



Dear Sir/Madam,

The Trustees of the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide are considering applications for the Cultural Encounter Scheme. The person who has forwarded this letter to you is one of these applicants and has given your name to the Trustees as a referee.

I would be most grateful if you could comment on the applicant's suitability for a placement, considering both the conditions of the scheme (enclosed) and personal character. E.g. do you believe this particular applicant would genuinely benefit from their proposed overseas visit? Do you have any reservations? Please also state the relationship you hold with the applicant and how long you have known them.

Please send your reference to the above address or email it to [encounter@cccw.cam.ac.uk](mailto:encounter@cccw.cam.ac.uk) no later than the **deadline** for the **Spring applications**, which is **Thursday 23 April 2020**.

Please do also email or phone if you have any queries about the scheme.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration. Your response will, of course, be treated in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Intercultural Encounter Coordinator  
Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide

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## Encounter Scheme

Our Intercultural Encounter programme offers bursaries that enable recipients to spend a sustained period of time in a Christian community in a culture other than their own. We encourage people to cross boundaries and barriers of all kinds, whether that be linguistic, socio-economic, geographic, or all of the above. In so doing, we learn more about God in Christ and more about one another.

CCCW makes a number of bursaries available of up to £1000 each calendar year to part-fund suitable individuals undertaking a placement allowing them to learn about and participate in the life and work of the worldwide church. Placements may be undertaken within the UK or abroad, but must involve the candidate engaging in immersion within a culture different to their own.

Please visit the CCCW website for full details.

### Conditions:

1. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-40 or a mature student.
2. A personal link to Cambridge must be demonstrated.
3. Applications are welcomed from those seeking to inform their present and future career and to develop personally and spiritually through experience of the intercultural nature of Christianity worldwide.
4. The length of the placement should be no shorter than four weeks.
5. A link with a local church or intercultural mission agency is expected, as well as appropriate supervision during the placement.
6. In all cases the candidates must be prepared to undergo induction and de-briefing arrangements (details of dates included in the application forms).
7. Only one Encounter Scheme bursary is available per applicant.
8. At the end of the placement, a report must be submitted to the Trustees.

Candidates will be expected to observe and participate in the life of the culture within which they are placed. Critical reflection on the nature of relationships and mission within the worldwide church is encouraged. This will be aided by ongoing supervision taking place throughout the placement, as well as induction and debriefing. Supervision during the placement may be face-to-face or long-distance.

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