

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR CFES STUDENTS APPLYING FOR BEST COURSES

1. DO I NEED TO BE A CANADIAN CITIZEN TO PARTICIPATE?

No. You need to be a member of the CFES to participate- meaning you need to be registered (or just graduated) from an accredited undergraduate Canadian Engineering program at a member school of the CFES. A list of these schools can be found here: <http://cfes.ca/members/>

However please note you are responsible for obtaining all documents relevant to your travel- including plane tickets and associated visas. It is advisable you check the visa requirements to the country hosting the course prior to applying to make sure you will be able to meet all requirements.

2. DO I NEED TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE COURSE IS TAKING PLACE? / I SPEAK FRENCH, DO I NEED TO SPEAK IN ENGLISH FOR THE COURSE?

All BEST courses/events/documents are in their working language which is English. Everyone at every BEST event will be speaking in English. You will need to be comfortable speaking and communicating in English to participate.

3. WHO PARTICIPATES IN THESE COURSES?

Students from countries across Europe participate as BEST participants- with all levels of educational background (from undergrad right up to PhD) who are interested in learning more about a technical topic, networking with students, and exploring Europe! CFES students are the only

students from outside Europe who are invited to participate, due to our unique partnership with BEST. Often there are only one, sometimes up to two CFES students at courses.

4. CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE COURSE?

Technically yes, most courses for BEST students are available to them for ECT credit (European Credit Transfer system), however it is **very** challenging to get these credits accepted at a Canadian university, and often for little value. You will get a certificate of some sort certifying that you've completed the BEST course, and most organizers are more than happy to vouch for you afterwards to attest that you had attended the course.

5. I'M NOT VERY INVOLVED WITH MY ENG SOC OR THE CFES... DO I STILL HAVE A SHOT?

There is no internal vetting system within the CFES, as all applications go directly to BEST for evaluation- so everyone gets an equal chance! Just make sure your application letter stands out and highlights who you are, and you have just as great of a shot as anyone else. 😊

6. SO I JUST NEED TO WRITE A LETTER? AND PAY FOR FLIGHTS?

Essentially... yes! There are some courses that have very minor fees (see the attached letter for more details) but most courses, and if you're a co-organizer, costs are covered. If you are selected as a participant, you will be notified and then more details about the course will be known to you then.