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The third Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit organised by Università della Svizzera italiana (www.usi.ch) will be held in Lugano, Switzerland, on 20 – 30 August 2020 (www.mem-summer summit.ch).

The Summit, designed as an intellectual and social exchange across borders, cultures and languages, is composed of two parts: an eight-day Seminar and a two-day Forum. The emphasis is on the need and ambition to pursue an incisive analysis and reflection on the complex challenges facing the extended Middle East Mediterranean region.

Our main objectives are:

- to offer a safe space for dialogue between young change-makers from the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe where to lay out a vision for common future of the region, by starting from the present
- to build a common ground and intergenerational exchange between young people and decision-makers, public and private institutions, non-profit organisations, social enterprises
- to develop novel approaches to tackle persisting critical issues
- to act as a breeding ground for developing across border and multilateral project proposals
- to initiate collaborations and start networks among several actors in the region

What's in it for you?

By participating in the MEM Summer Summit:

- you will enrich your curriculum with a unique experience confirmed by an attendance certificate
- you will have plenty of opportunities to network in an international environment: in particular, with young change-makers from the region, with speakers and guests from governmental and non-governmental institutions, companies and prestigious universities
- you will work on project-proposals with young colleagues, assisted by a team of professionals and experts
- you will have a chance to be involved in future projects and initiatives such as international conferences and workshops
- you will gain international exposure

Candidate profile

The MEM Summer Summit welcomes applications from candidates:

- aged between 25 and 35
- from the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe and/or with a proven interest in the region and engagement in the society
- with diverse educational backgrounds and work experience (professionals with careers in business, media, human rights and non-governmental work as well as artists, intellectuals, students and researchers). Multidisciplinarity and heterogeneity of experience are enriching and crucial to approaching the complex issues from plural perspective
- interested and willing to work on project-proposals with an across border approach with participants coming from all over the region
- with the ability to work as part of a diversified team
- with a strong knowledge of English; knowledge of French is an asset

Application requirements

Applicants must submit a complete application online using the following link:
<https://ycm2020.mem-summersummit.ch>.

In addition to completing the forms on our platform, applicants must upload the following documents:

- A Letter of Intent of no more than two pages describing current interests and plans in the MEM region, suggesting how the MEM Summer Summit may help further those interests and plans
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A short introduction video in English (up to two minutes long), in which the applicant introduces themselves, briefly state why they are the right candidate and how they can contribute to the Summit
- The names and contacts of two referees

Closing date for application: **Sunday 15 March 2020**. Applications will be evaluated by a Committee of experts. The successful applicants will be notified via email by **Wednesday 15 April 2020**.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition fees for the MEM Summer Summit 2020 are **CHF 2,300 a head**. This includes plenary sessions and workshops of the Seminar, panels of the Forum, all cultural activities during the Summit, lunches, and coffee breaks. It does not include: travel costs, accommodation, visas, health insurance, and dinners.

Grants

The MEM Summer Summit offers a **limited number of partial or full grants** for participating in the MEM Summer Summit 2020.

- **Full grants** cover travel, accommodation and tuition fee
- **Partial grants** cover tuition fee and/or accommodation

Priority will be given to covering the expenses of citizens from [low-income countries](#) or with proven financial needs. Applicants may apply for a grant by uploading a grant request letter on the YCM Platform (<https://ycm2020.mem-summersummit.ch>) by **Sunday 15 March 2020**.

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