

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for the programme?

Young professionals who are **aged between 22 and 32 years**, **nationals of an OSCE participating State** or **Partner for Co-operation** and possess **at least a Bachelor degree or equivalent** are welcome to apply for the online course.

What is the language of instruction for this course?

This course will be delivered in English without interpretation.

Is any specific experience or prior knowledge required?

No. However, some participants find prior knowledge or familiarity with the topics beneficial for getting the most out of the programme.

If I am selected for the online training course, will I automatically be considered for the in-person training course?

You can apply for the online component of the programme **until Friday**, **28 February 2025**, **13.00** (**Central European Time**). The selection of participants for the in-person course will take place based on the individual participant's successful completion of the online training course and their expression of interest collected by organizers during the programme. More information will follow in due course.

How will the online training be conducted?

- The online training will run for 6 weeks from 7 April until 18 May on the OSCE E-Learning platform.
- Each week, participants will engage with a thematic session, which they are expected to complete in a self-paced manner within 10 days. Every thematic session ends with a knowledge verification test.

- Each session contains text, pre-recorded videos, links, interactive elements, diagrams, and quizzes.
- Throughout the online training, an instructor will be available to answer the participants' questions.
- Each week will feature a live thematic online session with participants and the instructor, as well as guest presenters. The sessions will usually last around 1.5 hours and include time for questions and discussion.

How much time do I need to dedicate to the training programme?

- The pace at which participants work through course content varies depending on the individual, but on average participants can expect to spend around 5-8 hours per week on completing a thematic session.
- In addition, the agenda of the programme includes a 1.5-hour weekly thematic meeting on Zoom with instructors and experts on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation.
- The programme is designed to not disrupt any part- or full-time work/study commitments you may already have.

Will I receive a certificate of completion?

You will receive a certificate of completion for the online training programme, providing that you have completed the course's requirements, which includes passing the threshold set in the weekly tests. The certificate does not provide the participants with ECTS points. Successful participants of the in-person course will receive a certificate of completion based on the online and in-person training courses.

Does participation in the programme involve the payment of any tuition fee?

Participation in the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security is free of charge. Costs for the in-person training activities will be covered by the Organization.

Still have questions? Write us at scholarship-for-security@osce.org