

EUROPEAN FORUM ALPBACH

Scholarship Programme 2020



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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

100+

Sessions

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.

Alpbach is a unique place with...



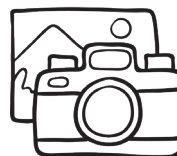
A Long History



**Respect for the Planet &
Nature**



**Interdisciplinary &
Intergenerational Dialogue**



**A beautiful alpine setting
for ideas' exchange**



**Academic & Artistic/Practical
Seminars**



A Think & Do Approach



European Forum Alpbach FOUNDATION

The European Forum Alpbach Foundation (EFAF) was established in 2005.

Its goal 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.



650+

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 holder's PROFILE

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

Under 30

All first-time scholarship holders must be aged between 18 and 30 years. For African applicants the age threshold of 35 applies. We also offer returner scholarships. To apply for these, one must have already been to Alpbach as a scholarship holder and must be below 35 years old.

Socially Engaged

It is important for us to receive applications from people who are socially engaged and think about society in its entirety. Civil service, volunteering or non-profit work count under this category.

International

If you are an Austrian national, please apply through one of the many Austrian Alpbach Clubs or Initiative Groups (More info [here](#)). Please note that if you are a Chinese or Taiwanese national, you should apply through one of our partner organisations in the respective countries (more information [here](#)).

Proficient in English

A minimum English level B2 (European Standards) is required to be eligible for a scholarship.

Active

We welcome applications from people who are engaged in their communities through civil society organisations, cultural projects or other initiatives in the civic and political spaces.

Curious

Alpbach focuses on curiosity, dialogue and interdisciplinary solutions to our society's struggles. We welcome applications from people who take a think-out-of-the-box approach and ask as many questions as they can think of!

**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. All applications must be submitted online.

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.

REQUIREMENTS

- Between 18 and 30 years of age;
- At least 12 days attendance of the Forum.

PARTIAL*

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Between 18 and 30 years of age;
- At least 12 days attendance of the Forum;
- Proof of insufficient funds to cover the stay in Alpbach.**

FULL*

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Between 18 and 30 years of age;
- At least 12 days attendance of the Forum;
- Proof of insufficient funds to cover the stay in Alpbach.**

**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

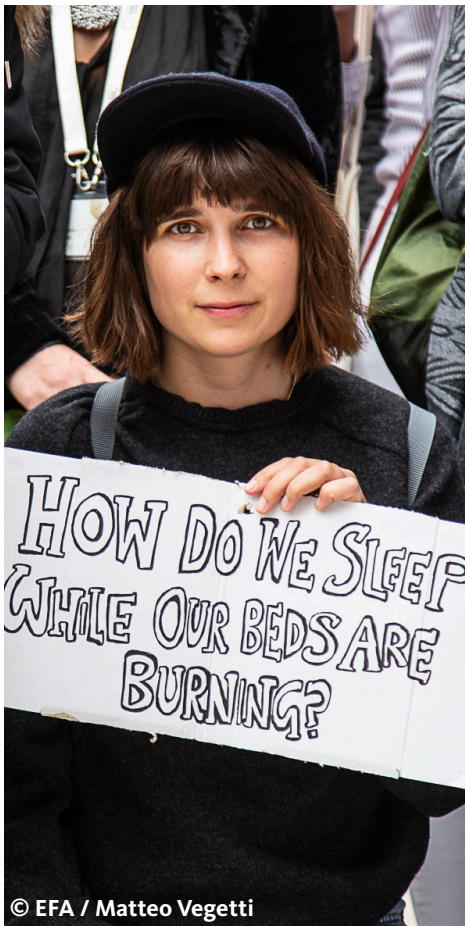
Process

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).

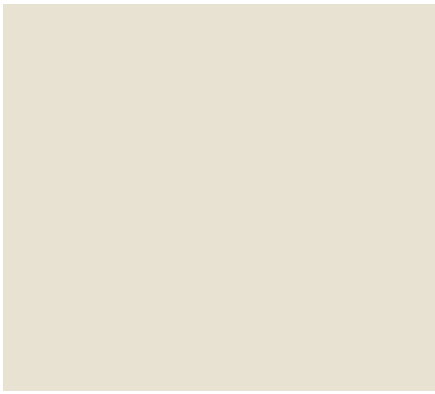
Each application submitted to the European Forum Alpbach Foundation, is reviewed by two members of an independent jury in order to ensure an objective selection process.

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

January 2020

Tip: Start collecting required documents

In order to submit a full application, you will need the documents listed below. We suggest you start collecting these already in December or January:

1. Scanned copy of your highest school or university degree;
2. Transcript covering all credits obtained during the last (academic) year. Alternatively: a confirmation of your last obtained school or work experience (e.g. proof of enrolment, employment contract or employment verification letter);
3. Minimum B2 English Certificate (TOEFL, IELTS, letter of proficiency by professor/employer). Native speakers do not need to present a certificate.

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!

