

# CIDER Faculty Assistant (CFA)

## CIDER FACULTY ASSISTANT (CFA) PROGRAM

The CIDER Faculty Assistant (CFA) program is an enriching opportunity designed for individuals from low- to middle-income countries. This initiative seeks to empower CFAs with in-depth knowledge and skills in infectious disease emergency response while allowing them to contribute to the success of the MSc Infectious Disease Emergencies (MSc IDE) program as facilitator assistants. This package carries no student fees, no master's degree but allows successful applicants to experience the programme.

### Purpose of the CFA Program

- **Facilitate running of the MSc Programme:** Assist course leads in the efficient delivery of the MSc IDE courses, both in-person and virtual components.
- **Empower with Knowledge:** Exposing CFAs access to all MSc IDE content, providing them with the same experience as MSc IDE students.
- **Build Global Networks:** Enable CFAs to connect with subject matter experts, peers, and an alumni network of programme participants and faculty.
- **Support Global Health Equity:** Contribute to the preparation and resilience of global communities by disseminating knowledge and building expertise in infectious disease emergencies.

### Goals of the CFA Program

- **Professional Exposure:** Offer practical experience in supporting the delivery of academic programs in infectious disease emergencies.
- **Knowledge Acquisition:** Facilitate deep learning through participation in face-to-face and online modules.
- **Community Building:** Strengthen professional networks and relationships across global health systems.
- **Acknowledgment of Contribution:** Recognize the efforts of CFAs through a Certificate of Appreciation from CIDER, NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

## CFA Program Details

**Program Duration:** The CFA program spans one academic year and is divided into two semesters.

**Program Structure:** The programme is identical to the MSc courses attended by paying participants

**Responsibilities:** CFAs will assist course leads during the face-to-face sessions and actively participate in online modules, ensuring the smooth operation of the MSc IDE program.

**Recognition:** While CFAs will not receive a Master's degree certification, they will receive the MSc introduction package to assist with finding accommodation and other logistical needs. CFAs will not be subject to university fees and will enter Singapore on a visitor social pass. Upon completion of the program, their contribution will be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation from CIDER, NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

**Commitment:** CFAs are expected to be fully present and actively engaged throughout the program's duration.

**Selection Process:** Two faculty assistant positions available. Selection will be based on the candidate's ability to enhance cohort diversity and their relevant work experience.

## Eligibility Criteria

The CFA program is open to individuals from low- to middle-income countries who demonstrate a commitment to advancing in country and global health preparedness.

### Key Requirements:

- Citizenship in a low- or middle-income country.
- Willingness and ability to assist course leads and actively participate in all modules.
- Availability to attend all face-to-face lessons and online learning sessions.
- Proficiency in English, as the program will be conducted in English.

## To Apply

To apply for the CFA program, please email your application to [cider@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cider@nus.edu.sg).

Your application should include:

1. A detailed CV outlining your educational background and professional experience.
2. A statement of interest explaining your reasons for applying to the CFA program, your commitment to infectious disease emergency preparedness, and how this opportunity aligns with your career goals.