



## One Health Fellowship Fund

Since some of the best and most innovative ideas come from early career scientists, the World One Health Congress will actively encourage the careers of promising researchers. The One Health Platform therefore establishes a **One Health Fellowship Fund** to provide fellowships to young scientists, with special attention for promising scientists from resource-challenged countries. Intercontinental partnerships with One Health leaders in Africa and Asia, combined with the involvement of underserved communities and international associations like WHO, FAO, World Veterinary Association, World Medical Association, EcoHealth Alliance and CDC, will guarantee capacity building at the meeting and far beyond. In this way, the World One Health Congress will provide young One Health advocates with a unique opportunity to interact with world experts, gain further insights into their fields of interest and get inspired with new ideas and possibilities.

### 1. APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Launch of **Open Call for Congress Fellowship**

**Applications.** The call is open to participants from all over the globe. To be eligible, however, applicants must:

- be senior PhD students (expected to complete their dissertations within a year of the Congress) or must hold a PhD or a clinical qualification for no longer than 3 years at the time of the application. Special considerations (e.g. maternity/paternity leave) will be taken into account.
- complete the online registration procedure, submit a proof of status (on institution's letterhead from a faculty member or Department Head) and a research abstract (either as an author or a co-author).

Their research must focus on one of the Congress main programme themes:

- Pathogen discovery
- Drivers for emerging diseases
- Diagnostics and syndrome surveillance
- Pathogenesis
- Ecology
- Underprivileged communities
- Vaccines
- Intervention strategies
- Politics and social science
- Antimicrobial resistance

### 2. SELECTION PROCESS

- all applications will be judged by an International Evaluation Committee of One Health experts
- number of fellowships depending on the amount of funding secured

### 3. FUNDING

The World One Health Congress organizers seek resources from potential funders. Since fellows will be considered full participants, many of them with a special role in the Congress programme, we request funding of €3,450 per fellow. This amount will cover the registration fee, accommodation for the duration of the conference, and travel (economy class - booked by the Congress organizers) to and from the Congress venue. All promising scientists supported by the One Health Fellowship Fund will also receive an invitation to attend the One Health Fellows Evening, an informal network opportunity.

### 4. VISA

Obtaining visa for fellows in a timely fashion is challenging, particularly for fellows coming from resource-challenged regions. To cope with this challenge, the Organizing Committee will consult with the competent government agency of the hosting country to discuss the most appropriate visa application trajectory. The Congress Organizing Committee, however, will not actively assist fellows in the visa process except for providing official invitation letters. For budgetary reasons, travel will not be booked unless a valid visa has been obtained.

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