2027 - IARC Summer School - Application Form

Instructions and information



IARC SUMMER SCHOOL 2027

You have reached the application form of the IARC Summer School 2027 and you will be invited to select the module you wish to apply for, either:

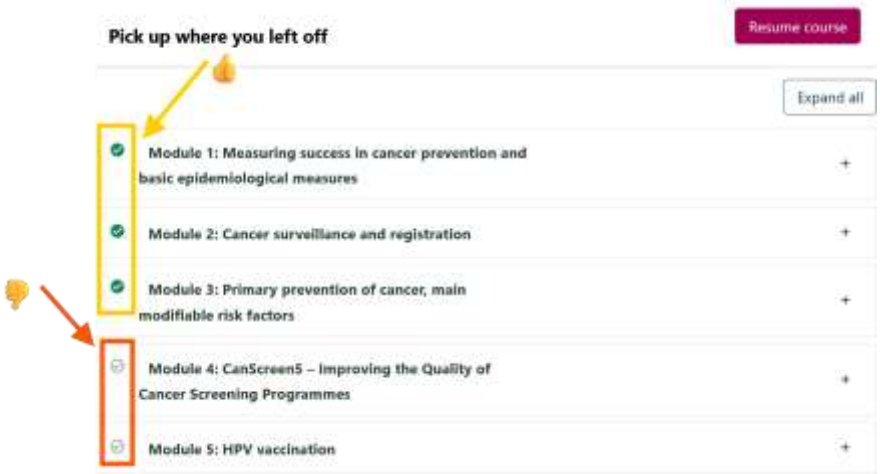
"Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology" * (also referred to as the Epidemiology Module)
Part 1: Online – 13 May to 11 June 2027
(approx. 25 hours over 4 weeks including four live sessions of 1 to 1.5 hours)
Part 2: Face-to-face, IARC, Lyon – 28 June to 2 July 2027
or
"Implementing Cancer Prevention and Early Detection" * (also referred to as the Prevention Module)
Part 1: Online – 18 to 31 May 2027
(approx. 20 hours over 2 weeks including five live sessions of approx. 2 hours)
Part 2: Face-to-face, IARC, Lyon – 21 to 25 June 2027

***IMPORTANT - PREREQUISITE**
Before submitting your application, you must complete a self-paced course or learning path on the WHO Academy learning platform. If you do not yet have an account on the WHO Academy platform, you must first create an account to enrol in the course.
Complete the course/learning path and pass the quizzes to receive the certificate of completion corresponding to the module to which you are applying. Upload

your certificate of completion in the corresponding section of this application form. It is a prerequisite, your application cannot be considered without this certificate.

Complete the course/learning path and upload the certificate in this application form, as per below:

- **Epidemiology Module - GICR eLearning - M00 - Pre-Course Preparation Module**
  (estimated time for completion: 2-3 hours)
- **Prevention Module - Introduction to Cancer Prevention and Early Detection**
  (estimated time for completion: 6-7 hours)
- **Note: You can start and stop the e-learning on the WHO Academy platform as many times as you want. To receive the certificate all the sections/sub-sections need to have a green check mark (see example below - to view subsections, click on the "+" sign). The content needs to be viewed, the quizzes completed and the minimum final score must be achieved to get the certificate. Make sure you click on the "next" and "finish" buttons or arrows to complete all the sections.**



INSTRUCTIONS for the application process
Throughout this form, you will be asked to:

- **complete all online fields and questions in English**
- **include all relevant information (see the list of fields to be completed)**
- **attach your "Letter of support" (see guidance document)**
- **attach your "Request for IARC Scholarship" letter, if eligible and requesting support (see guidance document)**

(A limited number of scholarships are available for LICs, LMICs and IARC Participating States-UMICs as per your institution's country according to the World Bank Classification.)

Please note:
As a rule, only one participant per institution can attend. If two or more applicants from the same institution are selected, the Selection Committee reserves the right to seek your employer's guidance on who should participate.

Applications without a "Letter of support" will NOT be considered.
Requests for an IARC Scholarship need to be justified in the "Request for IARC Scholarship" letter.
All letters must be on your institution's official letterhead, complete, dated, and signed by your supervisor and include the official stamp of your institution.

IMPORTANT

- **Letters without the above elements will be rejected. Consequently, your application will NOT be considered.**
- **DO NOT use AI, even if your English is not perfect, otherwise your application will be rejected.**

Deadline for receipt of applications: 10 January 2027 (12:00 midday CET). Results will be communicated from mid-February 2027.

Please note: You can start to complete the application form, stop, and come back to it later:
1. once you have answered the first set of questions in the "About you" section, click on the "next" button (bottom of the page);
2. click on "save and continue survey later" at the top of the next page; this will save your current answers;
3. enter a valid email address;
4. the system will send you a link to retrieve your application;
5. when you come back, the system brings you to the page you were on when you clicked on "save and continue survey later".

