

## **Call for Scholarship Applications for InFiNe.lu Members to attend**

### **The Boulder Microfinance Training**

or

### **The Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme**

**July 17th - August 4th, 2017 - Turin, Italy**

**Deadline to apply for InFiNe.lu Scholarship Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 4pm**

The goal of InFiNe.lu Scholarship Programme is to enable InFiNe.lu members to strengthen expertise in Luxembourg to advance financial inclusion.

InFiNe.lu offers 1 supplementary grant to employees from an InFiNe.lu member organisation to attend either the Boulder Microfinance Training (BMT) or the Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP) which will take place from July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the ILO Training Centre in Turin, Italy. Note that the BMT is offered in both English and French. The RAFP is in English only.

The scholarship offered by InFiNe.lu cover the courses, coffee breaks, inaugural and graduation dinners and some extracurricular activities (USD 4900). The cost of transportation (flight and other transport needed), housing, meals and activities shall be covered by the grantees.

## **1 The Boulder Trainings to choose from**

### **1.1 The Boulder Microfinance Training**

The Boulder Microfinance Training (BMT) is a 3-week programme targeting professionals working at every level of microfinance today (Microfinance Institutions, Support Organisations, Central Banks, Development Organisations, Investors, NGOs).

The programme offers a space to share ideas and strategies on how to face microfinance's issues and use new tools. The participants have the choice among three specialities (Management, Development and Policy) – and 50 classes provided by microfinance experts coming from all around the world.

In addition, the participants attend the Boulder Master Class, an event bringing together microfinance experts to discuss the development and the challenges of the sector.

For more information consult BMT website:

[https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT\\_EN/index](https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT_EN/index) (in English)

[https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT\\_FR](https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT_FR) (in French)

## 1.2 Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme

The Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP) is a 3-week training programme for already experienced agricultural finance specialists bringing a global perspective on how to meet the financial needs of rural SMEs and agricultural households.

The programme is offered in 3 stages: an early morning Master Class guided by the FAO, 6 Electives Courses (out of 13) covering the fundamentals of good practice and detailed the experience of financial service providers, and Optional Special Sessions.

For further details of this programme, visit the website:

<https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/RURAL>

<https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/RURAL/info>

## 2 InFiNe.lu scholarship application

### 2.1 Eligibility criteria

InFiNe.lu scholarship is open to the following candidate:

- Employee working for an organisation member of InFiNe.lu at the time of the application and at the time of the training;
- Employee with knowledge in inclusive finance;
- Fluency in written and spoken in the chosen language (French or English) to attend the training.

### 2.2 Guidelines to apply for InFiNe.lu scholarship

**The candidate must submit the following documents in PDF format (in separate files):**

- a Curriculum Vitæ of maximum 2 pages in English or French, depending on the training and the language choice when applicable (pdf document entitled **Last Name\_CV**);
- a cover letter of max 2 pages in English or French, depending on the training language choice (pdf document entitled **Last Name \_Cover letter**) demonstrating:
  - the link between her/his professional background and her/his participation to the chosen programme;
  - how the participation in the programme will be useful to his/her professional development
- a letter of recommendation from the employer (pdf document entitled **Last Name\_Recommendation letter**)

Applications must be submitted **no later than 27 February 2017, 4pm by email to:** [catherine.vanouytzel@infine.lu](mailto:catherine.vanouytzel@infine.lu), Coordinator, with the email subject: **Boulder InFiNe.lu Scholarship Application 2017.**

**Applications received after the deadline will not be considered**

## 2.3 Selection Process and Notification

- All applications will be reviewed by InFiNe.lu;
- A selection committee composed of representatives from InFiNe.lu members will select the successful candidate;
- Shortlisted applicant will be invited for an in-person Skype or telephone interview with the selection committee;
- The successful candidate will be directly notified after the selection committee.

### Important note:

- The successful candidate is responsible to apply directly online to Boulder Trainings:  
BMT: [https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/REGISTER/MFT\\_EN](https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/REGISTER/MFT_EN) (in English)  
BMT: [https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/FR/REGISTER/MFT\\_FR](https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/FR/REGISTER/MFT_FR) (in French)  
RAFP: <https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/REGISTER/RURAL>
- The InFiNe.lu scholarship is conditional to the final admission to the Boulder Trainings.

## 2.4 Follow up of the Scholarship

The successful candidate will have to:

- publish articles during the training about what she/he is learning on the InFiNe.lu website and social networks;
- submit a max. 5 pages report about the training and present it to the InFiNe.lu board after her/his participation to the Training;
- make a presentation to InFiNe.lu members after her/his return.

## 2.5 Information

For information regarding the InFiNe.lu scholarship programme, you can send an email to [contact@infine.lu](mailto:contact@infine.lu)