

YOUNG FORUM GASTEIN PROGRAMME – EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN 2021
27th September – 1st October 2021, online

Call for Applications | Newcomers

The Young Forum Gastein (YFG) programme was initiated in 2007 to enable promising young health professionals to attend the annual European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) and become a part of an inspiring network which now includes over 500 members (Young Gasteiners) working in public and private sectors, civil society, and science & academia. Participation in the YFG network introduces young experts to the EHFG community and the European public health scene in general. It also offers a unique opportunity for the Young Gasteiners to actively contribute to the annual EHFG conference as authors of session reports or blog posts, moderators or rapporteurs and get involved in discussions on the current challenges and developments in health in Europe and beyond.

In 2021, the EHFG conference will consist of a full week of digital sessions and networking opportunities and hence, also the Young Forum Gastein will apply an interactive and engaging digital format for this year's cohort. The YFG programme will start with a kick-off evening event in early September and will continue throughout the EHFG conference week from 27 September to 1 October 2021.

Professionals from the public sector, science & academia and civil society

EHFG offers a number of YFG scholarships to attend the 24th EHFG for professionals from public sector, science & academia and civil society organisations. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee and participation in the tailor-made YFG programme 2021.

Professionals working in the private sector

If you are working in the private sector, please note that your employer is asked to provide a contribution to the scholarship costs and network activities throughout the year if your application is successful. A confirmation that your employer will cover the respective contribution of €1000 should be submitted in the application with other required documents. This fee will contribute to covering costs for the facilitation of the programme.

Application criteria

Please note that successful candidates have to meet the following criteria:

- Citizenship of one of the countries of the WHO European Region (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries>);
- Age up to the 35th birthday on 27th September 2021;
- Proficiency in English (oral and written);
- Hold a Master's degree in a health-related subject;
- Relevant work experience of at least two years (full-time) in the field of health/public health (policy or research).

By applying for the YFG programme the applicant confirms her/his availability to undertake an active role before and during the online conference. This is a pre-condition for being accepted into the programme. Activities may include reporting on the event, contributing to the conference web-blog, conducting interviews, supporting interactive sessions, participation in panel discussions, acting as rapporteur for a session, etc.

Duration

The YFG programme at #EHFG2021 commences with an evening kick-off session in early September and continues on Monday 27th September 2021. The conference programme and YFG activities will take place up to and including the afternoon of Friday, 1st October.

Application

The scholarship application consists of two parts:

1. Questionnaire: Please fill in a short [Google Forms](#) questionnaire.
2. Submitting the following documents (please send these to yfg@ehfg.org):
 - a. Curriculum Vitae;
 - b. Proof of proficiency in English (i.e. native speaker, OR a formal certificate/qualification demonstrating proficiency in English OR proof of publications or other written work in English OR employer confirmation of your English ability and regular use of English in your day to day work);
 - c. Passport scan;
 - d. Letter of Support (a short letter from your manager/supervisor on your organisation's official paper) confirming that:
 - You are working in the field of public health/ health services/ health policy and have at least two 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 YFG programme, and in the EHFG conference from 27 September to 1 October 2021;
 - If you are employed by the private sector, please also include a letter confirming that your employer has agreed to cover the scholarship contribution of € 1,000 if selected.

Please send the documents listed above in electronic format to (yfg@ehfg.org) with the subject of the email of 'First & Last Name_YFG' by **Monday, 26th April 2021, 23:59 CET**.

Only full applications will be considered and will be examined according to the criteria mentioned above. A balanced participation from across countries/regions and professional sectors will be taken into account.

All applicants will be notified on the outcome of the selection process by **mid-June 2021**.