IFIC ONLINE CERTIFICATE IN INTEGRATED CARE

Financial Support and Discount Policy

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Introduction

IFIC is committed to improving equitable access to learning opportunities and supporting participation from diverse professional and geographic contexts. As a non-profit organisation with limited financial support resources, IFIC applies its funding and discount policies consistently to ensure fairness, transparency, and sustainability.

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 support participation in our courses and events.

- **Fully funded bursary places** for people with lived experience, carers, care partners, or individuals working in the voluntary and community sector who would otherwise be unable to finance participation.
- **Discount:** 40% discount fee for participants currently studying, living and working in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) who would otherwise be unable to finance participation.

    - Eligibility for the LMIC discount is based on the participant's current professional, financial, and geographic circumstances, rather than nationality or country of origin.

    - The LMIC discount is intended for participants studying, living and working in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and may not apply where the participant, employer, or sponsoring organization is based in a high-income country.

    - Applicants may be asked to provide supporting documentation to confirm eligibility for financial support or LMIC discounts. IFIC recognizes that individual situations may vary and reserves the right to consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

    - Eligibility for LMIC discounts will be determined using the current World Bank country income classification at the time of application.

- Given the professional practice focus of the course, IFIC does not currently offer scholarships or discounts specifically for PhD students.

Financial Support Allocation

A maximum of 10% of participants may receive financial support in each course, split between bursary places and discounts.

IFIC reserves the right to award partial rather than full financial support, depending on available resources and applicant demand.

Selection Process

All bursary and discount applications must be submitted to the Integrated Care Academy at academy@integratedcarefoundation.org.

Applicants should submit a short motivation statement (approximately 250–500 words) explaining their interest in the course and addressing some or all of the selection criteria outlined below. Applicants are encouraged to provide relevant information about their background, financial circumstances, professional or personal interest in integrated care, and how they intend to apply and share the learning gained from the course.

Applications will be reviewed by the Integrated Care Academy and assessed against the published selection criteria. Where demand exceeds the number of bursaries or discounted places available, applications will be prioritised according to the criteria below. The Academy reserves the right to request additional information to support an application where required.

Selection Criteria

Applications for financial support will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Profile:** Priority will be given to applicants with a relevant role or interest in health, care, wellbeing, or integrated care, including people with lived experience, carers, family members, and individuals working in the voluntary and community sector. Applicants who do not fall within these categories but who would otherwise be unable to afford the course are encouraged to contact the Integrated Care Academy.

- **Financial Need:** Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

- **Background and Access to Opportunities:** IFIC is committed to widening participation and encouraging people from diverse personal, social, geographic, and professional backgrounds to engage with integrated care. Priority will be given to applicants whose circumstances may otherwise limit access to professional development opportunities.

- **Motivation and Potential:** Applicants should demonstrate a clear interest in integrated care and explain how participation in the course will support their personal or professional development. Evidence of sustained engagement with IFIC's activities and networks (e.g. ERPIC, Hubs, Special Interest Groups) may be considered. Leadership potential, communication and interpersonal skills, strategic thinking, and the ability to apply and

share learning within their community, organisation, or network will also be taken into account.

- **Learning Impact and Knowledge Sharing:** Priority will be given to applicants who can demonstrate how they intend to apply and share the knowledge, skills, and insights gained from the course within their organisation, community, or professional network.

- **Previous Support:** Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received financial support from IFIC for courses or other learning activities.

- **Organisation Representation:** To maximise the reach of available support, a maximum of one financially supported place per organisation or team will normally be awarded for each course.

- **Application Timing:** Where applications are assessed as equally strong against the criteria above, the date and time of application submission may be considered as a secondary factor.

Conditions and Limitations

Financial support covers course registration fees only and does not include additional costs such as equipment, internet access, technical support, travel, or accommodation.

This policy is reviewed periodically and may be amended or updated by IFIC at its discretion to reflect organisational priorities, available resources, and operational requirements.

About the International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC)

The International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to improving the lives of people and communities by advancing the science, knowledge, and adoption of integrated care around the world.

Our vision is that individuals, families, and communities benefit from person-centred, coordinated care and support that enables them to live healthy and fulfilling lives. We work to overcome the fragmentation in health and care systems by promoting models of care that are holistic, co-produced, continuous, coordinated, equitable, and sustainable.

As the leading international voice for integrated care, IFIC brings together researchers, health and care professionals, policymakers and people, families and communities. We provide a unique platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation to drive system change.

IFIC delivers impact through:

- **The International Journal of Integrated Care (IJIC)** – our open-access, peer reviewed publication sharing global evidence and best practice
- **International conferences and regional networks** – connecting people and ideas across sectors and borders
- **The Integrated Care Academy** – offering education and training to develop the workforce needed for transformation
- **Applied research and implementation support** – bridging policy and practice to build more effective and sustainable care systems
- **Knowledge platforms and solutions** – enabling shared learning and practical action across our global community

IFIC is recognised for its excellence, transparency, collaborative partnerships, and commitment to open access and continuous quality improvement.

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