



Emerging International Leaders programme on FoRB, 2019-20

Frequently Asked Questions

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Application Process

What is the application process?

1. Download an application form from the 'Downloads' box on our website – cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/FoRB – and complete
2. Email your application form **only** to emergingleaders@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk, with your **full name** and **Chevening/CSC ID** in the subject line, by **Friday 18 October 2019**

Do I need to submit a CV or supporting reference, or provide references?

We are unable to accept any additional supporting documents such as a reference letter or CV – these will **not** be considered as part of the application process.

Shortlisted candidates may be asked to confirm that their university is happy for them to participate.

Can I exceed the word count on the application form if I can't fit in what I would like to say?

Please keep your answers within the word limit. Any part of your answer that falls outside the word limit will **not** be considered.

What are you looking for in a good application?

We're particularly looking for students who are open-minded, who show a willingness to be exposed to different views, who have the skills to engage in difficult, potentially sensitive conversations, and who will be committed to the programme. Skills in working as part of a group are also a key part of the programme as we are looking to build a global alumni network of people who will act as advocates for freedom of religion or belief. We are as interested in your activities outside of your studies (such as voluntary work) as we are in your academic work.

Can I submit my application after the deadline?

If we receive your application after the deadline (**Friday 7th December 2018**), it will **not** be considered.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application on or by **Friday 25th January 2019**.

I'm really interested in this topic but I've never studied it before, does that matter?

No, we welcome applications from any discipline. What we're most interested in is that you can demonstrate an interest in FoRB and the skills needed to participate in the programme.

Eligibility

I'm not a Commonwealth or Chevening Scholar, can I still apply?

No, the programme is only open to students currently studying in the UK on either the [Chevening](#) or [Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme](#).

I can't attend one or more of the three retreats, can I still apply?

If you know that you will be unable to attend one or more of the retreats, you are still welcome to apply, however priority will be given to students who are able to attend all three retreats.

Can I apply at any study level?

We accept applications from any postgraduate student, including Masters and PhD students.

The Retreats

Where do the retreats take place, and where will I stay?

All three retreats take place at [Cumberland Lodge](#), which is in Windsor (Berkshire), South West of London. You will also stay at Cumberland Lodge for the duration of the retreat.



When are the retreats, and what time will they start and finish?

The three retreats will take place on the following dates:

- **Friday 13 – Sunday 15 December 2019**
- **Friday 24 – Sunday 26 January 2020**
- **Friday 3 – Sunday 5 April 2020**

These retreats will run from about 4.00pm Friday – 4.00pm Sunday, with a full schedule sent to you in advance of each retreat.

I have classes on Fridays that will make me late for the retreat(s), can I still apply/attend?

Yes. Attendance at the programme should not interfere with your university studies, so please feel free to apply. We do, however, ask you to let us know if you will be late for a retreat.

Travel & Accommodation

Do I have to pay for my accommodation, food or travel?

Accommodation (in shared, single-sex occupancy rooms) and all food are provided by Cumberland Lodge for all delegates. Travel expenses will be paid as follows:

CSC Delegates – in the first instance we ask that Commonwealth scholars use their scholars' travel grant (provided by CSC) to cover the cost of their travel. If this is not an option, please contact us.

Chevening Delegates – Cumberland Lodge will cover all reasonable, economy rate travel expenses in line with our travel policy, as long as **all** relevant tickets and/or receipts are provided.

How do I get there?

If your application is successful, we will send you detailed travel information to allow you to plan your journey. If it would be helpful to know before applying, please visit the [How to Find Us](#) page on our website.

Can I bring my partner/friend/child to any of the retreats?

As space at the Lodge is limited we are not normally able to accommodate additional guests.