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Call for Applications: Emerging Voices for Global Health 2022

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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 promising and emerging health policy & systems researchers, decision makers, and other health system actors with an interest to become influential global health voices and/or local change makers. EV4GH coaches “Emerging Voices (EVs)” to participate on 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. EV4GH became [a Thematic Working Group](#) (TWG) of Health Systems Global (HSG) in 2015 and was reconfirmed as a [TWG](#) in 2021.

So far seven EV4GH training programs have been organized, all linked to a global (or regional) health event. The first edition of the EV4GH program (2010) was conducted in conjunction



with the 1st Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Montreux. Since then, the editions have been linked to the 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Beijing (2012); the AIDS in Africa Conference (ICASA) in Cape Town (2013); in 2014, 2016 and 2018, EV4GH ventures were linked to the 3rd, 4th and 5th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Cape Town, Vancouver, and Liverpool, respectively (see [EV4GH website](#) for more information on previous editions); and in 2020 to the (virtual) 6th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Dubai. Till now, 290 EVs from over 60 countries have participated in the EV4GH training program. Many EVs are now in leadership positions in their countries, regions, and globally.

In early 2021, an Emerging Voices consortium was established with a (new) EV secretariat hosted at the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Nairobi, Kenya (July, 2021). The current list of partner institutions are (in alphabetical order):

- Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru, India
- Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Antwerp, Belgium
- 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
- University of the Western Cape (UWC), Cape Town, South Africa
- Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia
- Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia
- Universidad Javeriana sede Cali, Cali, Colombia

What is the EV4GH 2022 training program?

EV4GH 2022 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 emerging researchers, and other health system actors and change agents to present their work effectively and engage on various global health platforms. In addition, the global network of EVs fosters networking and learning across



contexts and regions. After the training program, EVs become members of the EV4GH thematic working group and can then join other thematic working groups of HSG.

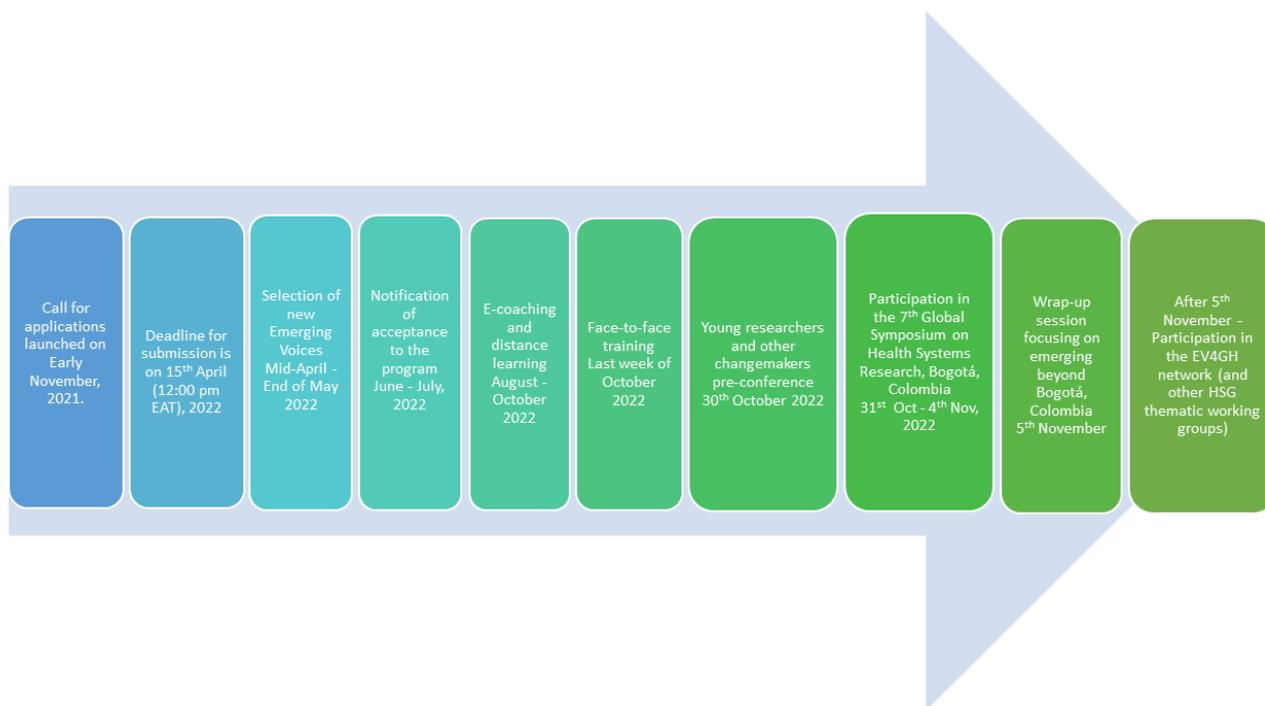
Stages of EV4GH 2022 training program

1. Early November 2021: Call for applications launch
2. 15 April 2022: Deadline for applications (12 pm EAT)
3. Mid-April till end of May 2022: Selection of new EVs
4. June-July 2022: Notification of acceptance to the program
5. August-October 2022: E-coaching and distance learning phase
6. Last week (/ten days of) October 2022 (kick-off: around 22-24 October): Face-to-face training, including scientific presentations, networking and communication skills, content training, and field visit to local health system facilities in Colombia
7. 30th October 2022: Emerging researchers and other changemakers' pre-conference (/TWG event)
8. 31st October-4th November 2022: Participation in the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Bogotá, Colombia
9. 5th November 2022: Wrap-up session focusing on emerging beyond Bogotá, Colombia
10. After 5th November 2022: Participation in the EV4GH network (and other HSG thematic working groups) with other emerging 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; residencies; blog writing etc.



