ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS
(FOR CFA PROGRAMME ONLY)

The CFA Program Access Scholarship is a needs-based opportunity for those unable to afford the full price of the enrollment and registration fees. The online application is available from 1 March – 15 September, for exams offered the following calendar year.

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OTHER CFA INSTITUTE PROGRAMMES

The CFA Institute Investment Foundations™ certificate program covers the essentials of finance, ethics, and investment roles, providing a clear understanding of the global investment industry.

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<th>Who is it for?</th>
<th>Anyone who works with or supports investment decision-makers in the investment management profession</th>
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<td>How long does it take?</td>
<td>Up to 6 months to prepare for 1 exam</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>How do I earn the Investment Foundations certificate?</td>
<td>Successfully pass the exam – this is a self study course Individual Registration: US$250  Bulk Registration (employers) US$200</td>
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Fees includes exam registration, access to all study materials (eBook and Learning Ecosystem), and one exam sitting.

Register on
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1. BETTER PAY
Surveys have shown that CFA charterholders are higher paid on aggregate. Just don’t expect an instant payrise.

2. FINANCE KNOWLEDGE
The exams are tough for a reason. You get a good, solid grounding in up-to-date financial knowledge.

3. GLOBAL RECOGNITION
One of the most recognised professional qualifications in finance. Highly transferrable across geographics.

4. AFFORDABLE
The cost to earn the charter starts at $2500, making CFA a more affordable professional qualification.

5. JOB
CFA is impressive to add to your CV, but no amount of CV padding ‘gets you a job’.

6. ENHANCE CAREER
If you work in finance or aspire to, as a CFA charterholder you will stand out more and have an edge. More so in some roles than others though.

7. CFA VS MBA?
CFA & MBA
Who says you have to choose? You can always obtain a CFA charter in addition to an MBA. Tons of people do.

WHAT JOBS DOES IT PREPARE YOU FOR?
A CFA Charter is particularly helpful for the following roles:

- Research analyst
- Financial strategist
- Asset management roles including:
  - Portfolio manager
  - Private banker
  - Fund manager
  - Financial adviser
  - Relationship manager

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?
The curriculum is organised into ten general topic areas that provide a framework for making investment decisions:

1. Ethical and professional standards
2. Quantitative methods
3. Economics
4. Financial reporting and analysis
5. Corporate finance
6. Equity investments
7. Fixed-income investments
8. Derivatives
9. Alternative investments
10. Portfolio management and wealth planning

HOW TO REGISTER
Become a CFA candidate and enroll in the CFA Programme on www.cfainstitute.org. To do so, you must

- meet one of the following criteria:
  - Have a bachelor’s (or equivalent) degree,
  - Be in the final year of a bachelor’s degree programme
  - Have four years of professional work experience, or
  - Have a combination of professional work and university experience that totals at least four years
- Be prepared to take the exams in English
- Have a valid international passport
- Meet the professional conduct admission criteria

HOW TO BECOME A CFA CHARTERHOLDER
- Pass the Level I Exam (June or December)
- Pass the Level II Exam (June)
- Pass the Level III Exam (June)
- Have four years of professional work experience in the investment decision-making process (accrued before, during, or after participation in the CFA Programme).
- Join CFA Institute as a regular member with the option to join the local Society of SA on www.cfa.ac.za