



# The Non-Executive Directors' Programme



## Charity Scholarship Place on The Non-Executive Directors' Programme

**The Non-Executive Directors' Programme is a 2.5-day residential course for aspiring and existing NEDS delivered at Cranfield University.**

The programme will equip you with:

- Comprehensive understanding of the role of a non-executive director.
- Structured knowledge of legal, regulatory, and personal responsibilities and current governance guidelines.
- Practical understanding of how to secure a non-executive position.
- Networking opportunities with high-profile peer executives and contributing experts to support you in your future NED career.
- Greater confidence in pursuing a non-executive placement and creating your 'portfolio career'.
- Clarity about the key attributes of an effective NED and how you can develop them.
- Contextual awareness of how to apply your knowledge and skills to boardroom challenges in different organisations.

**Cranfield is offering a leader from the charity sector the opportunity to join The Non-Executive Directors' Programme through our scholarship.**

**For more information on the programme, please visit our [website](#).**

### Entry criteria

Applicants for the scholarship must demonstrate that they meet the standard entry criteria for the programme, and they must be working in the charity sector in either an employed or voluntary capacity. To be considered for the programme applicants must:

- Be business credible i.e. have a significant track record of experience and knowledge of their own sector such that they have credibility to coach senior leaders in the sector.
- Have an intrinsic interest in learning about becoming a NED.
- Charity organisation must have a turnover of less than £10 million.

In addition, applicants must:

- Intend to and can demonstrate how they will use their training for charitable purposes and how the lives of others will be improved as a result.

### Application process

- Please complete this form to apply for a place on 2-4 July or 7-9 October 2025 cohort: <https://forms.office.com/e/WYFYyBgWYm>
- The deadline for applications is 23 May 2025. Interviews with shortlisted applicants will take place week commencing 9 June 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Wells ([natalie.wells@cranfield.ac.uk](mailto:natalie.wells@cranfield.ac.uk))

### Programme cost

Tuition and learning materials – free of charge with scholarship.

Full board accommodation £550 + VAT