



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to be available for all sessions as outlined in the timetable?

You need to be able to attend at least one meeting with your Director of Finance before the conference, and you must be able to attend the conference in person. The coffee roulette is optional, and the virtual welcome meeting will be recorded. But we would strongly encourage applicants to take part in all of the events scheduled as part of this bursary funding. When at conference you will be expected to attend all the planned events on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

2. Do I or my organisation make arrangements/ pay for my travel to London?

NHS England are funding your place at Conference which includes overnight accommodation, and all meals as part of the conference programme. You should discuss with your line manager the process for reclaiming or arranging travel costs. If train travel your organisation may require you to arrange and reclaim, or may be able to book for you and provide you with the tickets. Discuss this with your line manager or Director of Finance as part of your 1:1.

3. What information will I need to provide if I am successful in my application?

HFMA will need to know your HFMA membership number, any dietary requirements or additional requirements such as an accessible room. You will provide these to HFMA only once your application has been approved.

4. Do I need to be a HFMA member?

Yes, there is an expectation that this bursary is only made to HFMA [members](#). However if you are working in a Band 2 – 6 role you can apply to become a member for free [here](#).

Quotes from 2022 HFMA Bursary winners

'The conference really benefitted me last year in terms of learning some technical knowledge and hearing from inspirational speakers to motivate me. I also really enjoyed networking with other professionals such as Nikhil and other students on the bursary.'

'I really enjoyed the conference and thought it was a great opportunity to expand my network and meet new people I wouldn't have chance to of before. As bursary winners our senior colleagues made an effort to get to know us and talk to us. The



Steven Bartlett talk was my favourite (because I am a fan of his podcast) but also because it was interesting to apply his thinking which has allowed him to make his companies so successful to our roles in public sector especially around culture which I we can apply to our trusts and championing the values that they have. ‘

‘Having attended HFMA online before, I didn’t expect how useful the marketplace would be in this conference. Networking with recruiters as well as those in other organisations was invaluable in helping me figure out the next steps in my career. I also got some contacts to run some training sessions in my organisation for excel skills. The free golf umbrella didn’t hurt either!’

‘I really enjoyed the conference and it was great to meet people from across the NHS, Everybody I spoke to you was so down to earth, which I wasn’t expecting really. Steve bartlett sticks out in my memory as being a really interesting talk, alongside the NHS England leaders talking around the future of the NHS.’

‘100% of 2022 Bursary Delegates said that they thought the conference was excellent and they enjoyed it all from the pre-conference opportunities through to the post conference reflections. Delegates been able to enjoy further opportunities in the NW in 2023 either in the SDN Student Network, or HFMA NW in the Band 2- 6 NW Shadow Committee or both!’

Gayle Wells, HFMA NW Vice Chair and support to the Bursary Programme