

IAP 2026 Young Physician Leaders (YPL) Programme- Call for nominations is open.

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Thursday 18 June 2026

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Dear IAP Members,

We are very pleased to announce that IAP is seeking candidates for the 15th [IAP Young Physician Leaders \(YPL\) Programme](#) to be held on 8-11 October 2026 in conjunction with the World Health Summit (WHS) in Berlin, Germany, 11-13 October. The WHS provides a forum within which the YPL will be exposed to an outstanding scientific and policy programme attended by a global group of medical and policy professionals. Previous YPL sessions have been very well received and a directory of alumni along with a series of videos describing the programme are available online.

For more information please see: www.interacademies.org/37938/YPL.

This 2026 annual programme is articulated in three parts:

- A specific leadership development programme with a focus on analysing models of leadership with the aim of developing an individual action plan for personal leadership growth.
- Participation by the awardees in the Virchow Award ceremony.
- Participation by the awardees in the World Health Summit.

This IAP programme will have the collaboration of a top level training institute (most recently this has been the European School of Management and Technology, ESMT Berlin) and is implemented in partnership with the [World Health Summit Academic Alliance](#).

We are seeking to identify about 20 outstanding Young Physician Leaders under the age of 40 who:

- Are doctors/MDs/physicians;
- Are pursuing careers in medical education, clinical leadership, public health, health policy and health services management;
- Show great promise for leadership in their chosen careers;
- Are enthusiastic, with outstanding communication skills and the ability, desire and personality to represent the medical profession well when interacting with the senior professionals from multiple sectors who will be attending the World Health Summit.
- Are willing, after the Berlin experience, to engage with the wider YPL alumni network, e.g. in developing collaborative projects.

We aim to convene a diverse group with multiple specialties and career interests, reflecting a diversity of geographic location and economic status of the representative countries. We especially encourage the nomination of women.

Nominations will be accepted from members of the [InterAcademy Partnership](#) and the [World Health Summit \(WHS\) Academic Alliance](#). Each organization can nominate a maximum of two eligible physicians below the age of 40.

The extended deadline for nominations is **Thursday 18 June 2026**. For your nominations, kindly use the online form here: <https://www.interacademies.org/form/young-physician-leaders>

A committee of medical and scientific professionals appointed by the IAP Board will review the applications and select the candidates who best fit the criteria outlined above. Successful candidates will be contacted in August 2025 with further details, precise dates and administrative procedures.

Support to participants: Support towards travel to Berlin and accommodation costs for candidates from high-income countries should be provided by the nominating academy/M8 Alliance member.

Partial financial support from IAP towards accommodation and travel costs may be provided to candidates from low- and middle-income countries, if required.

With best regards,

IAP Secretariat
InterAcademy Partnership