

CIDER Fellowship

The **CIDER Fellowship** supports outstanding candidates from low- and middle-income countries to pursue the Master of Science in Infectious Disease Emergencies (MSc IDE). It ensures that talented individuals can access world-class education and advanced training, equipping them with the skills to strengthen health systems and build resilience in their communities.

As part of the Fellowship, recipients are afforded a significant discount in the tuition fee. The Fellowship reflects CIDER's commitment to building capacity, fostering leadership, and supporting professionals dedicated to addressing infectious disease emergencies worldwide.

1. Purpose and Goals

The CIDER Fellowship is designed to:

- **Expand access:** Provide opportunities for capable individuals from low- and middle-income countries to pursue advanced education that might otherwise be out of reach.
- **Develop leaders:** Equip Fellows with the skills and perspectives needed to take on leadership roles in preparedness and response in their respective fields and countries.
- **Strengthen systems:** Build capacity to address infectious disease emergencies by supporting professionals who will apply their learning in practical, often resource-constrained settings.
- **Promote equity:** Encourage diverse representation and voices in the global health security field, ensuring that solutions are informed by a wide range of experiences.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for the Fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Citizenship:** Be a citizen of a country classified as low- or middle-income by the World Bank.
- **Academic Qualifications:** Hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a relevant field such as medicine, public health, microbiology, or epidemiology.
- **Professional Experience:** Have at least two years of work experience in public health, infectious disease management, or a related area.
- **English Proficiency:** For applicants whose native tongue and medium of university instruction is not completely in English, a TOEFL (Internet-based) minimum score of 85 or an IELTS Academic minimum score of 6.0 is required.
- **Commitment to home country:** Demonstrate a clear intention to return to their home country after completing the programme and contribute their expertise to local health systems. A supporting letter from the applicant's organisation is required.
- **Financial need:** Provide evidence of financial need, confirming that the programme cannot be pursued without Fellowship support.
- **Statement of purpose:** In addition to the MSc IDE application requirements, applicants who wish to be considered for the Fellowship must indicate this clearly in their statement of purpose and explain why they should be awarded the grant.

- Applicants working in ministries of health, national public health institutes and other related organizations will be prioritized.

3. Application Process

- a. Complete and submit your MSc IDE application via the online [Graduate Admission System \(GDA3\)](#), and upload the following additional supporting documents for your CIDER Fellowship application:
 - i. [CIDER Fellowship declaration form](#)
 - ii. Supporting letter from your organisation affirming your commitment to return and contribute to your home country
 - iii. Your statement of purpose should also indicate your interest in the Fellowship and explain why you should be considered.
- b. Processing will commence only when all information and supporting documents are complete and the application fee (S\$50, non-refundable) is received.
- c. Please write to us at cider@nus.edu.sg once you have submitted the above and include your application number.
- d. The outcomes for both admission and the CIDER Fellowship will be communicated via email. If you are offered admission, we will provide the next steps to confirm your place. You will be required to pay the acceptance fee (S\$5,000), which will be credited toward the balance of your tuition fees.

4. Terms and Conditions

- **Duration:** The Fellowship covers the standard duration of the MSc IDE programme. Extensions are not guaranteed.
- **Commitment to home country:** Fellows are expected to return to their home countries after completing the programme to contribute their knowledge and skills to local health systems.
- **Compliance with policies:** Fellows must adhere to the policies and regulations of both CIDER and NUS, including codes of conduct and ethical guidelines.
- **Termination clause:** CIDER reserves the right to withdraw the Fellowship in cases of significant academic underperformance or misconduct.
- **Mandatory requirements:** Submission of the declaration form, supporting letter, and statement of purpose are all required for consideration. Applications without these will not be eligible.