

Wolfson Bursaries – Care Home Staff

Guidance and criteria

The Wolfson bursaries for Care Home staff aim to improve the quality of care given to patients, their carers and families. Please read through this page to find out what is and what is not eligible before you apply.

Individuals can apply for a maximum of 75% of course or module fees, up to £1,500 in any one year and a maximum of £3,000 in any three-year period – subject to funds being available. The amount awarded will be decreased proportionately for applicants working less than 18 hours a week.

Conferences will have an agreed level of funding available but, bursaries will only be open to those who have a poster or oral presentation accepted at the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) and Palliative Care Congress (PCC) only - subject to funds being available. Typical bursary to attend one of these conferences would be 50% of the conference fee or £75 per day, whichever is the lower.

General criteria

Only nurses, healthcare assistants or Allied Health Professionals employed by care homes are eligible for funding under this programme.

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

Course do not have to be university accredited but should be listed in the table below:

Bursaries must be claimed within twelve months of the award being made. Hospice UK reserves the right to withdraw funding on bursaries older than 12 months.

Applications can be made for individual modules or a particular year of multi-year courses. A new application form must be submitted for each subsequent year or module and must be received by the Grants Team at least a month before the start of the next year or further modules.

Applications must be from individuals working in or care homes and must have confirmation of 25% funding from their employer towards the course fee.

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Once the budget for the Wolfson bursary programme has been fully allocated we will cease to award further bursaries, until such a time as additional funds have been raised.

If you have any queries regarding your course and its eligibility, please contact the Grants Team at Hospice UK.

Examples of eligible courses and conferences

The following table lists courses and conferences which you may be able to apply for, subject to funding being available:

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| European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care | European Certificate in Holistic Dementia Care |
| Certificate (HE) Palliative and End of Life Care | Independent and Supplementary Nurse Prescribing (V300) |
| City and Guilds Level 2 - Award in Awareness of End of Life Care | City and Guilds Level 3 - Award in Awareness of End of Life Care Award in Awareness of Dementia |
| Diploma in Palliative Medicine | Advanced Communication Skills Course in End of Life Care (2 day course) |
| BSc Palliative Care | Diploma in Dementia Care |
| MSc Clinical Leadership in Cancer, Palliative and End of Life Care | BSc Supportive and Palliative Care |
| MSc in Dementia Care | MSc Professional Practice (Palliative Care) |
| MSc in Palliative Care | European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Conference |
| MSc in Clinical End of Life Care | Palliative Care Congress (PCC) |
| MSc in Advance Practice in Palliative Care | PhD in Palliative Care |
| Sage and Thyme Facilitators (SATFAC) course (train the trainer model) | |

What is not eligible?

The following are not eligible for funding:

- any course or conference that is not focussed on end of life care, palliative care or dementia care
- any course or conference that is not listed on eligibility list
- 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
- in-house training - we can not fund applications to attend courses organised by the employer
- subsistence, travel and accommodation costs incurred whilst attending courses
- applications for courses where fees are under £100
- costs towards research funding
- applications from outside the UK
- applications to study outside of the UK.

Statement of Support

Please note, the application must be endorsed by a relevant manager of the applicant's employing organisation with a statement (no more than 200 words) explaining why this course or conference is significant in improving the applicant's own personal skills and development and the services offered by the employing organisation.

The statement must include confirmation that the Care Home is committing a 25% contribution.

Next steps

If you and the course or conference you would like to attend fit the eligibility criteria above, then you can apply for a Wolfson Bursary for Care Home staff quickly and easily online.

The link to the online application form is available on our website

www.hospiceuk.org/grants

Further information

Please contact the Grants Team at Hospice UK with any questions about this programme at the contact details below.

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