**International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU):**

**IARU Sustainability Fellowship Application**

What is the IARU Sustainability Fellowship Programme?

IARU is the International Alliance of Research Universities and consists of ten of the world's leading research-intensive universities who share similar visions for higher education and sustainability. Every summer, member institutions exchange students in the IARU Sustainability Fellowship Programme to work in each other’s respective sustainability or related offices. IARU Sustainability Fellowships provide selected students with the opportunity to work on targeted campus sustainability projects at IARU member institutions.

The University of Cambridge will be participating in the IARU Sustainability Fellowship Programme during summer 2016 and will be sending a student to the University of Tokyo. The Environment and Energy Section at the University of Cambridge is looking for one committed and enthusiastic student who is eager to gain experience in sustainability and come back to the University of Cambridge to report on their learning.

Outline of Fellowships

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| **Timing** | This student exchange will take place for a 7-week period between mid-June and early August. Students must be able to commit to the specified times of the home institutions.  |
| **Commitment** | * You will need to be prepared to commit the time for the placement and travel, and to work a standard 35+ hour work week.
* Successful applicants will be required to submit a written report detailing their project to their home and the host institution. These will be forwarded to the IARU Secretariat and may be published on the IARU webpage as a research source ([www.iaruni.org/sustainability/fellowships/reports](http://www.iaruni.org/sustainability/fellowships/reports)).
* You will be required to give two presentations on the project, findings and experience upon your return during Michaelmas term. One presentation will be to the Environment and Energy Section, and you will organise the other, to a relevant audience within the University of Cambridge context e.g. within your college or department, or through a society.
* During the time abroad students must be willing to write blog posts or keep a video diary highlighting their experiences.
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| **Provisions** | * Travel to and from the home institution to the host institution at the start and end of the Fellowship (one return flight per student) are arranged and costs are covered by the home institution.
* Accommodation is provided by the host university for the duration of the placement.
* Local travel is provided by the host university for the duration of the placement.
* Living expenses are reimbursed afterwards by the home institution, upon presentation of receipts.
* Supervision and oversight will be provided to Fellows throughout their stay and they will have access to all resources required to complete their projects.
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| **Person specification**  | * A current student at the University of Cambridge. As there is a requirement for the Fellow to present their projects on their return, preference will be given to students who are not in their final year.
* An interest in environmental and sustainability issues.
* Strong communication, project management and time management skills.
* A willingness to commit to a 7-week placement between mid-June and early August plus travel time.
* A willingness to present about the experiences of the internship upon return during Michaelmas Term 2016.
* Selected students will be matched with projects based upon skills, interests and background.
* Conversational Japanese language would be helpful but not essential.
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| **Details of internship** | The Fellowship at the University of Tokyo will take place for 7 weeks from mid-June (specific date to be determined). The successful applicant will be assigned to projects undertaken by the University of Tokyo Sustainable Campus Office (TSCP). The staff at TSCP will do their best to identify projects of his/her research interest and organize the training programme accordingly which may include the above mentioned course if interested. There is an additional opportunity, should the successful applicant want to take it: during the period of the internship, there is a Sustainable Urban Management course for Global Society Programme students, hosted by Professor Hideki Koizumi. It will be from 28 June to 6 July this year, and the selected student is welcome to join the course. In previous years students have found this course very informative and enjoyable as they were able to meet many international students who are engaged in similar fields of research. |
| **Contact information** | For any queries, please contact the Living Laboratory Coordinator at living.laboratory@admin.cam.ac.uk. Please send the application form (see below), along with your CV and a cover letter to living.laboratory@admin.cam.ac.uk.  |

*Application form below.*

**IARU Fellowship Application Form**

To apply for an IARU Sustainability Fellowship, please return the following information to Emily Dunning at living.laboratory@admin.cam.ac.uk by midnight on Sunday 21st February.

Your application should consist of:

* This application form
* Your CV/resume
* 1-2 page cover letter explaining:
	+ Why you are interested in the Fellowship;
	+ How your course and/or extracurricular activities are relevant to this application;
	+ What you would be able to take away from this opportunity;
	+ If there is a specific project you are interested in working on or if there is a University you are interested in working for please include details as to why; and
	+ What you could offer to your host university.

***Application Form***

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| **Name** | *Please provide your full name and title* |
| **Contact details**  | *Email and contact telephone number* |
| **Academic discipline and year of study** | *e.g. BA Chemical Engineering (2nd year)* |
| **Language skills and level** | *e.g. German (intermediate)* |
| **Passport(s) held**  | *e.g. British* |
| **Institution and project of interest** |  |