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Figure Timeline for the EV4GH 2022 training program



What does the EV4GH 2022 training program offer to participants?

1. Develop writing and presentation skills, boost networking opportunities and skills, technical training and use of social media and other communication methods for dissemination of research through innovative training methods.
2. Introduce and boost emerging health system researchers' and other health system actors' content knowledge about global health governance, health policy and systems research and other topics related to the theme of the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, including via interaction with senior experts 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 emerging 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?

There will be two tracks for which participants can apply to be an EV 2022. Track 1 is reserved for researchers involved in health policy and systems research (researchers' track), Track 2 seeks to attract health professionals, activists, policy makers, knowledge brokers, health journalists, and other health system actors (other health system actors' track). **All applicants must have been born on or after 1st January 1982.**

Track 1: Researchers' track

This track aims to attract applications from emerging researchers involved in health policy and systems research. Applicants must submit an abstract for the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Bogotá 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 emerging health professionals, activists, policymakers, knowledge brokers, health 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 a passionate voice for strengthening health systems within their local/national health systems as an activist, health journalist or patient advocate or otherwise be involved in advancing health equity and social justice in his/her setting



Given the venue (Bogotá), we explicitly also want to encourage participants from the Latin American region to apply for this track.

Tracks 1 & 2:

- The EV4GH program is in English. Participants thus need to have a reasonable command of the English language to participate. All documents needed for the application should be in English (and/or have English translation (see below)), certainly for track 1. For track 2, the applicant motivation letter and essay may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese or French (optional).
- For both tracks, 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 Colombia from 22nd/24th October till 5th November 2022. 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 2022 Participants:

1. Poster presentation (track 1)
2. Improved knowledge of tools and strategies to become a more effective health systems/policy change agent (both tracks)
3. Oral presentation during pre-conference (in an innovative format) (both tracks)
4. Blogs, publications, and other forms to disseminate messages (both tracks)
5. Participation in the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (both tracks)

Application details and process

Track 1: researchers' 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 of the same.

2. **Short CV** (maximum two A4 pages): The CV should be clearly structured. You may use this 4-part CV structure as a template for your CV: Section A: Personal details; Section B: Education & Research information; Section C: other professional experience; Section D: any other information which might be of interest for reviewers (for this track). If you want, you can also add the link to a short video (maximum 3 minutes, YouTube or Youku) explaining the work you're doing and research (optional)

3. **Motivation letter** (maximum 400 words): A well-articulated letter of motivation on why you want to participate in the EV4GH 2022 training. The motivation letter is a crucial part of the selection process and must argue convincingly why you are an excellent EV candidate for this track. Explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should also include details of two referees (name, contact details).

After uploading the abstract on the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research [website](#) and receiving acknowledgment, please use this [link](#) to complete your application for the EV 2022 researchers' track. **Please note that you will need the unique ID from the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research abstract submission for completing this application.**

Track 2: Other health system actors' track

1. **Short CV** (maximum two A4 pages): The CV should be clearly structured. You may use this 4-part CV structure as a template for your CV: Section A: Personal details; Section B: Education information; Section C: other professional experience; Section D: any other information which might be of interest for reviewers (for this track). If you want, you can also add the link to a short video (maximum 3 minutes, YouTube or Youku) explaining the work you're doing and research (optional).

2. **Motivation letter** (max 400 words): A well-articulated letter of motivation on why you would make an excellent Emerging Voice for this specific track and what you might gain from participation. The motivation letter is crucial in this respect. Please explain your key strengths and areas you still need to work on. The motivation letter should also include two references (name, contact details).

3. **An essay** (reflection) on policy implementation (or activism/brokering/journalism...)



challenges experienced in your own work context, linked to the theme of the symposium, “*Health Systems Performance in the Political Agenda: Sharing lessons for current and global challenges*”. The essay should focus on one of the subthemes (maximum 1500 words)

Or:

A video (no longer than 3 minutes) or any other creative way which makes a case for the messages you 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 other health system actors’ track, apply using this [link](#) here keeping the above documents ready.

Application steps

Track 1: researchers’ track

1. Application via submission of an Abstract (Title of maximum 25 words + an abstract of maximum 400 words) through the [Symposium website](#).
2. Fill out the [REDCap form](#) and upload the following documents: 1) the (same) abstract you submitted to the symposium (+ English translated abstract, if the abstract was in French or Spanish); 2) Short CV (in English only); and 3) Motivation letter (in English only).

Track 2: Other health system actors’ track

Due to the fact that the event this year will take place in the Latin American (including Caribbean) region, we make a small language exception within this track during the submission process (see language exceptions in brackets).

1. Fill out the [REDCap form](#) and upload the following documents: 1) Short CV (in English only); 2) Motivation Letter (can also be in French, Spanish or Portuguese); and 3) Essay (can also be in French, Spanish or Portuguese) or Video (in English only).

All the above should be completed at the latest by 15 April 2022 (12 pm EAT). In case of any queries/ questions please contact the EV4GH Secretariat at ev4ghinfo@aphrc.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 a mix of transparent selection criteria.

What does the EV4GH 2022 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 (approximately) 10-day face-to-face training (plus pre-conference/TWG event) and include participants' airfares to and from Colombia, accommodation, meals, and materials, as well as participation in the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Bogotá. Scholarships shall prioritise LMIC participants. HIC participants from universities and research institutions (or other change agents) 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, so if selected, we encourage participants to start visa application as soon as possible.