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INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMISSION, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

1. ABOUT THE TRAINING

The International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy is a professional training of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), which is foreseen to take place on IACA Campus in Laxenburg, Austria, from 8 to 12 June 2026.

The training is administered and delivered in the English language.

2. TARGET AUDIENCE

Professionals with an extensive level of work experience related to the training. Subject to available seats, professionals with a level of junior engagement demonstrating their potential are also encouraged to apply.

3. FEES

Programme fee amounts to 995 Euro.

Limited number of scholarships are available for this training (see 10. below).

The programme fee consists of the tuition fee, a shuttle service between a designated place in Vienna and IACA Campus, coffee breaks and lunch during training schedule, and social events as described in the programme.

4. APPLICATION

Before applying, please carefully read the **General Terms and Conditions for Professional Training** and the **Code of Conduct for IACA's Programmes and Activities** to understand the terms of your participation.

Submission deadline: **5 April 2026** for self-funded applicants and **8 March 2026** for scholarship applicants. Later applications may be considered, depending on availability of places.

Applications shall be submitted in English through

https://www.iaca.int/online/summer-academy-2026-application-form/

And attaching the required documentation, as specified below:

a. Curriculum vitae
b. Motivation Letter
c. Passport Copy

d. Photo (preferably passport photo)

e. Proof of the appropriate command of English

f. Professional references (optional)

If you experience problems in registering, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at summeracademy@iaca.int for further guidance.

If English is not your mother tongue, the appropriate command of English may be proven by:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - overall score of: paper-based 574, computer-based 210, internet-based 89.
- Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) - corresponding to level B2 of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Academic IELTS Test - overall score of: 6.0.
- Certificate of completion of at least one year of fulltime university studies or in a tertiary institution where the language of instruction was English. Proof of sufficient professional experience in an English-speaking environment may be equivalent to such certificate.
- An academic degree where the language of instruction was English.
- An interview.

You will be notified of the receipt of your application by email. In case you do not receive a confirmation within 2 days after applying, please contact the team via summeracademy@iaca.int.

5. ADMISSION

Admissions will be processed by IACA based on criteria such as the applicants' personal and professional suitability for the training, as well as gender balance, professional and regional diversity of participants.

IACA may request additional information/documentation from you, as well as your participation in short interviews. You will be notified whether you have been selected for the training or not. If your application was not successful, we encourage you to re-apply on another occasion.

6. ENROLLMENT

If selected, you will receive an offer by email to participate in the training with payment instructions. If your scholarship application was approved, you will also receive a scholarship offer.

Please note, that by paying or accepting the scholarship offer, you agree and sign up to the **General Terms and Conditions for Professional Training** and the **Code of Conduct for IACA's Programmes and Activities**.

7. CANCELLATIONS

You may cancel your participation by sending an email to summeracademy@iaca.int.

Cancellation requests received by IACA until **27 April 2026 (included)**, are subject to a cancellation fee charge of 100 Euro.

For cancellation requests received by IACA later than the established deadline, no refund will be made. Scholarship holders will be charged the full tuition fee.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The training starts on 8 June 2026 in accordance with the timetable issued. You are requested to follow the instructions regarding participation as communicated by IACA.

Participants must attend the full duration of the training programme to be eligible for a certificate of attendance. IACA considers full participation essential, and certificates will only be issued to participants who attend all sessions.

9. VISA AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Visa arrangements are at the sole risk and costs of participants, including scholarship holders. Therefore, you are strongly advised to arrange and plan visa early and inform yourself about the required timeframe. You must apply for the necessary visa at the diplomatic or consular representation of the country of the location of the training, well in advance of the planned arrival. For trainings in Austria or another country in the "Schengen Area", if this country does not have a diplomatic or consular representation in the country where you are applying for a visa, you may submit the visa application to the consular authority of another country of the "Schengen Area", which will process the visa application on behalf of the country of training.

PLEASE NOTE: The denial or late issue of visas are not cases of force majeure and do not exempt participants from his/her payment obligations vis-à-vis IACA.

You are strongly advised to make health and travel insurance arrangements for the duration of the training. IACA does not make any arrangements or cover any costs relating to travel/health/medical issues, except for full scholarship holders (see 10. below).

10. SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of full scholarships are available for this training.

Please, mind the terms applicable to scholarships and associated responsibilities, outlined in the General Terms and Conditions for Professional Training.

10.1 Eligibility & selection criteria

Nationals from the following countries may be eligible:

- Least Developed Countries (LDC), as defined by the United Nations; or
- IACA Parties which are Lower-Middle- and Upper-Middle-Income Economies, as defined by the World Bank.

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of availability and a competitive selection process to individuals who have not benefited from IACA scholarships before. The selection process will take into account in particular the merits of the applicant in view of scholarship holders' responsibilities stated below.

10.2 Application

If you fulfill the eligibility criteria and agree with the rules outlined above, you may submit the request for a full scholarship together with your application by selecting the appropriate option in the application form.

As scholarships are limited funding resources, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage you to submit **your application before 8 March 2026.**

Your request shall be accompanied by a detailed motivation letter (not exceeding 1,000 words), including:

a. A description of your career goals;
b. Reasons for your interest in the training;
c. Details (full name, current position, contact details, and reference description) of at least two professional references of yours, which may be contacted by IACA;
d. A statement that you will meet your responsibilities as a scholarship holder, outlined in this section.

IACA may request you to submit additional information/documentation.

10.3 Full scholarship

A full scholarship comprises:

a. Programme fee;
b. Accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Vienna in accordance with the programme timetable and not exceeding 6 consecutive nights. Additional nights of accommodation may be authorized in alignment with the participant's flight itinerary, where required to accommodate the most cost-effective airfare available for a scholarship holder;
c. Round-trip transportation;
d. Standard travel health insurance coverage;
e. A flat-rate allowance of 150 EUR for meals not provided by IACA as well as airport transfers during the period of the training.

The round-trip will be usually arranged between the international airport near the scholarship holder's residence or other location designated by IACA, and the location of the training, not including airport transfers. This travel will be booked by IACA at the most cost-effective fares and may involve early/late travel times, including overnight-travel and stopovers, as well as participant arriving on earlier date/departing on a later date. Additional costs, such as extra-luggage/weight are not covered by IACA.

Rebooking or changes to the itinerary are not permitted in principle. Exceptions may be made only in unforeseen and fully justified circumstances, such as for serious health reasons, provided that IACA is furnished with appropriate written documentation.

The standard travel health insurance will be arranged by IACA for the duration of the travel booked and it does not cover pre-existing medical conditions. In case of use of such health services, scholarship holders will have to prepay for them and reclaim such payments from the insurance provider. Please note that IACA will neither get involved with health services, nor with the insurance provider, nor make any related arrangements or payments.

Annex II – Code of Conduct for IACA's Programmes and Activities