

iSTEPup Foundation – Students Scholarship Regulations

Terms and conditions

1. The iSTEPup Foundation will provide scholarships to international disadvantaged students living in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs as defined by the World Bank) with the ambition of becoming a healthcare professional (nurse, midwife, doctor of pharmacist) in their country.
2. The iSTEPup Foundation uses an international buddy system in order to help the applicant on an individual level after the application process. For example with problems of their personal website and securing the payment of the tuition fee including fundraising. The buddy can serve as a spokesman of the Foundation to the training centre.
3. The iSTEPup Foundation will only provide the tuition fee for the current study/training. Other costs (like insurances, housing, internet, fee for resits) will usually not be provided.
4. The iSTEPup Foundation will pay the tuition fee directly to the university, school or training centre. The Foundation will not pay through the bank account of the students.
5. The iSTEPup Foundation is totally dependent on donations and will give priority to applicants who are already enrolled in the scholarship programme to finish their study in case of insufficient funding of the Foundation.
6. The iSTEPup Foundation will end the scholarship programme in case the Foundation is bankrupt, although all means will be used to prevent this scenario.
7. The iSTEPup Foundation will admit new students according to the selection criteria. If too many students apply for a scholarship the Foundation will choose students who have the best qualifications according to their motivation letter and curriculum vitae.
8. The iSTEPup Foundation will pursue gender equality among the students who will be provided with a scholarship.
9. The iSTEPup Foundation has the right to end a scholarship if the student is, for example, involved in unprofessional behaviour, criminal acts, and/or forgery, or in case the student makes too little progress during his tertiary education.
10. The iSTEPup Foundation will evaluate the study results with the student, buddy and involved educational institution if necessary. Scholarships are revalidated after a positive evaluation. In case of a negative evaluation the board will decide if financial support will be continued or discarded.
11. The iSTEPup Foundation will only allow applications written in English.

Selection criteria

New students may apply for the scholarship after completing online application for admission.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant is the student in need of a scholarship and he or must apply for it him- or herself. Without the scholarship he or she is not able to study the preferred specialisation (nurse, midwife, doctor or pharmacist).
2. The applicant is a citizen and resident of a LMIC (as defined by the World Bank) during the training.
3. The applicant is aged between 16 and 35 years during the application process.
4. The applicant requests a scholarship for tertiary education to become a healthcare professional (including nurse, midwife, doctor, or pharmacist) and has the will to work in the country where the training will be provided.
5. The applicant has received the necessary preliminary training as defined by the educational institution.
6. The applicant will receive the training in a recognized and certified educational institution in the country where the student lives (which is a LMIC).
7. The applicant has a sufficient understanding of the English language.
8. The applicant completes the whole application process including a written motivation letter, curriculum vitae and short introduction video at least three months prior to the start of the study.
 - a. The applicant agrees with the potential use of his or her video on their personal online website of the Foundation.
 - b. The applicant will include, in a maximum three minute video, his or her motivation to enroll in the iSTEPup programme and explain the reason why the applicant cannot pay the tuition fee him- or herself.
9. The applicant will provide contact details of the spokesman of the preferred educational institution and the financial details of the whole course including the tuition fee and, if applicable, additional fee's (for example for resits).
10. The applicant demonstrates to meet all of the above criteria in the application process including a proof of sufficient motivation and potential to participate in the desired training.

A small preference will be given to those applicants who:

1. Have not been enrolled in tertiary education before
2. Lived their entire life in a LMIC
3. Have shown persistent motivation to study (for example those who applied for an iSTEPup or similar scholarship before)
4. Have an understanding of the Mandarin, Spanish, Hindi, Arabic, Russian, Bengali, Portuguese, Indonesian, or Swahili language.

Declaration of the applicant

1. The applicant declares that he or she has the intention to study and work as a healthcare professional for at least 2 years after finishing his or her tertiary education in the country where the education has been received.
2. The applicant declares that he or she allows an international buddy to help him or her and will inform the buddy in case of any problems including more than two resits in a semester (period of half a year), in case of stigma, discrimination, or violence against him or her, financial problems regarding the payment of the tuition fee, any change in tuition fee and/or problems concerning the personalised website.
3. The applicant declares that he or she understands that he or she has the full responsibility of completing the course and/or training.
4. The applicant declares he or she did not commit any criminal offences that are relevant to the performance of his or her (future) duties.
5. The applicant declares that he or she will not publish any confident patient information or footage on his personalised website without written consent of the involved patient(s).
6. The applicant declares that if a scholarship has mistakenly been awarded to him or her and/or he or she no longer qualifies for the entitlement the scholarship will stop with immediate effect. (If turns out the applicant, for example, did not receive the necessary preliminary training as defined by the educational institution)
7. The applicant declares that he or she is aware of the fact that the Foundation has the right to end the scholarship if the student is, for example, involved in unprofessional behaviour, criminal acts, and/or forgery, or in case the student makes too little progress during his tertiary education.
8. The applicant declares that he or she is willing to pay 15% of the total amount of tuition fee received for educational purposes from iSTEPup after completing the full training. The iSTEPup foundation asks their students to pay this 15% within 5 years after completing the training to the benefit of another student through iSTEPup.
9. The applicant declares he or she allows iSTEPup to publish his or her personal details including name, age, current country, type of study, motivation to study through iSTEPup, and photos and videos (if applicable) on the website of the iSTEPup foundation.
10. The applicant declares that he or she has read all the information, including the terms and conditions and the selection criteria, and understands it.

I (the applicant) have read this form, agree and abide by the terms and conditions as stated in this document.

The applicant's full name:

[Signature + date]

How did you hear about iSTEPup?

I (the representative of the iSTEPup Foundation) have read this form, agree and abide by the terms and conditions as stated in this document and will provide the above stated applicant with the scholarship.

The representative of the iSTEPup Foundation's full name:

[Signature + date]