# **Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Scholarship**

The International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS) is a non-profit organization founded by law enforcement volunteers in 1989, focused on the training and certification of professionals in digital forensics. IACIS aims to enhance the skills of Law Enforcement (LE) and other professionals worldwide by providing high-quality, specialized training programs in computer forensics. This mission is reflected in our flagship course, the Basic Computer Forensic Examiner (BCFE), which has become a benchmark in the industry.

**Scholarship for Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) – The ‘EMEA Scholarship’**

The ‘EMEA Scholarship’ is an unconditional contribution to the LE Society in the Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) region, by IACIS and its sponsors. It is designed to primarily empower and support personnel promoting Justice and human-rights, who demonstrate exceptional initiative in establishing or enhancing digital forensics capabilities within their agencies. Providing full access to the European BCFE course equips recipients with the critical knowledge needed to build robust digital forensics laboratories, thereby significantly enhancing the effectiveness of digital investigations within their respective organizations. The scholarship will fund the training fees and accommodation expenses. Travel and/or other expenses might be covered, depending on funding to IACIS by Contributors. The scholarship recipient is, in general, responsible for per diem and travel expenses.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility is open for any forensic examiner working for an organization involved in conducting digital forensic examinations that contribute to advancing justice and protecting human rights. This includes, but is not limited to, Law Enforcement agencies, paralegal organizations, NGOs, and other relevant entities. Applications **must** include:

* the ‘EMEA Scholarship Application Form’
* a Curriculum Vitae of the Applicant
* an essay (700 words maximum) on career achievements, future goals and specifically how the applicant and/or their Agency will make the best out of the BCFE training
* a signed official letter from a top official of their organization (on Organization’s letterhead) confirming the information provided in the Application

The official letter should pertain to the information in the Application form and must address areas such as the following:

* Affirmation that the organization is conducting digital forensic examinations that contribute to advancing Justice and/or protecting human rights
* Naming the Applicant as the choice for consideration of the 'EMEA Scholarship'
* Affirmation that the applicant’s current (or future) work-duties will benefit from the BCFE training
* A brief explanation on why there is a need for the BCFE, how the certification will help in the future, and the expected impact in verifiable outcome
* Confirmation that the recipient and/or their employer will take all responsibility for additional expenses, to include transportation, per diem, etc.

**All documents should be merged/appended in a single pdf document and named in the following manner: “Surname\_FirstName\_EMEAScholarship.pdf”.**

**Deadlines**

Applications are accepted from May 15th through July 15th. The announcement for the scholarship recipient will be made by September 1st via email. The name and organization of the Scholarship recipient will also be announced on IACIS’ ListServ (members’ email list) and will be publicized in various social media posts (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram).

**Please read this document carefully and ensure that you understand the conditions of the scholarship.**

IACIS reserves the right to amend the rules and eligibility requirements without giving prior notification or reason. Prospective applicants can be notified of amendments to the eligibility requirements or scholarship rules when they are posted on the IACIS website. All scholarship terms & conditions are subject to interpretation by the IACIS Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

The Applicant agrees to provide true, accurate, current and complete information on the ‘EMEA Scholarship’ application form ("Application Data"); ensuring that the 'EMEA Scholarship' Committee is made aware of any changes to information provided on the 'EMEA Scholarship' application form, prior to the scholarship award. Any notice sent to the email address provided in the Application Data shall be deemed as received by the Applicant.

Applications containing inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information may result in the Applicant’s disqualification from scholarship consideration and/or removal from any training provided under this scholarship.

The 'EMEA Scholarship' recipient agrees to have their name and Agency announced in the IACIS’ ListServ and social media as the chosen candidate and be contacted by IACIS after the ‘BCFE training’ for an update on how the scholarship has influenced their career.

In the event that travel expenses are included in the ‘EMEA scholarship’, all transportation arrangements will be made by IACIS unless otherwise agreed-upon with the 'EMEA Scholarship' recipient. The Application Data will be used for the purpose of offering travel arrangements and of booking the hotels according to IACIS’ planning of the BCFE training event.

Your data may be transferred to third parties, such as Scholarship Contributors, associates and/or companies charged with managing the logistics and services of the training. The data of the scholarship recipient could also be transferred to the EU country authorities where the event will be held. Upon submitting a completed application, the applicant gives consent for IACIS to share pertinent Application data with the related third parties.

'EMEA Scholarship' Application Data will be retained after completion of the training for which the scholarship was awarded for purposes of following up with scholarship winners.

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Number of personnel in your organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rough number)

Number of Digital Examiners: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (include full-time, part-time, temporary, or flexible)

Period/Years your organization has been conducting digital forensics: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Additional documents required:

☐ Curriculum Vitae

☐ Proof for English language proficiency

☐ Essay (700 words maximum) on career goals and how the applicant and their Agency will benefit

from BCFE training

☐ Official Letter from Agency

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Please indicate whether you authorize IACIS and its agents to photograph, film, or record audio of your participation during this event and to publish the resulting media. These recordings may be used, but are not limited to, informational or educational purposes.

 I agree.  I do not agree

Submit any questions or your application with supporting documents (as one merged PDF) to [WDscholarship@iacis.com](mailto:EUROscholarship@iacis.com)