

Call for Scholarship Applications for InFiNe.lu Members to attend

The Boulder Microfinance Training

July 23rd - August 3rd, 2018 - Turin, Italy

Or

The Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme

August 6 – 17, 2018 - Utrecht, The Netherlands

Deadline to apply for InFiNe.lu Scholarship **Sunday February 25th, midnight**

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 (MFT) or the Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP). Note that the BMT is offered in both English and French. The RAFP is in English only.

The scholarship offered by InFiNe.lu covers the courses, coffee breaks, inaugural and graduation dinners and some extracurricular activities (USD 4,300). The cost of transportation (flight and other transport needed), housing, meals and activities shall be covered by the grantee.

1 The Boulder Programmes to choose from:

1.1 The Boulder Microfinance Training

July 23rd – August 3rd, 2018 – Turin, Italy – FR/EN

The Boulder Microfinance Training (MFT) is a 2-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. This year, the participants have the choice among 4 specialities (or "Concentrations"): Management, Development, Policy and Digital Financial Services (new this year) – and numerous Elective Classes provided by microfinance experts coming from all around the world.

For more information:

https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT_EN (in English)

https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/MFT_FR (in French)

1.2 Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme

August 6th-17th, 2018 – Utrecht, The Netherlands - EN

The Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP) is a 2-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.

Beside Plenary Sessions, the participant will choose 4 courses (1 in the morning, 1 in the afternoon, every week) among 3 different options. New this year, Field Trips will be organised to visit Rabobank client farmers around the Netherlands.

For further details of this programme, visit the website:
<https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/RURAL>

2 InFiNe.lu scholarship applications

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 the 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 25 February 2018, midnight by email to:** catherine.vanouytsel@infine.lu, with the email subject: **Boulder InFiNe.lu Scholarship Application 2018.**

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 a 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 the Boulder programmes:
BMT: https://www.bouldermicrofinance.org/boulder/EN/REGISTER/MFT_EN (in English)
BMT: 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 programmes.

2.4 Follow up of the Scholarship

The successful candidate will have to:

- publish articles about what she/he is learning on InFiNe.lu Website and social media during the programme;
- submit a max. 5 pages report about the training and present it to the InFiNe.lu board after her/his participation to the programme;
- 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