

## MasterCard Foundation Microfinance Scholarships Program

### Application Guidelines

The MasterCard Foundation (MCF) has the pleasure of offering scholarships to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Rural and Agricultural Finance Program (RAFP). The program will take place from July 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Rabobank Group Headquarters in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Scholarship support to attend this training program will strengthen participants' skillsets and provide new perspectives. This capacity building ultimately strives to improve the access and quality of financial services that participant institutions offer their client base.

MCF scholarships will cover full tuition cost to attend the program. Selection is based on the Boulder Institute Selection Committee's review and assessment of the application and supporting documents. The tuition cost of the program includes courses and program materials. **Scholarships do not include the cost of travel to Turin, accommodations, meals and incidentals. Therefore, selected MCF scholars will need to have the additional financial support necessary to cover these remaining costs.**

The scholarships are directed towards individuals who agree to and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Work directly in a microfinance institution.
2. Supervise others within the institution.
3. Commit to give an institutional presentation or participate in discussion panels at the training.
4. Commit to share information with the MasterCard Foundation and the Boulder Institute of Microfinance regarding their experience and what they have learned at the 2018 Rural and Agricultural Finance Program
5. Commit to provide a presentation to colleagues within their institution or country on technical knowledge acquired at the 2018 Rural and Agricultural Finance Program.
6. Pledge a minimum of a three-year commitment to remain at the institution that has recommended and/or financially supported their participation in the 2018 Rural and Agricultural Finance Programs as MCF Scholar.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** To apply for an MCF scholarship you must:

- 1) Send an email to [scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org](mailto:scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org) with your **Full Name** and **E-mail Address**, indicating your interest in applying to the MCF Microfinance Scholarship Program to attend the 2018 Boulder RAFP.
- 2) You will receive a message with your personalized *user name* and *password* to access the online **Application Form**.
- 3) Complete the online **Application Form**.
- 4) Send an email to [scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org](mailto:scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org) attaching your **current CV** and a **signed letter of recommendation** from your supervisor.

Applicants will be selected based on a score assigned by the Committee upon review of the online Application Form, current CV and Letter of Recommendation. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**Deadline to receive the application is Monday, May 21st, 2018.**

If you have any questions about the application process, contact Rodrigo Caquisani at [scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org](mailto:scholarships@bouldermicrofinance.org)