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CALL FOR WONCA EUROPE SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

The WONCA Europe Scholarship Committee is excited to invite applications for the prestigious WONCA Europe Scholarship, designed to support and nurture the academic and professional aspirations of one exceptional individual. This esteemed scholarship offers a unique opportunity to empower a talented scholar in their journey towards excellence in family medicine.

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of four years, with a generous annual funding of €2,000 to support the scholar's studies and career development. This financial support aims to alleviate some of the financial burden, allowing the recipient to focus on their academic and professional growth.

The scholarship program will officially start on March 1, 2026.

Requirements for the candidates:

- Speaks and reads English (CEFR, C1 level in writing, reading, and speaking, no certificate is necessary);
- In the last year of family medicine specialty training OR a maximum of 10 years after finishing family medicine specialty training OR at least 3 years and a maximum of 10 years of working in family medicine/general practice settings (for countries with no specialty or equivalent vocational training as specified in Article 41 of Council Directive 93/16/EEC and the Directive 2005/36/EC);
- Member of a full National Member Organisation of WONCA Europe.

How to apply?

Applicants are required to submit their scholarship applications no later than January 31, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered, so make sure to complete your application well in advance of the deadline. Please send the below stated documents to SecretariatEurope@Wonca.net.

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an online interview.

What to send with the application:

- A recommendation letter from a WONCA Europe full National Member Organisation of your country;
- Your CV;
- A letter describing your experiences in the activities of family medicine nationally and internationally and the expected outcomes of scholarship based on different competencies such as leadership, communication, organisation, and their dissemination;

- A concrete plan for activities during the scholarship period, mainly focused on the development of competencies of the international leadership;
- A suggestion of a mentor including:
 - a letter of acceptance of that role by the suggested mentor
 - a short mentor's CV confirming he/she applies to the criteria

Criteria for the mentors:

- At least 10 years of experience as a specialist of family medicine / general practice;
- At least 10 years of international experiences in the field of family medicine / general practice organisation and/or, policy and/or, leadership and/or networking;
- Is prepared to support the activity of participating doctors through reviewing and appraisal of their work, providing feedback, advice and support;
- Cannot be a member of the Scholarship Committee;
- Can participate in (online) meetings with a Scholarship Committee when needed.

Suggestions for mentors can be obtained on request from WONCA Europe Secretariat.

The WONCA Europe Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select the most promising candidates based on their academic excellence and alignment with WONCA Europe's mission.

Successful candidates will be notified of their selection by February 28th, 2026.

We encourage motivated colleagues to apply for this exceptional scholarship opportunity. For any inquiries or additional information, please contact SecretariatEurope@Wonca.net

Kind regards,



Prof. Dr. Thomas Frese
WONCA Europe President