International Scholarship Award

Every year, UEG awards 30 International Scholarships to young gastroenterologists, aged 40 and below. The aim of these scholarships is to enable the awardees to attend UEG Week, to contribute to training and education of gastroenterology in developing countries and to encourage the exchange and expansion of knowledge among gastroenterologists on a worldwide level.

1. **Extent of the support**
The scholarships are restricted to citizens of countries with a Human Development Index (HDI) of less than 0.8 according to the [Human Development Report](https://hdr.undp.org/2019) 2019.

Benefits and obligations related to the Scholarship:
- Awardees receive free registration for the same year's UEG Week, including the Postgraduate Teaching Programme.
- Awardees receive a grant of €1,000, which shall help to cover hotel and travel expenses related to the attendance of UEG Week.
- Awardees must present themselves onsite at the registration counter of UEG Week with an ID/passport and are requested to fill-out and sign the award-related payment form. Otherwise the award money will not be paid.
- The award money will be transferred to the scholar’s bank account approx. 8 weeks after conclusion of the congress.

2. **Application criteria**
Candidates for the International Scholarship Award 2020
- must be citizen of a country with a HDI of less than 0.8 according to the Human Development Report 2019
- must be either a young gastroenterologist or fellow in training; applicants with a full professor title will not be accepted
- must be 40 years of age or younger at the time of the meeting (born October 15, 1979 or later; add two years to age limit per child as main carer)
- the grant can only be awarded once to the same individual

3. **Application process**
Candidates must submit the following mandatory documents with their online application by March 12, 2020:
- Completed [online application form](#)
- A candidate statement (150 words)
- Confirmation letter of the head of department, which must specify the applicant’s current work and the level of work/training
- Copy of passport

Optional:
- For main carers who would like to request an extension of the age limit: Please make sure to state this in your online application (checkbox) and upload the completed form accordingly.

4. **Selection process**
UEG awards 30 International Scholarships per year. The Scholarships are restricted to citizens of countries with a Human Development Index (HDI) lower than 0.8 according to the [Human Development Report](https://hdr.undp.org/2019) 2019. Selection is based on multiple factors, such as country and gender balance, personal statement, commitment to UEG and UEG related activities, etc.

The awardees of the International Scholarships 2020 will be announced by the end of April 2020.