



**Health Volunteers Overseas**  
*Transforming Lives Through Education*

# The Wyss Scholarship for Future Leaders in Global Health

**Application Instructions**



[www.hvousa.org](http://www.hvousa.org)



# About the Scholarship

The organization and delivery of timely and appropriate health care services is an enormously complex undertaking. Countries with limited resources face additional challenges in terms of training and supporting the professional development of health care providers – the essential linchpin in any health care system. These same countries too often suffer a disproportionate share of the global burden of disease which compounds the challenges.

Since 1986, Health Volunteers Overseas has focused on improving the availability and quality of health care through the education, training and professional development of the health workforce in resource-scarce countries.



A critical element of professional development is the nurturing of leadership skills. With a generous gift from Mr. Hansjörg Wyss, HVO launched a program designed to develop and support a cadre of future leaders in the health care sector in resource-scarce countries. The Wyss Scholarship for Future Leaders in Global Health allows HVO to support the professional development of local health care providers at HVO project sites. Beneficiaries are providers who have demonstrated leadership potential, by their willingness to share knowledge and skills, their involvement in local professional associations, and their interest in broadening an understanding of their specialty's role both nationally and globally. They will have demonstrated qualities critical to leadership – being open-minded and flexible, able to deal with complexity and ambiguity, and characterized by strong personal integrity, a passion for improving the system within which they function, and being resourceful and highly motivated.

## Eligible opportunities include:

1. Regional conferences, meetings, and short-term courses.
2. International conferences, meetings, and short-term courses of study.
3. Online short courses.

*\*Other educational opportunities may be considered.*

# Application Process

All applications will be submitted online at [hvousa.org/wyss-scholarship](http://hvousa.org/wyss-scholarship). Applicants will be required to submit:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV):
  - Information from CV regarding education, training, work experience, prior research experience, publications or abstracts, honors and awards. Applicant must also indicate institutional affiliation, department and specialty, if applicable, and student status.
2. Three letters of support from:
  - Employing institute and from the appropriate professional association, if there is one in the country.
  - HVO project director or volunteer.
3. An application form that provides:
  - the anticipated impact of this course of study on your professional development and leadership potential;
  - a plan of action as to how the information learned will be shared with colleagues; and
  - an outline of funds requested and purpose of funds (e.g. travel, registration fees, etc.).

Applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis, with deadlines as follows:

**January 31, April 30, July 31, October 31.**

Candidates will be notified of a decision within a month following the submission deadline.

First-time applicants will receive priority. Applicants may only receive the scholarship twice and there should be a 3-year wait between the training opportunities.

If accepted for an international placement, candidates must be able to obtain a passport and any other necessary travel documents. If a candidate is accepted for a scholarship, but denied a visa, they may re-apply for the scholarship the following year.

***Applications must be submitted 4-6 months prior to the start of the educational activity. Applications submitted less than 4 months before the proposed activity may not be reviewed if staff determines that there is not enough time for processing.***

## Candidates

Funding is available to local health care professionals early in their careers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to their patients and profession, a desire to share their knowledge, and have also demonstrated leadership potential. Candidates may include faculty, clinicians, and those in post-graduate training programs.

## Final Report

All Wyss Scholars recipients are required to submit a report (no longer than 5 pages) within 30 days of completion of project outlining the experience and lessons learned. Wyss Scholars will also be part of a cohort that is surveyed annually to gather ongoing data in their career and professional development.



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