

EUROPEAN FORUM ALPBACH

Scholarship Programme 2020



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**FORUM
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FOUNDATION**

Become part of Europe's
FESTIVAL of IDEAS



ALPBACH

in a nutshell

The European Forum Alpbach is an interdisciplinary platform for science, politics, business and culture. Established in 1945, the annual European Forum Alpbach, as well as its events throughout the year, address the relevant socio-political questions of our time.

Alpbach connects international decision-makers from all sectors of society with an interested audience and committed young people. Its goal is to create a dialogue across the generational, ideological and other lines that divide us. Nowhere else can you go on a sunrise hike with Nobel laureates in the morning and discuss your ideas with fellow scholarship holders from almost 100 nations in the afternoon.

European Forum Alpbach 2020 Timeline:

SEMINAR WEEK | 19. - 26. August 2020

Successful scholarship holders get to attend **1 morning** (academic) and **1 afternoon** (artistic/practical) **seminar**.

SYMPOSIA | 22. August - 04. September 2020

<i>EFA Opening</i>	22. August 2020
<i>TYR - Tyrol Days</i>	22. - 23. August 2020
<i>MED - Health Symposium</i>	23. - 25. August 2020
<i>MEET - Artists in Discourse</i>	26. August 2020
<i>EDU - Higher Education Forum</i>	26. August 2020
<i>TEC - Technology Symposium</i>	27. - 29. August 2020
<i>POL - Political Symposium</i>	29. August - 01. September 2020
<i>LAW - Legal Symposium</i>	30. August - 01. September 2020
<i>ECN - Economic Symposium</i>	01. - 03. September 2020
<i>FIN - Financial Market Symposium</i>	03. - 04. September 2020

ALPBACH LEARNING MISSIONS | 19. August - 04. September 2020

19. August - 04. September (& ongoing through projects and scholarship holders' initiatives).

FAN (FORUM ALPBACH NETWORK) PROGRAMME | 19. August - 04. September 2020

19. August - 04. September (& ongoing through two FAN Conferences and each Club's events).

FIGURES

from 2019

Seminar Week

80+

Seminar Chairs

29

Seminars

5

*Alpbach Learning
Missions*

The Seminar Week is the academic heart of the European Forum Alpbach, and it is characterized by the space it gives to discussion, its interdisciplinary atmosphere and intergenerational dialogue. For a week, Alpbach becomes a hive of innovative knowledge transfer: **academic seminars** in the mornings, **artistic and practical seminars** in the afternoons.

The **ALM** (Alpbach Learning Mission) is a groundbreaking seminar format at the European Forum Alpbach. By joining a mission, participants start out by participating in a scientific seminar as a basis and then embark on a self-organised learning journey, partially guided by experts but mostly driven by their own motivation and responsibility to bring solutions to the table.

Conference

9

Symposia

4800

Participants

795

Speakers

In 2019, **795 national and international speakers** accepted the invitation to the European Forum Alpbach. Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Nobel Prize Laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz, extremism expert Julia Ebner, Rick Goings (Chairman Emeritus of the Tupperware Brands Corporation), and many more spoke at the Forum. One of the highlights of the programme was the visit of the President of the UN General Assembly María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, who opened the Political Symposium together with the Austrian Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen and the Austrian Chancellor Brigitte Bierlein.

European Forum Alpbach FOUNDATION

The goal of the European Forum Alpbach non-Profit Private Foundation, is to support the objectives of the European Forum Alpbach by funding scholarships for the European Forum Alpbach with the aid of donations.

Our scholarship programme enables young people from across the world to come to Alpbach and to participate in the Forum. The scholarships vary and can range from a participation fee waiver to free room and board.

The European Forum Alpbach Foundation also supports its global alumni network.

Until today, scholarship holders have founded more than 30 alumni groups, which run their own successful scholarship programmes. Hundreds of scholarship holders from almost 100 countries participate in the European Forum Alpbach every year.



660

Scholarship Holders

95

Countries

30+

Alumni Clubs

HEAR

From our scholarship holders!

"All in all, I see EFA as one of my most important experiences as a young scholar. The people I have met, the ideas I was exposed to, the open and welcoming atmosphere for dissections, and the world-leading speakers opened my mind to new ways of thinking and offered me a glimpse into the topics that will be discussed in the near future, the ones I should focus on."

Ben Sharoni, scholarship holder 2019 from Israel



"The Forum in all true essence led me to challenge myself, take risks and explore the hidden potentials and also to network and socialize and to be a part of global diversification."

