

How to get your employer to fund your training with Full Stack Modeller

Most of our members are reimbursed through a learning and development budget. This is a short guide to making that happen, plus wording you can copy straight into an email.

Four steps to reimbursement

1. **Talk to your manager.** Explain what the programme covers and how it maps to your work. You can use one of the emails below to start the conversation.
2. **Sign up and pay upfront.** Choose the membership that fits you best and enroll. Most companies reimburse against a receipt rather than paying us directly.
3. **Request your invoice from us.** Ask and we will send a VAT invoice within one working day, addressed however your finance team needs it.
4. **Submit it and get reimbursed.** Pass the invoice to your manager or HR through your normal expenses process.

What is in it for the team

- **Job-ready Excel and modelling:** practical Modern Excel, financial modelling and data skills people use the same week, not abstract theory.
- **Fits around your day job:** self-paced and online, so it does not pull anyone off live work or client deadlines.
- **Clear, contained cost:** a known annual or monthly figure with a real invoice, easy to sign off against an L&D budget.
- **Skills that stay in-house:** better spreadsheets and models mean fewer errors and less rework across the team.

A quick tip before the chat

Managers approve requests that make their life easy. Come with the plan you want, the price, and one line on how it helps your work. The emails below do exactly that, so pick the one that matches the plan you are after and adjust the details in brackets.

Copy-and-paste emails, one per membership

Copy the one you need, fill in the brackets, and send it to your manager. Keep it short; the aim is to open the conversation.

A. Monthly Subscription · £48 / month · cancel anytime

Subject: Using our L&D budget for Excel and financial modelling training

Hi [Manager],

I would like to use part of my development budget on Full Stack Modeller, an online programme for practical Excel, financial modelling and data skills. It is a monthly subscription at £48, and I can cancel anytime, so it is a low-commitment way to start.

A few reasons why it's worth it and what it includes:

- Full access to the training platform and 150+ hours of CPD
- A global community of finance professionals for ongoing support
- Members-only live event and Masterclass series
- Low commitment, it's monthly and can be cancelled anytime, so it's easy to trial
- *[Add here: The specific task or project it would help me with, e.g. speeding up the monthly reporting model]*
- *[Add here: How the team would benefit, e.g. fewer manual errors in shared spreadsheets]*

It is self-paced, so I would work through it around my normal workload. I think it would help most with *[Add here: a task or project you work on]*, and I am happy to share what I pick up with the team.

They can send an invoice for expenses. Would you be happy for me to go ahead?

Thanks, [Your name]

B. Bootcamp · £800 / year

Subject: Request to fund Excel and financial modelling training

Hi [Manager],

I would like to put in a request against our learning and development budget for the Full Stack Modeller Bootcamp. It is a structured online programme covering Modern Excel, financial modelling and data skills, and the cost is £800 for the year.

A few reasons why it's worth it and what it includes:

- Full access to the training platform and 150+ hours of CPD
- A global community of finance professionals for ongoing support
- Members-only live event and Masterclass series
- 40 hours of expert live training across Excel Fundamentals, Advanced Financial Modeller and Month-end Automation
- [*Add here: The area it would strengthen, e.g. building more reliable forecasting models*]
- [*Add here: A concrete outcome I would aim for, e.g. cutting the time month-end takes*]

It is self-paced, so it would not pull me away from live work. I expect it to help directly with [*Add here: a task or project you work on*], and I am glad to present what I learn back to the team so the wider group benefits.

They provide an invoice within a working day for our finance process. Could we discuss getting this approved?

Thanks, [Your name]

C. Pro Programme · £1,200 / year

Subject: Proposal: funding the Full Stack Modeller Pro programme

Hi [Manager],

I would like to put in a request against our learning and development budget for an annual membership of the Full Stack Modeller Pro. It is a comprehensive Excel & Financial

Modelling programme, designed for my role. It covers Modern Excel, financial modelling and data skills in depth, at £1,200 for the year.

A few reasons why it's worth it and what it includes:

- Full access to the training platform and 150+ hours of CPD
- It covers the cost for sitting for the FMI Advanced Financial Modeller certification (worth £530)
- A global community of finance professionals for ongoing support
- Members-only live event and Masterclass series
- 40 hours of expert live training across Excel Fundamentals, Advanced Financial Modeller and Month-end Automation
- It positions me to take on more advanced modelling and analysis work in-house
- *[Add here: The project or responsibility it directly supports, e.g. owning the annual budgeting model]*
- *[Add here: The wider impact, e.g. reducing reliance on external consultants for modelling work]*

The format is self-paced and online, so I would fit it around my workload rather than taking time out. I see it strengthening *[Add here: a task, project or area you own]*, and I am happy to commit to finishing it and sharing the outcomes with the team.

They can issue an invoice addressed to the company for reimbursement. Can we find time to talk it through?

Thanks, [Your name]