

Swiss Plexus Scholarships

Call for scholarship applications

SSPH+ Lugano Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics, and Management, 32nd edition

Lugano Switzerland and online

21-26 August 2023, with 1 pre-course on 16 & 17 August 2023



Deadline for scholarship applications:

1 March 2023

Notification of applicants:

12 May 2023

Online information session to answer any questions:

20 February 13:00–14:00 CET, Zoom link: <https://swisstph.zoom.us/j/87546424445>

Course program of the Lugano Summer School:

<https://www.sspH-lugano-summerSchool.ch/courses>

Application platform:

https://usi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DhgycB4U7LjK4e

Please read the following instruction carefully before starting the application process



The SSPH+ Lugano Summer School

The 32nd edition of the SSPH+ Lugano Summer School (LSS) will offer 1- and 3-day courses during the week of 21-26 August, and well as one pre-week course on 16 and 17 August. Courses are offered in hybrid, on-site, and online formats. The course portfolio covers key topics in global public health, including health systems and health financing, evidence-based decision making, NCD management, social media in public health, project management, community-based participatory methods, air pollution, behavior change, and others. All courses are very interactive and combine live sessions (either in the classroom or via video conference) with group work and independent study.

2023 Scholarship Opportunities

What are the prerequisites for an application?

- Work domain: Your work contributes to the improvement of health in your community, region or country, e.g. in a hospital, NGO, governmental organization, or in practice-oriented research
- Language: Good written and oral English language skills
- Attendance: All courses require your full attendance on the dates and times indicated in the description
- Online participation: Web connectivity and computer equipment must be sufficient and stable to follow live online courses via zoom
- Financial requirement: You do not have other sources to fund your tuition expenses or travel and accommodation costs

What are the terms for applying?

Read the course details (content, format, date) thoroughly before applying so that you know which course(s) you are applying to (you will be applying for scholarships to specific courses that you want to take and NOT an open scholarship where you decide later which course to follow). Course descriptions are available on the [LSS website](#).

The time zone is [Central European Summer Time](#)

- IT IS NOT POSSIBLE to apply for overlapping courses
- It is also NOT POSSIBLE to revise your selection once your scholarship application has been submitted. The courses listed in the notification of acceptance are binding
- If the organizers cancel a course, participants will be able to withdraw their participation or choose a different course
- To earn a certificate of completion and/or ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits, participants must attend at least 80% of the course and pass the final assessment
- Scholarship winners who do not show up to the selected courses, will not be able to win another scholarship in the next years
- The information you will provide will be used for managing your application and potential participation in the summer school

Available scholarships – mode of participation

There are two possibilities for scholarships: onsite and online

Lugano on-site scholarship

A scholarship for participating on-site (in Lugano, Switzerland) will cover the following costs:

- Tuition costs for courses. On-site participants can select courses from 21 to 26 August for a total of **6 days** courses + the pre-course (the selection of the pre-course is not mandatory)
- Lunches
- Scheduled networking events
- If the scholarship is granted, expenses for travel and health insurance need to be organized and pre-financed by the applicant, and the costs will be reimbursed at a predefined rate. **IF** the scholarship's winners cannot anticipate the money for the travel and/or other eligible expenses, they should contact the SSPH+ LSS office. Please write to the SSPH+LSS office about this issue, only if you win the scholarship.
- Expenses for accommodation
- Allowance for dinners

Online scholarship

A scholarship for an online participation will cover the following costs:

- Tuition costs for attending courses online (online only courses or hybrid courses). Online participants can select courses from 21 to 26 August for a total of **3 days** courses + the pre-course (the selection of the pre-course is not mandatory). Therefore, participants can select, for example: 1) One 3-days course (e.g. Systems Modelling) + the pre-course on Social Media; 2) Two 1-day courses (e.g. Wealth Inequalities and Health Economics) + the pre-course on Social Media; 3) The 3-half day course (Air Pollution) + the pre-course on Social Media. **OR** can decide to apply only for 1) Social Media pre-course; 2) One 3-days course; 3) One or two 1-day course(s).
- Scheduled online networking events

Hybrid and online courses are eligible if you apply for an online scholarship, however not the course(s) held on-site only

Get prepared for your application

Since the application cannot be saved unless it is completed, we highly recommend that you prepare the following information before you start the online application process:

Bio Sketch

A short description of your work, background, affiliation, and location. Please provide your name, any academic degree, titles or certifications, affiliation(s), current job function, expertise, and any other qualification/skill relevant for your application. (Maximum 1500 character - ~ 250 words).

Motivation

Please tell us why you want to attend the LSS, why you need a scholarship to do so, and what you hope to gain from attending the LSS this year. (Maximum 1500 character - ~ 250 words).

Past LSS participation

If you have attended the LSS in the past, please specify when, which courses you took and how the knowledge and networks provided during the LSS impacted your work (maximum 800 character ~ 120 words).

Mode of participation

The different modes of participation are described above. As the number of places for on-site participation is limited, you will be asked whether you would be willing to move to an online scholarship if needed. Please note that an online scholarship may be used to attend on-site provided that you come up with the funds for travel, accommodation and insurance costs yourself.

- Courses will be offered in three different formats:
 - ONLINE: the course will be held online, but a classroom will be in Lugano for on-site participants to take the "online" course
 - HYBRID: at least one facilitator will be on-site, but participation is both on-site and online
 - ON-SITE: participation is on-site in Lugano only - no online participation

About the Swiss Plexus

Swiss Plexus builds capacity for global public health and contributes to the transformation of educational opportunity into a global common good. The program matches health professionals, policy makers, students, and researchers from around the globe with high quality training offers provided by member institutions of the [Swiss School of Public Health \(SSPH+\)](#), the national coordinating body for promoting university education and research in public health sciences in Switzerland. By providing scholarships for short, skill and competency-based courses, Swiss Plexus supports the public health workforce to respond constructively to challenges of the public health sector.

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