



ICFMH FoodMicro Travel Grants

Guidelines, Terms and Conditions

Aim

The ICFMH is offering a limited number of grants for food microbiologists from the least developed/most indebted/lowest income countries for attendance at the International Conference of the ICFMH (FoodMicro). In addition, some grants to cover the registration fee for virtual participation will be awarded.

Eligible candidates

Candidates should be not more than 40 years of age and either registered for a higher degree (MSc, PhD or equivalent) or have obtained their PhD degree within the last 5 years by the application deadline, and should be a citizen of one of the countries listed below. (*n.b.*, applications from people living in other developing countries can be considered, but those from the list below will be given priority).

Candidates must have submitted, and had accepted, a poster or oral abstract for any session of the FoodMicro Conference (*n.b.*, you should submit your abstract, but not pay your registration fee). We will also consider applications from postgraduate students studying outside their own country, but in this case ICFMH may cover Conference registration and accommodation only.

Eligible Countries: Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo Dem. Rep, Congo Rep., Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea Dem. Rep, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Micronesia Fed. States, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Coverage

Air, sea or rail fares, of successful applicants will be paid by ICFMH. The cost of conference registration and accommodation will also be covered. In addition, a sum of 500 € will be paid towards day-to-day 'expenses' while at the conference, as well as the cost of travel-and-health insurance of successful applicants. , If a visa is required for visiting the country of the FoodMicro Conference, an extra 100 € will be provided for this.

The ICFMH Travel Grant does not pay the cost of travel to the starting airport or rail station in the home country nor from the airport or rail station to the conference venue (which should be paid from the 'expenses' allowance). We do not provide health or accident insurance coverage. Grant holders are responsible for all issues relating to health and travel insurance for themselves and any family members during the travel and the stay in the country in which the FoodMicro is held.

Please note that candidates must check the requirements of the country hosting FoodMicro with respect to COVID-19 precautions before they travel. ICFMH will not pay for the cost of compulsory quarantine.

Application submission deadline

The online application system will open on 1st March: [FMTG application form \(2022\)](#). The deadline for applications is **April 30th** in the year of the FoodMicro meeting

Travel to Greece

Please consult the most recent travelling protocols for Greece considering the current pandemic situation: <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

Application content

The on-line application must be accompanied by the following documents, all written in English:

- a short curriculum vitae (CV, max 3 pages)
- a copy of the abstract submitted for a poster or oral presentation by the FoodMicro Conference secretariat. (the selection committee will wait to hear whether or not the abstract has been accepted before informing the candidate of the result of their application)
- a signed statement from the applicant's immediate supervisor, countersigned by the Head of Department to confirm that he/she is a postgraduate student/graduate in the last five years, and that the work reported in the abstract has been carried out entirely or principally by the candidate
- an estimate, supported by relevant estimates, of the cost of return (air, sea or rail) travel to the Conference.

All documents described above should be combined in a unique pdf file (maximum of 3 MB) to be uploaded to the online application system: [FMTG application form \(2022\)](#).

Evaluation process

Applications will be evaluated by a committee consisting of members of the ICFMH executive board and FoodMicro organisers. Applicants will be informed of the result of their application before the early registration deadline by email message from the ICFMH.