservation practitioners and researchers.



MPhil Conservation Leadership students with Sir David Attenborough in May 2016.

The Masters in Conservation Leadership focuses on issues of management and leadership. It aims to develop conservationists with enhanced awareness of the complex drivers of biodiversity loss, and the ability to act and lead effectively. The course aims to deliver a world-class and interdisciplinary education in Conservation Leadership that is not available elsewhere.

Applications open in September 2018 for entry to the course in October 2019. For further details on how to apply, visit <http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate/mphil/conservation/>.

The closing date for applications will be in the first week of December 2018. Please check the website for updates. There is no longer any application fee for students from the least developed and other low income countries. For further information on eligibility for fee waiver visit <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply/application-fee>.

The programme offers Miriam Rothschild Scholarships in Conservation Leadership, and a number of other scholarships, to support students. Successful applicants for scholarships will

have outstanding conservation leadership potential but be unable to fund their studies from other sources. Particular priority for scholarships will be given to those from countries rich in biodiversity but poor in financial resources. Various other awards are available through sources such as the Cambridge Trusts.

If you have any queries about making an application, contact the Programme Administrator, Lisa Harris ([admin.conservationleadership@geog.cam.ac.uk](mailto:admin.conservationleadership@geog.cam.ac.uk)).

## Call for applications for the Whitley Awards 2019

The Whitley Fund for Nature is a UK registered charity offering Whitley Awards to outstanding nature conservation leaders around the developing world. Whitley Awards are both an international profile prize and project grant (currently GBP 40,000 over 1 year).

The Whitley Fund for Nature aims to identify, recognize and fund the world's most dynamic, inspirational and effective conservation leaders and their teams working in middle- and low-income countries; to focus on local leaders who are nationals of the countries or regions where they are working; to support work that is founded on scientific research, practical action and community involvement, with a proven track record of success; to place a high value on projects that have achieved groundswell grassroots support; to fund pragmatic projects that aim to have a measurable, long-lasting impact on the ground; and to boost the national and international profile of winners and help them network effectively, educate others, and raise public awareness of the problems facing biodiversity and ecosystems worldwide.

Whitley Awards are the result of a competitive process. The annual Whitley Awards Ceremony is held at the Royal Geographical Society in London each spring, where the awards are presented by our patron HRH The Princess Royal. Winners of the Whitley Awards join WFN's growing network of over 190 conservation leaders in more than 80 countries. We stay in close contact with winners and the most successful can apply for further funding through our Continuation Funding programme, with grants up to GBP 70,000 over 2 years.

The deadline for applications for the 2019 Whitley Awards is 31 October 2018. Potential applicants can read more about the eligibility requirements at <http://www.whitleyaward.org>. The application form and detailed guidance notes will be available on the website from August.

Please note that WFN does not fund undergraduate projects, expeditions, Master's research, pure-research or PhD work. If you have any questions regarding the Whitley Awards, please e-mail Alison Rosser, Grants Manager, Whitley Fund for Nature ([alison@whitleyaward.org](mailto:alison@whitleyaward.org)).