

Call for applications: Emerging Voices for Global Health 2020

*linked to the Sixth Global Health Symposium on Health Systems Research
'Re-imagining health systems for better health and social justice' in Dubai on 8-12 November 2020*

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What is the Emerging Voices for Global Health training program?

Emerging Voices for Global Health (EV4GH) is an innovative multi-partner blended training program for young and emerging health policy and systems researchers, decision makers, knowledge brokers, and other health system actors with an interest to become influential local change makers and/or global health voices. EV4GH coaches Emerging Voices (EVs) to participate at global health platforms and raise their voices in scientific and policy debates. The EV4GH program is managed by an internationally representative [governance committee](#) consisting of EV alumni elected by previous EV4GH participants and several invited (liaison) members from EV partner institutes. In 2015, the EV4GH program became [a Thematic Working Group](#) of Health Systems Global (HSG).

Over the last decade, six EV4GH training programs were completed, linked to international and regional global health events. The first edition of the EV4GH program (2010) was conducted in conjunction with the 1st Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR) in Montreux. Editions since then were linked to the 2nd Global HSR Symposium in Beijing (2012); the AIDS in Africa Conference (ICASA) in Cape Town (2013); and in 2014, 2016 and 2018, to the 3rd, 4th and 5th Global Symposia on Health Systems Research in Cape Town, Vancouver, and Liverpool, respectively (see [EV4GH website](#) for information on previous editions). Nearly 260 Emerging Voices from over

60 countries participated in the EV4GH training program. Many have gone on to take on leadership roles in their countries and globally.

EV4GH 2020 marks the special occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Emerging Voices for Global Health program, and we are looking forward to celebrating this event with new EVs, EV alumni and the wider global health family. EV4GH 2020 is supported by the Emerging Voices consortium which has its secretariat hosted at the Institute of Public Health Bangalore (India) and several partner institutions including (in alphabetical order):

- American University of Beirut (AUB) through its Knowledge to Policy Centre (K2P), Lebanon
- Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Antwerp, Belgium
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG), Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Peking University Health Science Centre, Beijing, China
- The University of Cape Town (UCT), Cape Town, South Africa

What does the EV4GH 2020 training program include?

EV4GH 2020 is a blended learning training program and consists of an e-coaching and distance learning phase, followed by a face-to-face training phase held prior to the Symposium. It uses innovative training methods and activities to enable young researchers to present their work effectively and engage at global health platforms. In addition, the global composition of EVs fosters networking and learning across contexts. The training program also offers access to the EV4GH network and other thematic working groups of HSG.

When will the EV4GH 2020 training program take place?

1. **26 September 2019:** Call for applications launched
2. **6 February 2020:** Deadline for applications
3. **March-May 2020:** Selection of new EVs
4. **June-July 2020:** Notification of acceptance to the program
5. **August – October 2020:** E-coaching and distance learning phase
6. **28 October – 6 November 2020:** Face-to-face training, including scientific presentations, networking and communication skills, content training, and field visit to the local health system facilities in Dubai, UAE.
7. **7 November 2020:** Young researchers and other changemakers pre-conference
8. **8-12 November 2020:** Participation in the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Dubai
9. **13 November 2020:** Wrap-up session focusing on emerging beyond Dubai

10. After 13 November 2020: Participation in the EV4GH network and other HSG thematic working groups with other young researchers, professionals, peers as well as senior researchers, policy makers and experts in health systems and global health. Some of the activities of the EV4GH network include regular discussion and information sharing in the Google group, webinars, regional meetings, the possibility of residencies, and blog writing.



What does the EV4GH 2020 training program offer to participants?

1. Develop writing, presentation, moderation, networking, social media and other communication skills through innovative training.
2. Introduce and advance young health system researchers' content knowledge about global health governance, health policy and systems research and other topics related to the theme of the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, including via interaction with senior experts in the field during the face-to-face phase.
3. Facilitate skills to publish in journals, global health blogs or on social media and communicate more effectively on the global stage.
4. Present and engage in a pre-conference with invited senior researchers and policymakers.
5. Facilitate participation and networking of EVs with other young and senior health systems professionals, senior researchers, policy makers and experts in health systems and global health.
6. Become part of the Emerging Voices for Global Health network: a global network of members that, among other activities, provides curated information on workshops, courses and conferences.
7. Opportunity to engage further as EV alumni towards capacity building, research collaborations and national & international partnerships.

Who is eligible to apply?

