

Privacy Notice for applicants of the WHS 2026 Stipend & Fellowship Program

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This notice informs applicants to the WHS 2026 Stipend & Fellowship Program of how WHS processes your personal data in connection with your application.

1. Controller

The controller within the meaning of the GDPR is:

WHS Foundation GmbH (hereinafter "WHS")
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You can reach our Data Protection Officer at:

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Sigmaringer Str. 5a
10713 Berlin, Germany
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2. Data we collect from you

In the context of the application process, we process the personal data that you provide us, including in the documents you submit. Specifically:

- Your identification data such as your name, age and country of origin
- Your professional data such as your CV, your educational background and work experience
- Your letter of motivation
- Information on relevant involvement and, where you decide to share with us, descriptions of lived experiences relevant to the scholarship programme

To ensure a balanced and equal treatment selection process, applicants are instructed not to include personal data in the PDFs and documents attached, as well as any special categories of personal data (for example concerning health, racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs) or unnecessary data such as photographs in the documents.

3. How we carry out the selection procedure

The selection takes place using a structured evaluation process to ensure an objective evaluation and consistent assessment of a high volume of applications.

Applications are assessed based on predefined criteria developed by WHS. Applications are reviewed and scored, and the highest-ranking candidates are subject to a further assessment by WHS staff members. These staff members independently evaluate candidates using the same criteria to verify the initial assessment results.

The final selection of scholarship recipients is made on the basis of this evaluation. Additional considerations may be taken into account to ensure a balanced and diverse cohort.

4. Legal basis for processing

The legal basis for processing your personal data is Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR, as the processing of your data is necessary for us to be able to select the recipients of the scholarship for which you applied.

Where applicants voluntarily provide additional information, including potentially sensitive contextual information, such processing is based on their explicit consent (Art. 9(2)(a) GDPR).



Your data is processed via SurveyMonkey and ChatGPT Business, which act as processors on behalf of WHS and with whom we have concluded data processing agreements pursuant to Art. 28 GDPR. ChatGPT Business is provided by OpenAI Ireland Ltd (1st Floor, The Liffey Trust Centre, 117-126 Sheriff Street Upper, Dublin 1, D01 YC43). SurveyMonkey is provided by SurveyMonkey Europe UC (5 School House Lane East, Dublin 2, D02 N279, Ireland). These service providers may only process the personal data on our behalf and not for their own purposes and must treat the data confidentially.

5. Storage period

Application data will be retained until 31 October 2026. This retention period reflects the duration of the selection process and allows us to keep a waiting list, for example where selected candidates are unable to participate. After this data, application data will be deleted, unless you have specifically consented to us retaining your data for longer.

For successful applicants, personal data required for participation in the World Health Summit 2026 will be processed in accordance with the applicable participant privacy notice.

6. Your rights

You have right to request access to (Art. 15 GDPR) and rectification (Art. 16 GDPR) or erasure (Art. 17 GDPR) of personal data or restriction of processing (Art. 18 GDPR), the right to object (Art. 21 GDPR) and the right to data portability (Art. 20 GDPR). You have the right to object against all types of processing described here that are based on Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR, based on grounds relating to your particular situation (Art. 21(1) GDPR). You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority (Art. 77 GDPR).