Digital Education staff development bursaries

Why are these bursaries being offered?
The Institute for Academic Development (IAD) will offer a small number of bursaries for staff to participate in the Critical Issues in Digital Education course. This is the foundation course from the University’s MSc in Digital Education. The bursary is aimed at staff who will be involved in teaching, developing or supporting online learning programmes. It will also be suitable for staff who are involved in developing and delivering hybrid teaching, or for those who want to develop their understanding of digital education.

Engaging in the Critical Issues in Digital Education course will provide participants with an opportunity to explore a range of key themes in digital education. It will also offer a solid grounding in different approaches to teaching and learning online. We anticipate it being particularly valuable for programme teams with limited prior experience of teaching online. By fully participating in this course, and by sharing this knowledge and experience with the rest of your team, we anticipate that you will develop an understanding of digital pedagogy which will help you integrate digital teaching practices into courses and programmes you teach or support.

Who is eligible for these bursaries?
The bursaries are available to University of Edinburgh staff with a substantive role in teaching on or development an online programme. Consideration will also be given to colleagues developing and delivering hybrid teaching. Please note this course has a suggested time commitment of around 15 hours per week so is a substantial undertaking.

Deadline for application
The current deadline for bursary applications is published on the IAD website - https://edin.ac/3heEzJu.

What do we need from you?
Please contact Celeste McLaughlin, Head of Academic Development for Digital Education with initial enquiries.

Applications should be emailed to iad.digitaleducation@ed.ac.uk.

To apply for a bursary the following information will be required:

- Details of the programme/initiative you are involved in.
- A short statement explaining how you feel the course will benefit you and your colleagues.
- A statement of support from your head of school, director of teaching, or line manager to confirm that they approve your application.

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Guidance note: eligibility and selection criteria for Digital Education staff bursaries

Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee after the deadline has passed. You will then be notified of the outcome of your application.

If your funding has been approved you will be asked to complete an online application to secure a place on the course. Details of the entry requirements for the programme can be found here - https://www.de.ed.ac.uk/mscde/questions-requirements.

Withdrawing from the course
If you need to withdraw prior to the course starting, please contact Celeste McLaughlin.

Once the course has started, if you need to withdraw, please contact the Programme Director and Celeste McLaughlin as soon as possible, so that support can be provided or where necessary, funding can be refunded back to the IAD.

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