



## **YOUNG FORUM GASTEIN SCHOLARSHIP – EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Bad Hofgastein, Austria

### **Call for Newcomer Applications, 2018**

The Young Forum Gastein (YFG) Scholarship was initiated in 2007 in collaboration with the European Commission, to enable promising young health professionals to attend the annual European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) for learning and networking. It offers a particularly unique opportunity to learn about current developments in Europe and to network with several of high level experts in the sphere of health.

#### **Scholarships for young professionals from the public sector, science & academia and civil society organisations**

We are pleased to announce that the EHFG would like to once more offer a number of Young Forum Gastein scholarships to attend the 21st EHFG. For young professionals working for a university or national research institute, a government ministry or an administration body or from a non-governmental organisation - the scholarship covers the EHFG registration fee, travel and accommodation expenses and participation in the tailor-made YFG programme 2018.

#### **Opportunities for young professionals working in industry (private sector)**

As industry represents one of the four EHFG pillars, it is beneficial to have young people from this sector participating in YFG, to ensure a more rounded debate. If you are a young professional working in industry and you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please note that your employer must bear your costs when applying. If you would like to apply, please submit an expression of interest as per the requirements below, confirming that your employer will cover your costs (approximately 1800 euros including reasonable travel costs) to enable you to participate in YFG.

#### **Application criteria**

Scholarship applicants will have to meet the following requirements:

- Citizenship of one of the 28 EU Member States or candidate countries or EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland);
- 35 years of age or under on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018;
- Proficiency in English (oral and written);
- Hold a Master's degree in a health-related subject;
- Relevant work experience of at least 2 years (full time) in the field of health/public health (policy or research);
- Proof of current work in the field of public health (for a university or national research institute, a government ministry or for a non-governmental organisation - or if your employer will cover your costs, in a health role in industry);





By applying for the YFG scholarship the applicant confirms her/his availability to undertake an active role before and during the conference. This is a pre-condition for being accepted as a scholar. Activities may include participation in presentations, panel discussions, reporting on the event, contributing to the conference web-blog, conducting interviews etc.

### YFG 2018 – duration

The YFG programme at #EHFG2018 commences one day before the official start of the EHFG conference, on the morning of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. Activities will take place up to and including the evening of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, with travel home on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Depending on flight availability, participants may need to arrive on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

### Application materials

To apply, please fill out the

- Newcomer – YFG Personal Details Form by clicking [here](#) and
- collectively submit the following documents in English:

- 1) CV: please submit a Full Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- 2) English Proficiency: please show proof of a very good command of oral and written 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);
- 3) Passport Scan/Photocopy: please submit a photocopy of a passport or identity card for proof that you are under 35 years of age on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.
- 4) Letter of Support: Please submit a short letter from your manager/supervisor on your organisation's headed paper confirming that:
  - You are working in the field of public health and have at least 2 years work experience in this field;
  - Your manager/supervisor supports your application and if you are selected your organisation will grant you leave on the following days: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018, to participate in the YFG programme and the EHFG conference.
  - If you are applying from industry, please also include in this letter confirmation that your employer has agreed to cover your costs if selected (up to 1,800 Euros).

Please fill out the form and send the documents listed above in electronic format to [Rafaela Tripalo](#) by **midnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.

Only full applications will be considered. Applications will be examined in order to reach agreement on the number of scholarships and a balanced participation from across countries and professional sectors. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of June 2018.

Please get in touch with Rafaela via telephone, email or skype (details in the footer below) if you have any questions or comments.

Best wishes,  
*Rafaela Tripalo*

