



Frequently Asked Questions

The JWH Initiative aims to stimulate leadership of young people in environmental Civil Society Organisations in order to secure dedicated, knowledgeable and skilful leaders for the environmental movement in developing world.

What is the JWH Initiative?

In order to promote lasting change towards a more sustainable world the environmental movement is in constant need of inspirational and skilful leadership. Young people working for environmental CSOs, especially in developing countries, often have few opportunities to develop leadership skills due to a lack of resources for schooling, training or practical learning. The Joke Waller-Hunter (JWH) Initiative creates opportunities for young people in the environmental sector in developing countries to unfold their full potential. By giving small grants to individuals to expand their knowledge, experience and training, the Initiative aims to strengthen environmental CSOs capacity and efficiency. The mission of the JWH Initiative is thus to provide an accessible and tailored small grant for education and training of individuals who are nominated by their organisation as potential future leaders.

Who is it for?

'Young' people who work or are affiliated with environmental CSO's in developing countries and emerging economies who have shown potential for and interest in further developing their leadership.

Candidate countries:

Candidates can come from what we define as none-OECD members with exception of the Latin American countries from which candidates can participate.

Candidate's profile:

The definition of young is not linked to a concrete age limit as it in our view rather reflects a junior position of somebody who has as yet not worked in a leading position. However preference tends to be given to people under 35 years of age.

The candidates should have proof of an excellent track record in:

- fully embracing the idea of sustainable development with a focus on ecological sustainability;
- being committed to working for the CSO and/or affiliated organisation which is nominating the candidate;
- showing potential and ambition towards becoming a leader in his/her field of work, such as being inspirational to others, working with communities, etc.

Individuals working in these countries cannot participate: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States

What can the grant be used for?

The grant can be applied for a wide range of activities, depending on the individuals' need and interest. Most grantees use the funding for advancing either their knowledge and skills through studies, courses, trainings or their expanding their experience through internships, exposure and exchange travels, participation in conferences, high level meetings etc. The candidate should have a clear idea on what it is that she/he intends to use the grant for before applying.

Who can nominate?

We work with a nomination process which means the participants cannot apply themselves. Environmental CSOs and nominators working in these organisations identify suitable candidates within their organisations or networks and either themselves, and/or in collaboration with the candidate, fill in the nominating form. The nominator takes part of the responsibility for the participants' genuineness and will co-sign the Memorandum of Understanding should the candidate be selected. Since we work very much on the basis of mutual trust and for reasons of accountability we tend to give preference to working with organisations from our own network or affiliates. If the nominating organisation does not have any previous links with the JWH Initiative and/or Both ENDS they might be asked to provide proof their credibility and their commitment to working on issues of environmental sustainability.

How does it work?

There are two nominating deadlines per year, 1st of June and 1st of December. By this date the filled out nominating forms will have to be sent to us should the candidate be considered for this round. Nomination forms can be found on the website and nominations can be made throughout the year. However, it should be noted that the nomination forms can be subject to change and it is important to use the latest version. About six weeks before each deadline a call will be posted online and a reminder send via email to interested parties.

In order to qualify the nomination form will need to be completely filled out and a CV and a picture of the candidate provided.

Each round 15 candidates will be selected. The following categories of grants are available per round:

8 x 2.500€ / 4 x 5.000€ / 2 x 7.500€ / 1 x 10.000€

In the nomination form it should be clearly stated why the specific category is appropriate for the leadership development plan of the candidate.

After the deadline the Advisory Committee of the JWH Initiative will meet to select the most suitable candidates. The nominators and candidates should notice that the selection process can take up to six weeks after the deadline.

Should the candidate be selected to become a participant in the JWH he/she will be asked to develop a detailed leadership development plan, budget and timeframe. This will be part of the Memorandum of Understanding which subsequently will be signed by the participant, the nominator and the JWH Initiative. Furthermore the participant will agree to regular reporting and timekeeping in order to receive the full grant.

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