

POLICY DOCUMENT FOR DISCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE IFIC ONLINE CERTIFICATE

TYPES OF DISCOUNTS OFFERED IN IFIC

We want to make our offer as accessible as possible, so we offer a number of funding opportunities to help people participating in our courses and events.

- Bursary: free places for people with lived experiences, care partners or volunteer sector that cannot finance the course.
- Reduction: 40% of the fee reduction for people from low- and middle-income countries that cannot finance the course (check [list](#) of countries).
- Scholarship: given the profile of the course, we do not offer scholarship or discounts to PhD students.

A maximum of 10% of participants will be offered a financial support in each course, split between bursary places and discounts.

The maximum value of the individual financial support for the Online Certificate is £550 (100%). IFIC may not grant all the money.

Please see the requirements and the selection criteria below.

SELECTION CRITERIA

BURSARY PLACES

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old
- The course language is English, and a high proficiency (European level C1) is necessary

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Profile:** Priority is given to candidates with a relevant role in health, care and wellbeing (people with lived experiences, carers and family members, voluntary sector). If you do not fit in this category but you cannot afford the fee, you can make an enquiry in the ICA email (academy@integratedcarefoundation.org).
- **Financial situation:** Priority is given to those in most financial need.
- **Social background:** We want to encourage people from all backgrounds to pursue further engagement with the principles of integrated care, regardless of their personal circumstances. Priority is given to candidates whose background or context make access to our academy offer more difficult.
- **Motivation and individual potential:**
 - o The motivation and purpose of the candidate will be assessed and therefore, applicants are required to write a motivation letter.
 - o Previous interest in the work IFIC does and being part of its network for longer than 12 months will be considered a prove of interest (ERPIC, Hubs, SIGs).
 - o The leadership potential, interpersonal and communication skills, strategic thinking, and teamwork to practice and disseminate the learning of the course will also be prioritised.
- **Other:**
 - o A maximum of one place will be given to participants of the same organisation or team per course.
 - o Candidates who have never been granted a bursary place in any of the IFIC activities will have priority.
- In the case of equivalent motivation and profile, the first come first served criteria will be adopted to select candidates.

LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY DISCOUNT

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old
- The course language is English, and a high proficiency (European level C1) is necessary

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Priority will be given to candidates with a relevant role in health, care and wellbeing (people with lived experiences, carers and family members, voluntary sector or health and care practitioners, policymakers, etc).
- **Motivation and individual potential:**
 - o The motivation and purpose of the candidate will be assessed and therefore, applicants are required to write a motivation letter.
 - o Previous interest in the work IFIC does and being part of its network for longer than 12 months will be considered a prove of interest (ERPIC, Hubs, SIGs).
 - o The leadership potential, interpersonal and communication skills, strategic thinking, and teamwork to practice and disseminate the learning of the course will also be considered.
- **Other:**
 - o A maximum of one place will be given to participants of the same country per course.
 - o Candidates who have never been granted a bursary place in any of the IFIC activities will have priority.
- In the case of equivalent motivation and profile, the first come first served criteria will be adopted to select candidates.

SELECTION PROCESS

All the bursary place or discount requests must be submitted to the Integrated Care Academy email (academy@integratedcarefoundation.org) before the start of the course. All requests and the motivation letter must be submitted at least 3 weeks before the start of the course (check the dates on our [website](#)).

Please send a motivation letter with the request email. You can use the following prompts to write your letter:

- Can you tell us a little bit about you and your context?
- What is your experience or role in health and care?
- Can you please confirm that you cannot afford the fee of the course?
- Why are you interested in this course?
- What do you expect to get from the course?
- How do you think participating in this course will benefit your role in health and care?
- How do you think you will use the learning of the course?
- Are you familiar with IFIC's work and do you participate in our other initiatives or networks?

The selected candidates will be offered a place and informed by email before the start of the course.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Selected candidates are required to commit to all the core learning activities of the programme. In the case they cannot attend to any of the live sessions they will need to inform the course organisers.
- Selected candidates will be approached at the end of the course to give some input about their learning: write a blog, record a short interview or statement.
- The bursary does not cover the cost of the technical support or attending to the course.
- Any application received after the closing date will not be considered.