

CIDER Fellowship Grant

The **CIDER Fellowship Grant** is a financial support initiative exclusively available to students from low-middle- income countries. The fellowship aims to enable deserving candidates to pursue the **Master of Science in Infectious Disease Emergencies (MSc IDE)** programme, ensuring that the opportunity to gain world-class education is accessible to those who have the potential to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

Purpose of the Fellowship

The grant is designed to:

- **Bridge Educational Gaps:** Provide financial assistance to talented individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to quality education.
- **Cultivate Leadership:** Support the development of future leaders in infectious disease emergency response and preparedness who will drive transformative change in their home countries.
- **Promote Global Equity:** Strengthen the global capacity to respond to infectious diseases by empowering students from low- middle income countries to participate in and contribute to global health systems.

Goals of the Fellowship

- **Enhance Representation:** Ensure that students from low- middle income regions are well-represented in the programme, fostering diverse perspectives and inclusive dialogue.
- **Build Community Resilience:** Equip recipients with advanced knowledge and practical skills to address and manage infectious disease emergencies in resource-limited settings.
- **Support Global Health Equity:** Encourage the dissemination of knowledge and skills to underserved regions, fostering sustainable health improvements and preparedness in vulnerable communities.

Eligibility Criteria

The **CIDER Fellowship Grant** is designed to support students from low- middle- income countries in pursuing the MSc Infectious Disease Emergencies (IDE) programme. To be eligible for this fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of a country classified as low or middle-income by the World Bank.
- **Academic Qualifications:** Applicants should possess a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in a relevant field, such as medicine, public health, microbiology, or epidemiology.
- **Professional Experience:** A minimum of two years of work experience in public health, infectious disease management, or a related area is required.
- **English Proficiency:** Proficiency in English is essential, as the programme is conducted in English. Applicants may need to provide proof of language proficiency through standardized tests like TOEFL or IELTS.
- **Commitment to Home Country:** Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to returning to their home country upon completion of the programme to contribute to local health systems and emergency preparedness. A recommendation letter from their organization is required, affirming the candidate's intent to contribute upon return.
- **Financial Need:** Applicants should provide evidence of financial need, indicating that they would not be able to pursue the programme without the fellowship support.

Fellowship Grant details

The **CIDER Fellowship Grant** significantly reduces the financial burden for eligible international students pursuing the **MSc Infectious Disease Emergencies (IDE)** programme. Below are the details of the financial support provided:

- **Course Fee:**
 1. **Standard Fee for International Students:** S\$54,500 (inclusive of 9% GST).
 2. **Fee After Fellowship Grant:** S\$21,800 (inclusive of 9% GST).
- **Application and Miscellaneous Fees:**
 1. **Application Fee:** S\$50 (non-refundable), payable by all applicants.
 2. **Miscellaneous Fee:** S\$640, payable by all students, including fellowship recipients.

To be considered for this fellowship grant, the candidate must have accepted the offer to enrol in the NUS Master of Science in Infectious Disease Emergencies programme by paying the acceptance fee.

In addition, complete the [CIDER Fellowship Grant declaration form](#) and upload it together with the online MSc IDE application.

- **Scope of the Fellowship**

1. The fellowship covers a substantial portion of the tuition fees, reducing the overall cost for recipients to make the programme more accessible.
2. Recipients are still responsible for the application fee and miscellaneous fees, which must be paid separately.

Stipends

- **No Stipend Provided:** This fellowship does not include a stipend for living expenses, accommodation, travel, or any other personal costs. Recipients are responsible for managing their own finances to cover these additional expenses during the course of their studies.

Terms and Conditions

- **Use of Funds:** The grant must be used solely for expenses related to the MSc IDE programme, including tuition fees, course materials, and other approved costs.
- **Duration:** The fellowship covers the standard duration of the MSc IDE programme. Extensions may require additional approval and are not guaranteed.
- **Academic Performance:** Recipients are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress throughout the programme. Failure to do so may result in suspension or termination of the fellowship.
- **Commitment to Home Country:** Recipients are generally expected to return to their home countries after completing the programme to apply their knowledge and skills in local health systems.
- **Compliance with Policies:** Fellows must adhere to the policies and regulations of both the granting organization and the host institution, including codes of conduct and ethical guidelines.
- **Termination Clause:** The granting organization reserves the right to terminate the fellowship in cases of misconduct, failure to comply with terms, or other significant issues.
- **CIDER Fellowship Grant declaration form:** Submission of the declaration form is a mandatory requirement for consideration of the fellowship grant, and applicants who fail to submit the form will not be eligible.