

NGS Bursaries

The aim of the NGS bursaries is to improve the quality of care given to the patients in need of hospice and palliative care, and to their families and carers. Bursaries are focused on courses and conferences that will have a **direct benefit to patient care**.

Who is eligible for an NGS bursary?

Any hospice staff member, other than doctors, can apply for funding. Doctors are eligible to apply via the separate [Wolfson Bursary programme](#).

Applications must be from individuals working in full member hospices.

To apply for a bursary, you must have written evidence that you have a place from the course/conference provider and the support of your organisation.

How much funding is available?

Individuals can apply for a maximum of 50% of course fees, up to £1,500 in any one year. Conference bursaries will have an agreed level of funding, typically 50% of the conference fee or £75 per day, whichever is the lower.

What does the bursary cover?

The bursary must be used towards the costs of the course fees charged by the course/conference provider.

What is not eligible?

Please read the appendix below, which explains what is not eligible.

What is the assessment process?

Bursaries will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the limited amount of funding available, bursary requests may exceed the budget. Therefore we cannot guarantee that your application will be successful.

What do we expect of you?

We are keen that the learning from this programme is shared with the wider hospice and palliative care sector. You are expected to contribute in a range of ways, for example:

- Presenting at a Hospice UK workshop or learning event
- Writing articles/case studies on key insights or reflections of your learning for Hospice UK and NGS – including sharing papers on Hospice IQ

What are the payment conditions?

All bursaries will be paid by Hospice UK direct to your employing hospice, retrospectively.

Bursaries must be claimed within twelve months of the award being made.

General conditions

Applications must be received at Hospice UK at least one month before the start of the course/conference.

Courses must benefit direct patient care and the fees must be over £200.

Conferences bursaries will only be open to those who have a poster or oral presentation accepted.

Examples of eligible courses

The following table gives examples of the type of courses/conferences which you may be able to apply for, subject to funding being available:

Dementia Care	Advanced Communication Skills
Social and Therapeutic Horticulture	Understanding Loss and Bereavement
Spiritual Care at the End of Life	Arts and Complementary Therapies
Palliative Care Congress	Breathlessness and Fatigue Management
European Association for Palliative Care Conference	

To apply for a bursary

If have a confirmed offer from a course/conference provider you can apply for a bursary via Hospice UK's website: www.hospiceuk.org/Opengrants

For more information about the programme contact the [Grants Team](#) at Hospice UK or call 020 7520 8219

Appendix

NGS Bursaries - What is not eligible?

The following are not eligible for funding:

- any course or conference that is not focussed on direct benefiting patient care
- any course or conference that has already started or taken place
- applications to attend a conference where a poster or oral presentation has not been accepted
- one-day study courses
- applications from employees of the NHS and Macmillan Cancer Relief
- courses that are termed as update or refresher courses
- subsistence, travel and accommodation costs incurred whilst attending courses
- courses or conferences already subsidised by Hospice UK
- in-house training. We can not fund applications to attend courses organised by the employing hospice - unless they are university accredited and that no more than 25% of participants are staff from the host hospice
- applications for courses where fees are under £200
- costs towards research funding
- applications from outside the UK
- applications to study outside of the UK
- applications from organisations that are not a full member of Hospice UK.