

# Call for Emerging Voices for Global Health 2016

(EV4GH 2016)

At

## The Fourth Global Health Symposium on Health Systems Research

**‘Resilient and responsive health systems for a changing world’**

The [Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#) will take place in Vancouver on 14-18 November 2016

### About the Emerging Voices

Emerging Voices for Global Health (EV4GH) is an innovative multi-partner blended training program for young, promising and emerging health policy & systems researchers, decision makers and other health system professionals with an interest in becoming influential global health voices and/or local change makers. EV4GH coaches “Emerging Voices” to participate actively in international conferences where global health issues are addressed, and to raise their voice in scientific and policy debates.

Four previous EV4GH editions have been organized, all linked to an international or regional global health event. In 2010, EV4GH was linked to the First Global Symposium of Health Systems Research in Montreux, in 2012 to the Second Global Symposium in Beijing, in 2013 to the AIDS in Africa Conference (ICASA) in Cape Town, and in 2014 to the Third Global Symposium of Health Systems Research in Cape Town.

For all information about previous editions see the EV4GH [website](#).

### EV 2016 track

The EV4GH program is managed by an internationally representative governance committee consisting of EV alumni elected by previous EV4GH participants. EV4GH works closely with the Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (Vancouver Symposium) Executive Committee and with Health Systems Global and shall create opportunities for, and support, young health researchers, decision makers and professionals to stage their work at the Vancouver Symposium.

To support the EV4GH 2016 track an **Emerging Voices consortium** was established:

- The Institute of Public Health (IPH-Bangalore), India (host of the EV secretariat)
- The Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM), Belgium
- The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
- The University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa
- University of the Western Cape (UWC), Cape Town, South Africa
- Peking University Health Science Center (PUHSC), Beijing, China

### **What is the EV4GH training?**

The full EV4GH 2016 training consists of:

- 1) E-coaching and distance learning in preparation for a face-to-face training (Aug -Oct 2016)
- 2) Face-to-face (F2F) training: scientific presentation, networking and communication skills coaching using innovative formats, and content training & field visit to the Canadian health system (Vancouver, early Nov -10 Nov 2016)
- 3) Young researchers (& other changemakers') pre-conference (Vancouver, 11-12 Nov 2016)
- 4) Participation in the Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (Vancouver, 14-18 Nov 2016)
- 5) Wrap-up – focusing on Emerging 'beyond Vancouver' (Vancouver, 19-20 Nov 2016)
- 6) Distance coaching post-symposium (with various tracks), membership of EV4GH network

## Provisional Timeline for the EV4GH 2016 track



## What does the EV4GH 2016 track offer to EVs?

- Develop writing, presentation, moderation, networking, social media and other communication skills through innovative training formats (during the distance and F2F stages), to enable publication in journals, global health blogs or on social media and become more effective on the global stage
- Test the newly acquired skills in a pre-conference (with some invited senior researchers & policy makers)
- Introduce and advance young health system researchers' content knowledge about global health governance, health policy & systems research and other related topics, including via interaction with senior people in the field during the F2F stage
- Facilitate participation of young health researchers, decision makers and other health system professionals and change makers in the Vancouver Symposium (including via posters, oral presentations, social media and as rapporteurs)
- Network with other young researchers, professionals, peers as well as senior researchers, policy makers and experts in health systems and Global health
- Become part of the Emerging Voices for Global Health Network with members working all over the world, and receive information on opportunities to participate in workshops, courses and conferences. Involve Alumni EVs in capacity building and national & international partnership

## Expected Outcomes EV 2016

Expected outputs for each Emerging Voice participant:

- Poster presentation
- Oral presentation during pre-conference (in an innovative format)
- Active participation in the Vancouver Symposium
- (Optional) video of your oral presentation (Camtasia or alternative)
- Blogs, publication, ...

## Applications EV 2016

**Who can apply?** We are looking for young researchers, health professionals, decision or policy-makers and/or –brokers, or practitioners born on or after 1 January 1976. (As in previous EV editions, though, the focus will be on young health policy & health systems researchers.)

Applicants must have at least two of the following:

- A Master's degree in health or a health-related field
- Be enrolled in a doctoral-level programme in health or a health-related field
- At least two year work or research experience in public health or development
- Experience and/or knowledge of working in LMICs

Most of the new EVs will be selected **individuals** (as was the case in previous ventures), but **paired applications** (comprising a researcher and a decision maker/knowledge broker) are also possible this time. A limited number of young decision makers/knowledge brokers will be added to the mix of EVs, through these paired applications (whereby young researcher applicants already suggest a decision maker/knowledge broker they often work with in their country).

The primary focus will be on **applicants from the Global South**, but candidates from the North can also apply (they need to have relevant field experience in the South, though, and preferably work on health policy & systems research in the South).

The EV4GH program is in English. Participants thus **need a good command of English** to participate.

If you fit this profile and you can participate in the EVGH 2016 training, including a full three week period in Vancouver from 31 Oct - 20 Nov 2016, you are invited to apply.

## Requirements

### Individual applicants

1. **Abstract** (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words). (*In line with the Vancouver Symposium call, we also accept abstracts in French and Spanish. If your abstract is in French/Spanish, though, also submit a translation (in English).*)
2. Short **CV** (maximum two A4 pages); if you want, you can also add the link to a short (e.g. Youtube) video explaining the work you're doing & research (optional)
3. A well-elaborated **motivation letter** (maximum 400 words) explaining why you want to participate in the EV4GH 2016 training. The motivation letter is crucial and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent Emerging Voice candidate. Explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should include 2 references (name, contact details).
4. A forceful and well-argued **essay** (1000-1500 words) related to the theme of the Vancouver Symposium "Resilient and responsive health systems for a changing world" (for more info on the theme, see also [HS Global](#) )

*(Remark: motivation letter and essay can also be written in French or Spanish  
No other languages (than English, French or Spanish) are allowed).*

### Paired applications (applicant + decision maker or knowledge broker)

For the applicant - as above except, the motivation letter should state why and how it will be beneficial for both you and the decision maker/knowledge broker to participate.

#### For decision maker/knowledge broker

1. Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words)
2. Short CV (maximum two A4 pages)
3. An essay (reflection) on policy implementation (or brokering) challenges experienced in the work context. (Maximum 1500 words)

### How to apply

The application process consists of 2 steps:

1. Application via submission of an Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words) through the Vancouver Symposium website
2. Send a mail to [ev4gh@iphindia.org](mailto:ev4gh@iphindia.org) containing 4 attachments 1) the (same) abstract you submitted to the symposium (+ translated abstract, if abstract in French or Spanish), 2) Short CV, 3) Motivation letter (only one needed for paired application), 4) Essay

All the above should be completed at the latest by 20 March 2016. To be considered for the EVGH 2016 training program applicants must complete both steps of the application process by this deadline.

**Travel grants:**

A limited number of travel grants can be awarded to Emerging Voices who lack sufficient financial means for participation. There will be some full grants, and also partial grants.

**The Emerging Voices Consortium consists of the following partners**

