

## International Scholarships for UEG Week 2026

Every year, UEG grants up to 40 International Scholarships to young digestive health specialists. The aim of these scholarships is to enable the recipients 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 2025](#).

Benefits and obligations related to the Scholarship:

- Recipients receive free in-person registration for the same year's UEG Week, including the Postgraduate Teaching Programme.
- Recipients receive a grant of € 1,000, which shall help to cover hotel and travel expenses related to the attendance of UEG Week.
- Recipients 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 grant money will be transferred to the scholar's bank account approx. 5 weeks after the conclusion of the congress.

### 2. Application Criteria

Candidates for the International Scholarships for UEG Week 2026 must:

- be a [UEG Young Associate](#):
  - Main carers of children can apply for an extension of the age limit (2 years for one child and max. 4 years for two or more children) to become a UEG Young Associate. To do so, To request an extension, please complete the [age extension request form](#). *Please note that processing may take a few days, so submit your request well before the application deadline.*[here](#).
- be a citizen of **and** currently reside in a country with a HDI of less than 0.8 according to the [Human Development Report 2025](#). (See Table 1 in the report's Annex, or check the rank of your country directly [here](#).)
- be either a young gastroenterologist, fellow in training, or a master's or PhD student. Please note this opportunity is for applicants in their mid-stage career; this means that undergraduate students as well as applicants with a full professor title will not be accepted.
- hold a valid passport with an expiry date at least 3 months after the conclusion of UEG Week

Please note that previous recipients of the award are not eligible to apply again.

### 3. Application process

Candidates must submit the following mandatory documents with their online application by **June 4, 2026**:

- Completed online application form.
- A personal statement in English (maximum 150 words), addressing the following questions:
  - How will this award benefit you and your future career?
  - What will be your contribution to UEG Week?
  - How will you use your learnings from UEG Week in your home country?
- Confirmation letter of the head of department in English, which must specify the applicant's current work and the level of work/training.
- Copy of passport (which will be deleted from UEG's data management systems after UEG Week 2026)

#### **4. Selection process**

UEG grants up to 40 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 2025](#). Selection is based on multiple factors, such as country and gender balance, personal statement, and commitment to UEG and UEG-related activities. The recipients of the International Scholarships 2026 will be announced by the end of July.