Data protection: The data you are submitting in this online application form is collected by IARC via Alchemer - please click on Alchemer privacy policy for more information. As creator of the survey, the International Agency for Research on Cancer will keep your data and solely process them:
- to serve the selection process of participants to the IARC Summer School 2027.
- for the administration of the logistics of the training course for selected participants.
- to provide a permanent record of attendance at this event.
Do you want to know more about how IARC handles your data privacy? Check it here.

About you...

First name*

_____

Last name*

_____

Age (number only)*

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Gender*

( ) Female

( ) Male

( ) I do not identify with either

Country of origin (nationality). If you cannot find your country in the list, select 'Other' then enter your country in the box below.*

Dropdown menu

Other country

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Email address (which will be used for all communications related to your application)*

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Telephone*

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Country of residence. If you cannot find your country in the list, select 'Other' then enter your country in the box below.*

Dropdown menu

Other country

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Your institution and supervisor/director contact details (issuing your letter of support) - All details (including email) are mandatory.*

Institution name: _____

Department/service: _____

Name of Supervisor/Director: _____

Email of Supervisor/Director: _____

Street: _____

Zip/postal code: _____

City: _____

Your institution country. If you cannot find the country in the list, select 'Other' and then enter your institution's country in the box below.*

Dropdown menu

Other country

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Please check the World Bank Classification (link below) that applies to you (as per your affiliation/institution's country) World Bank Classification*

( ) Low-Income Country (LIC)

( ) Lower-Middle Income Country (LMIC)

( ) Upper-Middle Income Country (UMIC)

( ) High-Income Country (HIC)

( ) I am a member of IARC personnel (Staff or ECVS)

Have you ever attended any previous courses organized by IARC, including previous Summer School Modules?*

( ) No

( ) Yes. Please give details: _____

How did you hear about the IARC Summer School? (Multiple answers possible)*

[ ] Internet search (i.e. Google)

[ ] IARC website

[ ] IARC staff

[ ] A colleague who attended the course

[ ] A supervisor who attended the course

[ ] A colleague who read/heard about the course

[ ] A supervisor who read/heard about the course

[ ] At an IARC meeting/workshop

[ ] At another meeting/workshop

[ ] Through LinkedIn / IARC Alumni

[ ] Through X

[ ] Other. Please specify: _____

Education and current position

Education

What were your basic studies in?*

( ) Medicine (All specialities)

( ) Natural Sciences / Biology

( ) Epidemiology / Public Health

( ) Social Sciences

( ) Mathematics / Statistics / Computer Sciences

( ) Nursing

( ) Other: _____

Provide the details of the highest degree obtained:*

Please select from the dropdown list:*

( ) PhD

( ) MD

( ) MD-PhD

( ) Master

( ) Bachelor

( ) Other

If "other" please provide details:*: _____

Please enter the discipline and year of the highest degree you obtained:*

Discipline: _____

Year: _____

Additional relevant degree that you would like to mention - please provide discipline/year:

_____

Are you a student currently enrolled in a formal course of education at university? (undergraduate/postgraduate level or doctoral programme)*

( ) Yes

( ) No

If yes, please upload proof/certificate of enrollment. *

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Current Position

In what type of institute are you working/studying?*

[ ] Cancer research institute

[ ] University department

[ ] School of Public Health

[ ] Ministry of Health

[ ] Other Ministry

[ ] Social insurance system

[ ] Other. Please specify: _____

[ ] Oncology center

[ ] Cancer registry

What is / are your current scientific discipline(s)? (Multiple answers possible)*

[ ] Cancer registration – data collection, entry or reporting

[ ] Epidemiology & biostatistics

[ ] Molecular genetics

[ ] Mechanisms of carcinogenesis

[ ] Molecular pathology

[ ] Infection & cancer

[ ] Molecular cell biology

[ ] Clinical oncology

[ ] Pathology

[ ] Palliative care

[ ] Other. Please specify: _____

Title of your post*

_____

From (month and year)*

_____

Years of service (number only)*

_____

What are your work activities (by percentage of time)?
Note: you must answer for each type of activity, including "Other". If not relevant, please choose 0%*

	Percentages of time (%)
Research	_____
Data management (i.e. cancer registrars)	_____
Patient care	_____
Teaching	_____
Administration	_____
Other	_____

Motivation to attend the course

I wish to apply to the:*

( ) **Epidemiology Module**: "Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology"

( ) **Prevention Module**: "Implementing Cancer Prevention and Early Detection"

Completion of the e-learning course "GICR eLearning - M00 - Pre-Course Preparation Module", available on the IARC Learning space of the WHO Academy learning platform, is a prerequisite to apply to the Epidemiology module. Please submit your Certificate of Completion.*

