

Wolfson Professional Development Grants - Hospice Staff

Guidance and criteria

The Wolfson Professional Development Grants for hospice 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 50% 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.

Grants towards the cost of attending **conferences** are only available to those who have a poster or oral presentation accepted. Availability is restricted to the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) and the Palliative Care Congress (PCC). A 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

Nurses, doctors, healthcare assistants, Allied Health Professionals and social workers employed by member hospices in the UK or employed by NHS funded hospices that have a charitable arm, which is a member of Hospice UK, 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.

A list of eligible courses is provided in the three tables below. This list is more indicative of the type of courses we might fund rather than a comprehensive list. If you need to seek clarification as to whether a course or module might be eligible, please contact the Grants Team using the contact details at the foot of this document.

Grants 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.

We encourage matched funding to be committed by the hospice or raised from another funder.

Once the budget for the Wolfson Professional Development Grant Programme has been fully allocated we will cease to award further professional development grants, until such a time as additional funds have been raised.

Examples of eligible courses and conferences

Eligible courses and conferences fall into one of three categories, check that the course you want to study is listed in one of the three tables below:

Table 1 - Direct patient care courses and conferences	
BSc Supportive and Palliative Care	MSc in Palliative Care (Incl Postgraduate Certificate)
BSc Palliative Care	MSc Professional Practice (Palliative Care)
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
Certificate (HE) Palliative and End of Life Care	Independent and Supplementary Nurse Prescribing (V300)
Diploma in Palliative Medicine	PhD in Palliative Care
MSc Clinical Leadership in Cancer, Palliative and End of Life Care	Diploma in Dementia Care
MSc in Dementia Care	European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care

European Certificate in Holistic Dementia Care	Advanced Communication Skills Course in End of Life Care (2 day course)
MSc in Advance Practice in Palliative Care	European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Conference
MSc in Clinical End of Life Care	Palliative Care Congress (PCC)
Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Managing Challenging Cases in Palliative Care

Table 2 - Teaching and presenting skills courses

Learning and Teaching in Health and Social Care Practice - University of Southampton

PG Cert Teaching and learning in Clinical Practice - Edge Hill University

Training for Teachers in Palliative Care Foundation Course (3 days) - Palliative Care Institute Liverpool

Sage and Thyme Facilitators (SATFAC) course (train the trainer model)

Table 3 - Audit, evaluation and research skills courses

PG Cert Clinical Audit and Research for Healthcare Professionals - University of Dundee

Module - Implementation Science for Advanced and Chronic Care - Hull York Medical School

MPH Palliative Care Research - University of Dundee

M Res /PG Cert Clinical Research - Kings College London

PG Cert Palliative Care - Kings College London

Research Methods and Statistics in Palliative care module - Kings College London

Developing and Evaluating Complex Interventions in Palliative and End of Life Care

(E-learning course) - Cicely Saunders Institute

M Res Clinical and Health Research - University of Southampton

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

What is not eligible?

The following are not eligible for funding:

- any course or conference that is not listed in the tables above. Please note however that the list is more indicative of the type of courses we might fund rather than a comprehensive list. If you need to seek clarification as to whether a course or module might be eligible, please contact the Grants Team using the contact details at the foot of this document.
- 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 (except staff employed by NHS funded hospices that have a charitable arm, which is a member of Hospice UK)
- applications from employees of 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 cannot fund applications to attend courses organised by the employing hospice. Unless:
 1. they are university accredited or
 2. they are the City and Guilds Award in Awareness of End of Life Care or Award in Awareness of Dementia.

in both cases no more than 25% of participants are staff from the host hospice

- applications for courses where fees are under £200
- costs towards research funding
- specific leadership and management courses. Hospice UK offers the [Strategic Leadership Programme](#) - further details of which are on our website.
- applications from outside the UK
- applications to study outside of the UK
- applications from organisations that are not a member of Hospice 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.

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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