Application to EV4GH is open to applicants born on or after 1 January 1980. We invite

applications under two tracks:

Track 1: Researcher Track

This track aims to attract applications from researchers involved in health policy and systems research. Applicants must submit an abstract for the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Dubai and have at least two of the following:

- A Master's degree in health or a health-related field
- Be enrolled in a doctoral-level program in health or a health-related field
- Have at least two-year work or research experience in public health or development
- Experience and/or knowledge from working in low and middle-income countries

Track 2: Other health system actors' track

This track aims at other young health professionals, activists, decision or policymakers, health (systems) journalists and other health systems actors. Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- Be involved in a decision-making, implementation or practitioner role within health services or a health system in a low or middle-income country
- Be passionate about strengthening health systems within their local/national health context as activists, health journalists, or patient advocates or otherwise be involved in advancing health equity and social justice in their countries and/or regions.

Tracks 1 & 2:

- The EV4GH program is in English. Participants thus need to have a reasonable command of English to participate.
- Special consideration will be given to those who explicitly include the political dimension of health systems and services in their work, and challenge power in whatever form, based on good evidence.
- Focus will be on applicants from the Global South, but candidates from the Global North can apply as well, if they have some relevant (long term) field experience in the Global South, and/or are currently working on health policy and systems research issues in the Global South. Please see Scholarship details at the end of the Call.
- Accepted participants should be able to participate in the training program in full. This includes participation and presence in person in Dubai from 28th October till 13th November 2020. Applicants who cannot participate in full and can undertake only part of the program, will not be eligible to participate in the program.

Expected Outcomes EV4GH 2020 Participants:

1. Poster presentation (**Track 1**)
2. Knowledge of tools and strategies to become a more effective health systems/policy influencer (**both tracks**)

3. Oral presentation during pre-conference (in an innovative format) (**both tracks**)
4. Blogs, publication, and other forms to disseminate messages (**both tracks**)
5. Participation in the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (**both tracks**)

Application details and process

Track 1: researcher Track

1. **Abstract** (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words in English). If you submitted an abstract in French/Spanish, we will need an English translation.
2. **Short CV** (maximum two A4 pages); if you want, you can also add a link to a short (maximum 3 minutes, YouTube or Youku) video explaining the work you are doing and research (optional).
3. A well-elaborated **motivation letter** (maximum 400 words) explaining why you want to participate in the EV4GH 2020 training program. The motivation letter is crucial and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent Emerging Voice candidate. Please explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should include two references (name, contact details).

After uploading the abstract on the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research [website](#) and receiving acknowledgement, please use [THIS LINK](#) to complete your application for the EV 2020 researcher track. **Please note that you will need the unique ID from the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research abstract submission for completing this application.**

Application Steps

1. Application via submission of an Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words) through the [Symposium website](#).
2. Go to the link: <http://mo.ev4gh.net/course/view.php?id=25>. Create a new account or login through your Google/Microsoft account. Then fill out the google form and upload the following documents: 1) the (same) abstract you submitted to the symposium (+ translated abstract, if the abstract in French or Spanish); 2) Short CV; and 3) Motivation letter

Track 2: Other health system actors' track

1. **Short CV** (maximum two A4 pages); if you want, you can also add a link to a short (maximum 3 minutes, YouTube or Youku) video explaining the work you are doing (optional).
2. A well-elaborated **motivation letter** (max 400 words) explaining why you would make an excellent Emerging Voice, although not a young researcher. The motivation

letter is crucial and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent Emerging Voice candidate. Please explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should include two references (name, contact details).

3. An **essay** (reflection) on policy implementation (or activist/brokering/journalism...) challenges experienced in your own work context, linked to one of the themes of the symposium (maximum 1500 words)

Or:

A **video** (no longer than three minutes) or any other creative way which makes a case for the messages he/she would like to bring to the symposium. The video can be uploaded on YouTube/Youko and the link may be shared in the application in a separate document.

For the health system actors' track, apply using [THIS LINK](#) here keeping the above documents ready.

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All the above should be completed at the latest by 6 February 2020. In case of any queries/ questions please contact EV4GH Secretariat at ev4gh@iphindia.org.

Selection process

An advisory board consisting of past EV governance board members, and some senior members from partner institutes will review the application materials and help with the selection process based on transparent selection criteria.

What does the EV4GH 2020 scholarship include?

A limited number of full and partial scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants. The full scholarship will cover participation in the three-month blended learning training program, the 10-day face-to-face training (& pre-conference) (including participants' airfares to and from Dubai (UAE), accommodation, meals, and materials) and participation in the 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Dubai. Scholarships shall prioritise LMIC participants. HIC participants from universities and research institutions from the 'Global North', if selected, are expected to raise their own funds to cover all costs of participation in the EV4GH program.

Please note, successful EV selection cannot guarantee a successful and timely visa process, unfortunately, so if selected, we encourage participants to start visa application as soon as possible.