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Have you been involved in an evaluation of the cancer burden in your country?*

( ) Yes - Please give brief details: _____

( ) No

Are you familiar with quantitative methods for the assessment of cancer occurrence?*

( ) I have no knowledge

( ) I have limited knowledge

( ) I am familiar

( ) I am very familiar

Please tick options that best describe your experience in statistics:*

	No experience	**Beginner**	**Intermediate**	**Advanced**
Calculations of descriptive statistics parameters, such as calculations of mean, median, incidence/ mortality/ prevalence rates, confidence intervals, etc.	( )	( )	( )	( )
Utilisation/ application of specific statistical models to test for an association between study variables by running already available command files, interpretation of the results	( )	( )	( )	( )
Development of models / writing your own command files using statistical software(-s) to test study hypothesis	( )	( )	( )	( )

Have you ever designed an investigation on cancer epidemiology, such as a screening study, a study on cancer etiology, or an assessment of cancer incidence or prevalence?*

( ) Yes - please give type of investigation:

_____

( ) No, never.

Please describe your research experience and current activities relevant to the Epidemiology Module (max 80 words).*

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Number of years of research experience (number only) *

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Present yourself and your motivation in a short video. (3 min. max.)*

- Explain why IARC should choose you to participate in the **Epidemiology Module.**
- Provide a link to your video in the box below.
  Suggestions for storing your video:
  YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox, or any other means available to you.
- Provide an abstract of your motivation speech in the box below. (150 words max.)
  Do NOT use AI.

The **"Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology"** module will focus on the practical application of epidemiological principles and methods to various cancer control activities, mainly targeting the search for the causes of cancer.

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Completion of the learning path "Introduction to Cancer Prevention and Early Detection", available on the IARC Learning space of the WHO Academy learning platform, is a prerequisite to apply to the Prevention module. Please submit your Certificate of Completion.*

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As a health professional or researcher, do you work in policies and processes?*

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

If yes, in what fields(s): *

( ) Cancer prevention

( ) Early detection

( ) Patient care

( ) Other(s) - please explain:: _____

Describe the type of activities to which you contribute. (50 words max.)*

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Describe your research experience and current activities relevant to the Prevention Module. (80 words max.)*

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Number of years of research experience (number only)*

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Present yourself and your motivation in a short video. (3 min. max.)*

- Explain why IARC should choose you to participate in the **Prevention Module.**
- Provide a link to your video in the box below.
  Suggestions for storing your video:
  YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox, or any other means available to you.
- Provide an abstract of your motivation speech in the box below. (150 words max.)
  Do NOT use AI.

The module **"Implementing Cancer Prevention and Early Detection"** will provide a broad perspective on principles, concepts, issues, and practices of cancer prevention, early detection, and cancer control programme implementation. Professionals associated with public health programmes and policies related to cancer control will benefit from the course. Those engaged in cancer research or patient care who would like to gain the public health perspective of cancer prevention and early detection will also find the course useful.

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Publications, if relevant (upload a list of your publications here):

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How would you rate your level of English?
Please give an honest assessment; we may conduct an interview to assess your level. *

( ) Limited comprehension and conversation.

( ) Good comprehension, reading of newspapers, routine correspondence.

( ) Engage freely in discussions, read and write more difficult material.

( ) Understand, speak, read and write fluently.

Attendance and financial aspects

Part of the training activities will be conducted online. All the information and training materials will be accessible from a dedicated learning platform, which requires a good internet connection and regular access by participants. Attendance at all online live sessions is mandatory, as well as attendance at group work preparation meetings.
The IARC Secretariat may decide to withdraw your participation if attendance and/or performance of online activities is not optimum. *

[ ] I confirm that I will comply with assignments, attend all online sessions and the face-to-face programme.

The IARC Summer School course fee is EUR 1,800.*

In addition to this fee, there are travel costs as well as accommodation and living expenses.

A **degressive fee policy** has been set up according to the World Bank Classification and will be applied according to the country of your institution.
A limited number of **IARC Scholarships** will be available to selected participants working in and affiliated with an institution based in low-income (LIC), lower-middle-income (LMIC) and selected participants from upper-middle-income countries (UMIC) that are an IARC Participating State (Brazil, China, Indonesia).
High-income country (HIC) candidates are not eligible for IARC Scholarships.

	Regular Fee	Discount Student Fee*	Scholarship possible
LIC	EUR 225.00	EUR 100.00	YES
LMIC	EUR 450.00	EUR 200.00	YES
UMIC	EUR 900.00	EUR 400.00	ONLY IARC Participating States i.e. Brazil, China and Indonesia
HIC	EUR 1,800.00	EUR 900.00	NO

* Students enrolled in a formal course of education at university (undergraduate/postgraduate level or doctoral programme). Proof/certificate of enrollment is requested in the application form.

