

Ashoka European Fellowship Program

Solidarity Fund (the “Fund”)



This note is for Ashoka Fellows who are interested in participating in any offline sessions or retreats (“workshops”) offered through the Ashoka European Fellowship Program.

What is it? Purpose of the Fund

The Fund is set up to give financial aid to Ashoka Fellow who needs it to partake in our workshops.

Although our workshops are free to our Fellows, we appreciate there are costs associated with travelling and lodging. We do not want these costs to become a barrier for Fellows to participate in our workshops, so the Solidarity Fund is set up with the aim to lower that barrier.

We carry out assessments to each application, in order to achieve fairness across all participants of a workshop, and to assess the need of the applicants. We cannot guarantee all applications will be successful, as we are limited by funding.

We know circumstances can change from time to time. Therefore, if you need it, you can apply to the Fund for every workshop you are attending. Not applying for the Fund for one workshop does not mean you cannot apply for the Fund for another workshop. A(n) (un)successful application at one time does not increase or decrease your chance the next time you apply, as applications to a workshop are considered independently from the other workshops. You can only submit one application for each workshop you attend.

Who can apply? Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for the Solidarity Fund if you meet all of the following criteria:

1. You are an Ashoka Fellow.
2. You have applied to one of the European Fellowship Program workshops.
3. You are based in, and travelling from, a European city that is not where the workshop is hosted.
4. You are financially stretched, both personally and through your organization, and the extra funding will ease that pressure. (This criteria is self-assessed – we trust our Fellows to have the ethical fibre to make a fair assessment.)

What/How much is covered? Scope

At the time of applying for the Fund, you get to choose which of the following costs is covered:

- A. Cost of city-to-city travel within Europe.
- B. Cost of lodging over the duration of the workshop.

If your application is successful, **you will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in relation to you attending the workshop for up to EUR 350 per workshop.**

The funding does not cover the following:

- In-city travelling, e.g. taxi ride from airport.
- Business or first class travelling.
- Accommodation that costs more than EUR 150 per night.

How can I apply? Application Process

1. Indicate you want to apply for the Fund when applying online for any workshops; indicate whether you need cost coverage for travelling **OR** lodging.
2. You will receive a confirmation when we have received your application.
3. We will notify you whether your application is successful at least 2 weeks before the workshop, and confirm the type of coverage.
4. Collect receipts/payment confirmation and send e-copies/scans of these documents to euhrfinance@ashoka.org, together with a completed expense reimbursement form.
5. If information provided is satisfactory, you can expect to be reimbursed within one month after the end of the workshop.

Anything else? Other Info

If you have any queries, please contact us via the “Contact” tab on our website: <https://fellowship-europe.ashoka.org>. We can consider allowing for exceptions if your case is very extreme – please get in contact via the above email if that is the case.