

Call for scholarship applications

YOUNG FORUM GASTEIN

Since 2007, the Young Forum Gastein (YFG) programme has enabled promising young health professionals to actively participate in the annual European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) conference. Following the event, they become part of an inspiring network that now includes over 700 members (Young Gasteiners) working across the public and private sectors, civil society, and science & academia.

EHFG 2026 edition

The EHFG 2026 will take place from Tuesday, 29 September until Friday, 2 October as a hybrid conference. During the conference, scholarship holders come together in-person to take part in a tailored YFG conference programme in Bad Hofgastein, Austria. Prior to the conference, there will be two online events for scholars on 23 June “Introducing YFG” and on 1 September “YFG at the EHFG kick-off”. For more information on the YFG programme timeline please refer to the [website](#).

The EHFG offers a limited number of YFG scholarships to professionals from the public sector, private sector*, science & academia, and civil society organisations. The scholarship covers the following:

- Conference registration fee and conference materials for the EHFG;
- Participation in a tailor-made YFG programme;
- Shuttle from/to Salzburg Airport (scholars are responsible for all other travel costs);
- Accommodation for four nights in a three-star hotel;
- Meals, and evening events.

**If you are working for a commercial / for-profit entity, please note that your employer should cover the scholarship costs associated with your participation in the YFG programme and the EHFG conference. You will need to submit a letter of support from your employer, please see the section below for more details. With this contribution your scholarship offers all of the above.*

Application criteria

All successful candidates must meet the following criteria:

- You hold citizenship from a country in the [WHO European Region](#);
 - Or you have lived and worked in the [WHO European Region](#) for the past 3 years (please note that the EHFG cannot assist with visa approval processes);
- You are born after 29 September 1991;
- You have proven proficiency in English (oral and written);
- You hold a Master’s degree and have at least 3 years of full-time work experience in the field of health;
 - Or you hold a Bachelor’s degree and have at least 5 years of full-time work experience in the field of health;
- *YFG Alumni can participate in the programme up to four times.*

Scholarship application checklist

Part 1: Questionnaire

Please complete this [short application form](#). It will include questions on your motivation for applying.

Part 2: Documents to be submitted via email to yfg@ehfg.org

Document	Specifications
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	<p>Please create your CV using Europass in pdf format.</p> <p>In your CV please distinguish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type of work experience (e.g. full-time, part-time, internship, volunteer work etc.);• The duration of this experience, indicating the years and months (e.g. 4 years, 11 months).
Letter of support	<p>A short letter signed by your manager/supervisor confirming that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are working in the field of health and have the required number of years of work experience in this field;• Your manager/supervisor supports your application, and, if you are selected, your organisation will grant your participation in the entire week-long YFG programme at the EHFG;• <i>*If you are employed by the private sector, please also include a confirmation that your employer has agreed to cover the scholarship contribution of € 1.950 if selected.</i>

By applying to be a YFG scholar you agree to undertake an active role before and during the EHFG conference where you will be involved in a range of activities. For details on these activities, please refer to the [YFG Factsheet](#).

Please note: only complete applications will be considered. They will be examined according to the criteria mentioned above ensuring balanced representation across sectors institutional affiliations, countries and demographics.

Please send the documents listed above to yfg@ehfg.org with the email subject 'YFG 2026_Your Full Name' by Sunday 29 March 2026, 23:59 CEST.