Muneeb Ahsan Malik, scholarship holder 2019 from Pakistan

Scholarship REQUIREMENTS

We welcome applications from all countries and academic disciplines.
We strongly encourage artists and non-graduates to apply.*

Before applying for a scholarship, please read carefully through the requirements:

<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/requirements/>

Between 18 & 30 years old

(between 18 and 35 for African applicants)

Attendance

A minimum 12 day attendance is required. This must include the Seminar Week.

International*

Austrian Nationals please visit:
alpbach.network/forum-alpbach-network/fan-members/

Chinese & Taiwanese Nationals, please visit:
[alpbach.org/en/scholarships/](https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/)

English Proficiency

Minimum English level B2

Online Application

We can only accept applications submitted through our online platform. More information:
<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/apply/>

Certificates & Transcripts

For more information please visit:
<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/requirements/>



**Austrian nationals should apply directly through one of the Clubs of the Forum Alpbach Network; Chinese and Taiwanese nationals should apply through one of our partner organisations in the respective countries.*

Types of First-Timer SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, hundreds of students from almost 100 countries get awarded a scholarship to participate in the European Forum Alpbach. Join smart minds from around the world in a charming Alpine village, immersing yourself in an environment bursting with novel ideas, new ways of thinking and opportunities for making great contacts!

With the Alpbach scholarship programme, young people under 30 can attend this leading interdisciplinary conference and a variety of academic seminars. A basic scholarship covers the participation fee to all events at the European Forum Alpbach. Additional subsidies are available for accommodation and board allowances for applicants with insufficient funds.

There are 3 different scholarship types for first-time scholarship applicants:

BASIC

- The EFAF covers **participation fees**.
- Travel costs are not covered by the EFAF.

PARTIAL*

- The EFAF covers **participation fees & accommodation allowance***.
- Travel costs are not covered by the EFAF.

FULL*

- The EFAF covers **participation fees, accommodation & board allowance***.
- Travel costs are not covered by the EFAF

For more information on scholarship types please visit:

<https://www.alpbach.org/en/scholarships/scholarship-types/>

**Please note that the partial and full scholarships can only be granted upon availability of funds.*

*** A written statement or a proof of state subsidy will suffice.*

SELECTION

Process

The European Forum Alpbach Foundation awards around 300 scholarships yearly to international students and young graduates to participate in the European Forum Alpbach. The other 300+ scholarships, are awarded by the different Clubs and Initiative Groups, members of the Forum Alpbach Network (FAN).

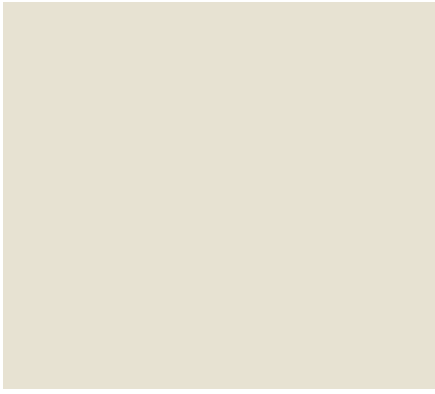
Each application submitted to the European Forum Alpbach Foundation, is reviewed by two members of an independent jury in order to ensure an objective selection process.

The jury consists of different members from a variety of fields of academy, non-profits and the private sector. A list with all the jury members' names will be published on the European Forum Alpbach website before the application period opens.





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Scholarship application TIMELINE



17. February 2020

Applications Open

The call for applications will go online on the EFA website under www.alpbach.org/scholarships



31. March 2020

Applications Close

*Make sure you have submitted your application **latest by the 31 March 2020 (11:59 AM [noon] CET)**. We recommend early submission to avoid last minute issues with your computer or internet access that might cause you to miss the deadline!*



May 2020

Application Results

*All applicants will be contacted **latest by the end of May** with their results. Please do not get in touch with us beforehand regarding application results. All successful applicants will have the chance to either accept or refuse the scholarship within 2 weeks of having received the application results.*



19. August 2020

Arrival in Alpbach

*All selected scholarship holders will arrive in Alpbach **latest on August 19 at noon**, before the start of the Seminar Week. On this date, there will also be a welcome/orientation event for all scholarship holders. Attendance is mandatory.*



September 2020

Feedback Questionnaire & Report

All scholarship holders who visited Alpbach are required to fill out an evaluation questionnaire after the Forum. Your opinion matters to us! We will also ask you to compile a short report for your scholarship sponsor!