

Call for Scholarship Applications for InFiNe.lu Members to attend HBS – ACCION Program on Strategic Leadership in Inclusive Finance Harvard Business School

March 25 - 30, 2018

**Deadline for Application for the InFiNe.lu Scholarship Monday 13th November
2017 at 4pm**

The goal of InFiNe.lu Scholarship Program is to enable InFiNe.lu members to strengthen expertise in Luxembourg to advance inclusive finance.

InFiNe.lu offers 1 scholarship to a mid/senior level employee from an InFiNe.lu member organisation to attend the five-day immersion Program on Strategic Leadership in Inclusive Finance organised by Harvard Business School (HBS) and Accion. The program takes place in Boston from March 25th to March 30th, 2018.

The scholarship offered by InFiNe.lu covers the program fee (USD 8350) which includes tuition, housing, curricular materials, and most meals. The cost of transportation (flight and other transport needed to reach the HBS) will be covered by the grantee.

1. Program on Strategic Leadership in Inclusive Finance

The program marries the best in strategic business thinking with the most important advances in financial inclusion and impact investing through:

- An immersion in the financial inclusion industry and the operations of leading financial institutions that server lower income clients;
- Examination of how new business models in this space, especially technology-enhanced models, succeed or flounder;
- Addressing key challenges of doing business at the base of the pyramid.

For more information about the program: <http://www.centerforfinancialinclusion.org/collaborators-a-sponsors/harvard-business-school-accion>

2. InFiNe.lu scholarship application

2.1. Eligibility criteria

InFiNe.lu scholarship is open to the following candidates:

- Mid-level (with at least 4 years of professional experience) and Senior employees **working for an organisation member of InFiNe.lu**;
- With an expertise on financial inclusion topics;
- Fluent in written and spoken English;

- Not having received an InFiNe.lu scholarship.

2.2. Guidelines to apply for InFiNe.lu scholarship

Before **Monday 13th November 2017 at 4pm**, the candidate must send:

- a curriculum vitae of maximum 2 pages in English;
- a motivation letter in English demonstrating, *inter alia*, the link between her/his professional background and her/his participation to the program;
- a recommendation letter from the employer.

The application must be sent by email indicating in the subject line **“HBS-Accion Program 2018 Scholarship Application”** to:

Julie Bouchat
Coordinator
Inclusive Finance Network Luxembourg
julie.bouchat@infine.lu

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

2.3. Selection Process and Notification

- Applications must be submitted by **13th November 2017 at 4 pm**;
- All applications will be reviewed by InFiNe.lu ;
- **Second half of November**, shortlisted applicants will be invited for an in-person, Skype or telephone interview with representatives from InFiNe.lu members;
- The successful candidate will be notified directly after the selection committee.

Important note:

- **The successful candidate is responsible to apply directly online to HBS-Accion Program on Strategic Leadership in Inclusive Finance:**
<http://www.centerforfinancialinclusion.org/collaborators-a-sponsors/harvard-business-school-accion/hbs-application>
- Harvard Business School application deadline is **December 15, 2017**;
- **The InFiNe.lu scholarship is conditional to her/his final admission to the program.**

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 Executive Program;
- make a presentation to InFiNe.lu members after her/his return.