



World Health Summit 2026 Stipend & Fellowship Program

for Participants from Low- and Middle-Income Countries, as well as with Lived Experience

The World Health Summit will be offering travel and accommodation stipends for up to fifteen individuals from low- and middle-income countries, as well as participants with lived experience voices to participate in the World Health Summit in Berlin, October 11-13, 2026.

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible, since applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and the application process may close once all spots are filled.

1. Scope of the stipend

The World Health Summit will

- Book and pay for roundtrip economy class flights to and from Berlin.
- Book and pay for a hotel stay (4 nights incl. breakfast, Oct. 10-14) in walking distance to the WHS venue.
- Provide World Health Summit 2026 registration (incl. food and beverages).
- Cover miscellaneous expenses (reimbursement of up to 200€), e.g., for transport within Berlin. Please consult the "important remarks" section for further information.
- Cover visa and passport costs (reimbursement of up to 200€). Please consult the "important remarks" section for further information.
- Invite stipend recipients to participate in the World Health Summit's Kick-Off reception on Saturday night (Oct. 10) ahead of the World Health Summit 2026.

2. Application process

- Applications may only be submitted via the designated [online form](#).
- The World Health Summit will announce the beginning of the application period publicly.
- The World Health Summit will contact each selected individual via email. In case a selected applicant is unable to accept the Stipend & Fellowship program, candidates from a waitlist will be contacted.
- Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible, since applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and the application process may close once all spots are filled. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible for the participant stipend program, applicants must

- Hold the nationality of and must reside in a low- or middle-income country according to the [World Bank categorization for 2025-2026](#) or have lived experience
- Complete each item of the application form:
 - Personal information, including country of nationality and of residence
 - Letter of motivation (min. 1 page, font size 11; max. 2 pages)

- CV
- Proof of activity in global health (e.g., work, advocacy group membership, letter of recommendation)
- Be eligible to apply for a short-term Schengen visa.
- Have English fluency as the World Health Summit conference language is English

Important remarks:

- Applications will be evaluated for completeness and quality of content. If more fitting applications are submitted than stipends can be awarded, the World Health Summit will employ a lottery to determine the recipients; if necessary, multiple drawings will be done to ensure diverse regional representation.
- Selected stipend recipients must apply for a visa in a timely manner. The World Health Summit will provide an invitation letter as part of the stipend and will try to support in the case of difficulties but cannot guarantee visa issuance.
- Stipend recipients will be participants in the World Health Summit and may participate in all open formats of the World Health Summit program. Stipend recipients do not attend the WHS 2026 as speakers.
- Costs for visa and passport as well as for miscellaneous expenses may be reimbursed up to the stated amount. Original receipts must be submitted in order for the reimbursement to be processed. All receipts must state the purpose, date, amount, currency, and any taxes paid.
- The World Health Summit will not cover any additional expenses occurred during the hotel stay, e.g., use of the mini bar, double occupancy of the room.
- The World Health Summit will book the most economical direct flight in economy class. Costs incurred for rebooking, insurance or similar will not be covered by the World Health Summit.
- Selected stipend recipients agree to contribute to the communication activities of the World Health Summit for the corporate channels as well as for personal channels. This can be done, for example, through written reporting on the stipend program and participation in the World Health Summit, by recording video material or creating postings. The World Health Summit Communications team will work closely with participants to support and coordinate these activities.
- Selected stipend recipients agree to complete an evaluation survey on the Stipend & Fellowship program and their experience at the World Health Summit 2026 immediately after the conference.