



## **Bursary Policy**

### Yoga Teacher Training Diploma

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# 1. INTRODUCTION & PRINCIPLES

Yogacampus is committed to making yoga education accessible to people of all backgrounds. We are delighted to **offer two types of bursary** for our Yoga Teacher Training Diploma (YTTD) course: a 50% bursary to help take yoga to communities that would not have access to yoga otherwise and for students with a financial hardship and a 100% bursary to BAME applicants with a financial hardship.

Both the 50% and 100% bursaries are available at any of our three locations: London, York and Manchester. Applications for the 50% bursary will be considered for each intake for each location while applications for the 100% bursary will be considered once per year. Applicants for both bursaries will be required to meet the eligibility criteria specified below.

Applications for both bursaries must be made together with course applications and only those will be considered whose course application is otherwise successful.

We ask all applicants to be proactive and communicative throughout the application process.

## 2. BURSARIES

### 2.1 50% BURSARY

This bursary was created to take yoga to communities that would not have access to yoga otherwise and that could greatly benefit from it. Over the years we had our trainees create yoga classes for a range of communities such as recovering alcoholics and women's refugee centres.

#### Who can apply?

You can apply for our 50% bursary if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You meet the application criteria for our YTTD course.
- You already have an established link to a community you wish to help and are able to provide a reference with contact details in support of this.
- You can demonstrate financial need.

#### When can you apply?

We ask that you submit your bursary application together with your course application. We accept course applications on a rolling basis.

For more details for each intake and per location, please check our website:

<https://www.yogacampus.com/teacher-training-diploma>

#### How is the bursary awarded?

50% bursaries will be awarded on the basis of the following:

- Personal statement: this is where you will need to explain the impact you are envisage creating through the bursary.
- Reference from a person linked to the community you wish to help. We will consider how long you have known the referee and how closely you have been working together until the point of application. We ask that you provide their contact details so that we can follow-up with them.
- Your commitment to provide updates on where your community is 12 months after you have completed the course.

### **What documents do you need?**

1. A completed YTTD course application form.
2. A completed 50% bursary application form, including:
  - a. A personal statement where you describe what community you wish to help and how.
  - b. A reference\* from a person who is linked to that community that confirms:
    - i. How long you have known them (your referee).
    - ii. How closely you have been working with them and community.
    - iii. How likely you are to achieve your goal with the community over the next three years.
3. Provide any other evidence we might ask when considering your application.
4. Three documents from the list of supporting evidence (see section 3.3)

\*Please note that the bursary reference is separate from the reference needed for your course application.

You are encouraged to attach any other documents, testimonials, videos, coverage and other media to support your application.

### **What happens after you apply?**

- You will receive a confirmation email after you have submitted your bursary application form.
- We will consider all applications by the deadline.
- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

### **What if I defer my admission or change my mind about the course?**

Bursaries awarded must be used in the intake and location you originally applied for. Deferring your studies or changing course location will mean that you lose the bursary award.

### **Disclaimer**

Please note that our decision on bursary applications is final. There is no appeal process in place. We are able to provide you with feedback but will not re-consider bursary applications. If the selected bursary recipient is not able to start their course, the bursary will be re-awarded. We will consider bursary applications again and select another candidate from the same pool of candidates. No new application process will be necessary in this case.

Please note that we consider all applications equally and the decision will be made on the basis of the impact the applicant is able to create. Bursaries are not awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that any other expenses (such as travel costs, membership fee to British Wheel of Yoga, First Aid training, buying materials for the course etc.) must be covered by the student.

For responsibilities of bursary applicants, please refer to 3.1 (ATTENDANCE AND COURSE PROGRESSION).

We ask that all bursary applicants read the Yogacampus Bursary Policy. By making a bursary application, you agree with the terms and conditions laid out in this document.

### **Further information**

Yogacampus Diplomas Team

Email [teachertraining@yogacampus.com](mailto:teachertraining@yogacampus.com)

## 2.2 100% BURSARY

This bursary was created to increase applications to our YTTD course from BAME applicants. This bursary covers 100% of the tuition fees for the length on the course.

### Who can apply?

You can apply for our 100% bursary if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You meet the application criteria for our YTTD course.
- Your ethnic background is either Black, Asian or minority ethnic.
- You can demonstrate financial need.

### When can you apply?

We ask that you submit your bursary application together with your course application. We accept course applications on a rolling basis.

For more details for each intake and per location, please check our website:

<https://www.yogacampus.com/teacher-training-diploma>

### How is the bursary awarded?

100% bursaries will be awarded on the basis of the following:

- Personal statement: this is where you will need to explain the impact you are envisage creating through the bursary.
- Reference from a person linked to you. We will consider how long you have known the referee and how closely you have been working together until the point of application. We ask that you provide their contact details so that we can follow-up with them.
- Your commitment to act as a mentor for 18 months after you have completed your course. You will be a mentor for other BAME students studying on intakes after you. Our aim is to provide support for BAME students through this mentorship. We will specify the mentorship in due course.
- Your commitment to collaborate with Yogacampus throughout the duration of the course and 18 months thereafter by keeping us updated of how you are integrating yoga into your community. This may include some of the following: photos, blog posts, videos, press coverage, testimonials, one-off events, and social media activity.

### What documents do you need?

1. A completed YTTD course application form.
2. A completed 100% bursary application form, including:
  - a. A personal statement where you describe what impact you will make through this bursary (please elaborate on how you see your role as a mentor for BAME YTTD students).
  - b. A reference\* from a person in your wider community who is linked to you that confirms:
    - i. How long you have known them (your referee).
    - ii. How closely you have been working with them.
    - iii. How likely you are to achieve your goal as a mentor.
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## **3. BURSARY RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **3.1 ATTENDANCE AND COURSE PROGRESSION**

Students in receipt of bursaries from Yogacampus should consider themselves our ambassadors and demonstrate the core values of school at all times.

After the bursary award, the recipient must maintain satisfactory progress and meet the attendance requirement to continue to benefit from the bursary.

If the recipient fails to maintain satisfactory course progress, meet the minimum attendance requirement (90%) and comply with terms and conditions in the bursary contract, the bursary will be forfeited, and the recipient is liable for all remaining tuition charges that would have otherwise been paid by the bursary.

Students in receipt of bursaries may be asked and be expected to fulfil additional duties, partake in external and internal events, or contribute to marketing material. This includes, but is not limited to, acting as key karma yogi, assisting at Taster Days and on photoshoots, and providing testimonials.

Bursary recipients will be asked to sign Yogacampus' 50% or 100% Bursary Contract respectively.

## **3.2 INTERVIEWS**

Bursary applicants may need to attend an interview as part of the bursary application process. Interviews will take place online (via Zoom).

## **3.3 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Bursary applicants might be required to provide some of the following evidence:

- P60
- Self-assessment tax form
- Month 12 / week 53 payslip
- Headed letter from employer confirming employment and salary
- Universal credit confirmation letter
- Documents from employers
- Bank statements
- Childcare receipts
- Doctors notes
- Copy of your passport

## **4. FURTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Bursaries may only be used towards the cost of Yogacampus' Yoga Teacher Training Diploma courses at our locations. Our bursaries are not transferable and may not be redeemed for cash value.

Yogacampus reserves the right to not award a bursary if no applications meet the eligibility requirements

Bursaries are not guaranteed; and applicants must successfully meet course application criteria to be awarded a bursary. We will only be able to consider bursary applications together with course applications.

This policy is reviewed regularly and is subject to change as a result of any changes to specific processes and / or provision of awards.