The Forum Alpbach Network



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FAN

The FAN is a network of over 30 independent Clubs in more than 30 countries, which were founded by former participants of the Forum. All of these are run by students and young professionals and are acknowledged as associate members of the European Forum Alpbach. Each of the Clubs organizes independently its scholarship programme and local activities throughout the year. The FAN fosters regional and international dialogue and cooperation; it encourages young people to become active agents in their societies and it enables young people to be part of the European Forum Alpbach.

FAN bodies:

FAN Board | FANB

The clubs elect a Board which coordinates common activities, sets up priorities for the network and represents FAN within the Forum's bodies and the broader public. The FAN also nominates young experts who bring in their expertise in the work of Advisory Committees. The effort of everyone involved is on a voluntary basis and highly motivation-driven.

FAN Committee | FANC

The FAN Committee is the Forum Alpbach Network's main organizing body during the European Forum Alpbach. Each year, another Club/ Initiative Group (IG) takes over this task. Volunteers from this Club/IG work the whole year to coordinate the FAN program at the European Forum Alpbach, which consists of more than 100 events including panel discussions, fire side talks, hikes, sport events, pub quiz and many more. The FAN Committee also brings in its own ideas to enrich the program even further.

Clubs & Initiative Groups

The Forum Alpbach Network is made up of Clubs and IGs from more than 30 regions. The Clubs and IGs are youth organizations that share the Forum's core values and intentions and are awarding scholarships to young people from their region. They also host regular panel discussions, talks or other events.

Ambassadors

Founded in 2015, the Ambassador Programme was created to spread the "Spirit of Alpbach" globally. FAN Ambassadors work in their regions of residence to inform people about the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the European Forum Alpbach by hosting events, giving talks or creating and sharing webpages.

Scholarship Programme

FAQs

Who can apply for a European Forum Alpbach Foundation scholarship?

The scholarships are available to people up to 30 years of age (and 35 years of age for African applicants). We welcome applications from all countries and academic disciplines. We also encourage artists and non-graduates to apply. There are special application procedures for Austrian, Chinese and Taiwanese citizens. If you hold one of these passports, you cannot apply through the European Forum Alpbach online platform. See [here](#) for more information.

Is it possible to apply for a scholarship through other awarding bodies (such a Club Alpbach or an Initiative Group)?

Provided that the respective application criteria are satisfied, it would be possible for you to apply for a scholarship at the European Forum Alpbach Foundation and at one of the Members of the [Forum Alpbach Network](#). If you do so, please indicate it on your application.

When will I receive my scholarship?

All applicants will be informed about scholarship results by the end of May 2020. If your scholarship includes a contribution to the accommodation costs, we will arrange this directly with the landlord. If your scholarship additionally covers a board allowance, the money will be paid in two rates.

When applying, should I already take care of accommodation?

The European Forum Alpbach disposes of an adequate allocation of student accommodation and will handle your room booking if you are granted a scholarship. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to reserve your accommodation prior to the announcement of the selection results. However, please notify us should you wish to take care of your accommodation yourself.

Where will my accommodation be during the European Forum Alpbach?

During the Forum, Alpbach and the surrounding villages are mostly booked out. However, the European Forum Alpbach Foundation books one of the closest options for all its scholarship holders, which can be 30 min. to 1 hour away from the [Congress Centre](#) by shuttle bus (free of charge).

Is there a dress code?

Alpbach is a mountain village where the weather is very changeable even in the summer. Do not forget to bring warm clothes and especially weatherproof footwear and rain jackets with you! Please bear in mind that the roads in Alpbach are steep, so flat-heeled shoes are advisable. The dress code ranges from casual to smart casual. If you are unsure about how to dress, have a look at our [flickr account](#).

Are my travel costs covered?

The scholarship covers only participation to the European Forum Alpbach. In case of proof of need, it may also cover accommodation and board allowance. The scholarship does not cover travel costs, apart from for African scholarship holders.

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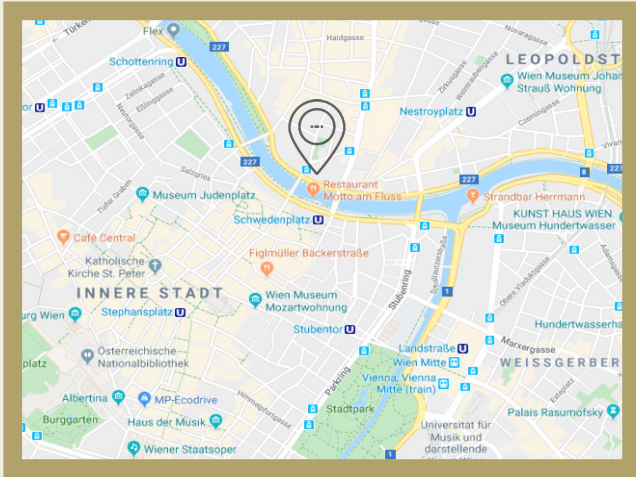
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