[ ] I confirm that I will pay the course fee as applicable to my situation, unless covered by an IARC scholarship. I have also noted and confirm that I will pay the other expenses (travel, accommodation and living) that may be applicable to my situation.

Course registration fees:*

The regular course fee for selected **HIC participants** is **EUR 1,800** and the discounted fee for **HIC students is EUR 900**.
As an **HIC candidate**, I hereby confirm that, if I am selected, I will be able to proceed with the payment of the registration fees at the time of the selection confirmation. I will also secure travel and accommodation/living expenses related to my participation (approx. €800 for 5-6 days in Lyon).

[ ] Yes, I confirm the above statement

Course registration fees:*

The regular course fee for selected **LIC participants** is **EUR 225** and discounted fee for **LIC students** is **EUR 100**.
The regular course fee for selected **LMIC participants** is **EUR 450** and discounted fee for **LMIC students** is **EUR 200**.

Candidates employed by or students at an institution **based in Low-, and Lower-Middle income countries (LIC and LMIC)** as listed by the World Bank Classification can apply for an IARC scholarship (full or partial).

IARC Scholarship Application
As an **LIC / LMIC candidate**, if selected, you will be eligible for a partial or full IARC scholarship.
Please complete the information below and be prepared to upload the **"Request for IARC scholarship"** letter from your supervisor/director.
!! In the letter, your supervisor/director should explain and document the venues explored and

the need for full or partial financial support for you to participate in the IARC Summer School. Please refer to the guidance provided.

	I will cover the cost	**I'm applying for an IARC scholarship**
Registration fee	[ ]	[ ]
Travel costs	[ ]	[ ]
Accommodation and living expenses	[ ]	[ ]

Course registration fees:*

The regular course fee for selected **UMIC participants** is **EUR 900** and discounted fee for **UMIC students** is **EUR 400**. In addition, travel expenses are at your charge.

Candidates employed by or students at an institution based in an **IARC Participating State** country which is an **Upper-Middle income country (UMIC)** as listed by the World Bank Classification can apply for a partial IARC Scholarship.

IARC Scholarship Application
As an **IARC Participating State-UMIC candidate**, if selected, you will be eligible for a **partial IARC scholarship**. Depending on funds available, the partial IARC Scholarship may cover the registration fee or/and the accommodation/living expenses.
Travel expenses remain at your charge.

Please complete the information below and be prepared to upload the "**Request for IARC scholarship"** letter from your supervisor/director.
!! In the letter, your supervisor/director should explain and document the venues explored and the need for partial financial support for you to participate in the IARC Summer School. Please refer to the guidance provided.

	I will cover the cost	**I'm applying for an IARC scholarship**
Registration fee	[ ]	[ ]
Accommodation/living expenses	[ ]	[ ]

Course registration fees:*

The regular course fee for selected **UMIC participants** is **EUR 900** and discounted fee for **UMIC students** is **EUR 400**. In addition, travel expenses, accommodation and living expenses are at your charge.

As a **UMIC candidate**, I hereby confirm that, if I am selected, I will be able to proceed with the payment of the registration fees at the time of the selection confirmation. I will also secure travel and accommodation/living expenses related to my participation (approx. €800 for 5-6 days in Lyon).

( ) Yes, I confirm the above statement

Visa application*

If applicable, visa application and fees remain the responsibility of the selected participant.
If selected, it will be your responsibility to check if you need a visa for France and to start the procedure as early as possible i.e., check passport validity, visa application process and required documents.

[ ] I understand it will be my responsibility to apply and pay for a visa, if applicable.

Please upload the letter of support from your Supervisor/Director*

The letter must:

- be written on **the official letterhead** of your institution,
- be **signed by your supervisor/director/employer,** and
- **bear the official stamp** of your institution.

Please note that the application will not be considered for selection if you do not comply with the guidance provided in the "Letter of support" document.

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Please upload the "Request for IARC Scholarship" letter from your Supervisor/Director*

The letter must:

- be written on **the official letterhead** of your institution,
- be **signed by your supervisor/director/employer,** and
- **bear the official stamp** of your institution.

Please note that the application will not be considered for selection if you do not comply with the guidance provided in the "Request for IARC Scholarship" letter document.

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Application date (DD/MM/YYYY)*

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Thank You!

Thank you for having applied to attend the IARC Summer School 2027. Your application will be considered provided you submitted the requested information and documents as per guidance.

You will receive an acknowledgement email of your application - please note that this may take a few hours. If NOT, please check your spams, and if you have not received anything, please contact us iarclearning@iarc.who.int.
Please note that if you submit another application, only the most recent one will be considered.

The Selection Committee will notify applicants of their decision in mid-February.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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