



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 45% bursary to help take yoga to communities that would not have access to yoga otherwise and for students with a financial hardship and a 80% bursary to BAME applicants with a financial hardship.

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

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

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

2. BURSARIES

2.1 COMMUNITY 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. This bursary covers 45% of the tuition fees for the length on the course.

Who can apply?

You can apply for our Community 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?

Community 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 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, videos, testimonials, one-off events, and social media activity.

What documents do you need?

1. A completed YTTD course application form.
2. A completed Community Bursary Application Form, including:
 - a. A personal statement explaining how you are already supporting the local community and how you plan to implement the practices of yoga to further benefit the local community.
 - b. A reference* from a person who is linked to that community that confirms:
 - i. How long they have known you.
 - 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. Three documents from the list of supporting evidence (see section 3.3)

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

*Please note that the bursary reference is separate from the references needed for your course 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 submitted 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.

2.2 BAME BURSARY

We acknowledge the necessity to provide opportunities for those who are underrepresented in the Yoga space and so this bursary was created to increase applications to our YTTD course from BAME applicants. This bursary covers 80% of the tuition fees for the length on the course.

Who can apply?

You can apply for our BAME 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?

BAME 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, ideally someone from your wider community. We will consider how long you have known the referee. We ask that you provide their contact details so that we can follow-up with them.
- 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 the community. This may include some of the following: photos, videos, testimonials, one-off events, and social media activity.

What documents do you need?

1. A completed YTTD course application form.
2. A completed BAME Bursary Application Form, including:
 - a. A personal statement where you describe what impact you will make through this bursary
 - b. A reference* from a person in your wider community who is linked to you that confirms:
 - i. How long they have known you.
 - ii. What capacity they know you in.
 - iii. In their opinion, how likely you are to achieve your goal.
3. Three documents from the list of supporting evidence (see section 3.3)

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- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

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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 our core values at all times.

After the bursary is awarded, 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 Events and on photoshoots, and providing testimonials.

Bursary recipients will be asked to sign Yogacampus' Community or BAME 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 may 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

We may also ask you to provide other evidence when considering your application.

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.

Further information

Contact the Yogacampus Diplomas Team by emailing teachertraining@yogacampus.com .