



Swiss Plexus Fellowships: Building Capacity for Public Health Globally

Call for scholarship applications to the 31st edition of the SSPH+ Lugano Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics, and Management

in Lugano and online August 22-27, 2022

with 2 pre courses the week of 15.08

About Swiss Plexus	
Scope	<p>Swiss Plexus builds capacity for global public health. By providing fellowships to the public health workforce from around the world, it contributes to the transformation of educational opportunity into a global common good and fosters mutual learning for change.</p> <p>Global challenges such as the Covid-19 pandemic, vaccine hesitancy, financing health systems, NCD and NTD prevention and control, food scarcity, and other public health crisis, including climate change, create a pressing and continually evolving training and capacity building need. Worldwide, it is necessary to keep the health workforce up to date, to foster a next generation of leaders, and to bridge the gaps between research and practice across and within low-, middle-, and high-income countries. By providing fellowships for short, skill and competency-based courses, Swiss Plexus supports the public health workforce to respond constructively to challenges of the public health sector.</p> <p>The program matches health professionals, policy makers, students, and researchers 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 the fields of public health sciences in Switzerland.</p>
Funding	<p>Swiss Plexus provides scholarships for health professionals, policy makers and researchers to attend the courses either on-site in Switzerland or online.</p> <p>Swiss Plexus is supported by several organizations, including the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Federal Office of the Environment, and others.</p>
Scholarships	<p>In 2022, Swiss Plexus will provide scholarships for a participation in the 31st edition of the prestigious SSPH+ Lugano Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics, and Management in Lugano, Switzerland.</p>

The Summer School	<p>The 31st edition will hold 1- and 3-day courses during the week of August 22 and 27, and well as two pre-week courses the week of 15 August. Courses are in a hybrid format, combining on-site with online attendance. The course portfolio covers key topics in global public health, including health systems and health financing, mental health, evidence-based decision making, NCD management, project management, Leadership, community-based participatory methods, air pollution, and others. All courses are intense and interactive and are designed for sharing experiences, needs, research and practice, and combine live sessions (either in the classroom or via video conference), group work, as well as independent study.</p> <p>A digital certificate of completion is provided to all participants who successfully pass the course, and ECTS (1 per each 3-day course, or per combination of 1-day courses) are awarded to those who meet the requirements. To earn ECTS, participants must attend at least 80% of the course, attend all plenary lectures during that course, and pass the final assessment.</p>
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2022 Scholarship Opportunities

Lugano on-site fellowship	<p>Depending on the funder and situation of the participant, fellowships for participation on-site (in Lugano, Switzerland) will cover all of or some of the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition costs • Lunches • Scheduled networking events • Expenses for travel, accommodation, health insurance • Allowance for dinners • Poster print, if applicable.
Online fellowship	<p>A fellowship for an online participation will cover the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition costs for courses • Scheduled online networking events • Technical counselling and support before and during the Summer School

Procedural steps and deadlines

1	Please consult the programme before you apply. http://www.ssph-lugano-summerschool.ch/
2	Review the scholarship options and complete the application process.
3	2 May 2022: Deadline for Swiss Plexus applications
4	16th – 20th May 2022: Applicants will be notified about the status of their application.

Application requirements

Bio Sketch	A short description about your work, background, affiliation, and location ~120 to 180 words.
Motivation	A short text that describes why you wish to attend the summer school and why you need to receive a scholarship ~120 to 180 words.

Expected impact	How you plan to use the learnings you gain from participating ~120 to 180 words.
Educational and Professional information	A list of any academic or professional degrees /certifications(s), and your relevant work experiences, specifying where you work/worked, and dates of your work there.
Choice of Courses and Mode of Participation	<p>Please consult the course descriptions at www.ssph-lugano-summerschool.ch before you apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All courses require your full attention at the dates / times indicated in the description. It is not possible to take overlapping courses. • In the application form, you will indicate if you prefer on-site or online participation, and what level of financing you need.
Apply	Complete the application process here https://usi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezgZ1chFo06IKbQ