

GreenTech Youth Learning Lab Global Conference Scholarship 2026 Mechanism

This scholarship is a high-impact leadership initiative designed to empower **10 Hong Kong youth** to engage with international green innovation, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable food systems conferences. More than a simple travel subsidy, this **capacity-building programme** focuses on the intersection of digital technology and nature-positive solutions.

1. Eligibility & Applicant Tracks

Applicants must be **Hong Kong permanent residents** aged **16-30**, currently enrolled as full-time students in secondary or post-secondary institutions.

Track A: Secondary (Aged 16–18) 2 places	Track B: Tertiary (Aged 18–30) 8 places
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging leadership potential. • Interest in sustainability, nature, or digital innovation. • Active participation in school-based, youth-based, or community initiatives. • Capacity to reflect on learning and translate it into a feasible action plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven record of leadership, initiative, or community engagement. • Clear understanding of how digital innovation can support nature-positive outcomes. • Ability to independently represent the scholarship in international settings. • A more developed and practical post-conference action plan.

Key Requirements: High English proficiency, a strong interest in "nature-tech," and a commitment to community action.

Minor Policy: Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian at their own expense. **Failure to secure a guardian will result in disqualification from the scholarship, regardless of selection status.** Please note that conference access is strictly reserved for the recipient.

2. Grant Mechanism & Financials

The scholarship provides a one-off capped subsidy and coverage of registration fee to support participation in approved international conferences. Funding is awarded via a tiered system based on the travel zone.

Zone	Destinations	Max. Award Amount (HKD)
Zone 1	Chinese Mainland	7,000
Zone 2	Thailand, Vietnam	8,000
Zone 3	U.S.A, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, France, United Kingdom,	16,000

Payment Arrangement: The scholarship will be disbursed as a one-time payment to awardees.

3. Selection

Selection is merit-based, following a Priority-Based Merit Allocation. Applicants rank three preferred conferences from an approved list; higher-scoring candidates receive priority for their top choices.

Track A: Secondary Students (aged 16–18)	Track B: Tertiary Students (aged 18–30)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motivation letter: 30%• ECA / leadership track record: 25%• Action plan*: 20%• Interview: 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motivation letter: 25%• Leadership track record: 30%• Action plan*: 20%• Interview: 25%

Note: The **Action Plan** is a preliminary proposal submitted during application that outlines how the candidate will translate international "sustainability" and/ "nature-tech" insights into local impact, ranging from **conceptual advocacy (Track A: Secondary)** to **practical technical implementation (Track B: Tertiary)** at the programme's final symposium.

4. Required Documents for Application

- Completed Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Motivation
- Action Plan Proposal
- Two Reference Letters
- Academic Transcript/ School Academic Result
- Supporting records of ECA/Community leadership Initiatives

Note: Applicants must submit their applications via the designated online system, ensuring all required supporting documents (Items (b) through (g)) are uploaded at the time of submission.

5. Mandatory Participation & Deliverables

Awardees are "Youth Ambassadors" (of the Green Tech Youth Learning Lab) and must complete the following:

- **Pre-trip:** Attend a briefing session
- **During/ Post-trip:** Produce two social media posts highlighting key learnings.
- **Reporting:** Submit a post-conference reflection report.
- **Local Action:** Implement a **post-return action plan** or community sharing initiative.

6. Withdrawal & Terms

- **Notice:** Withdrawals must be submitted in writing with a valid reason.
- **Clawback:** The organiser reserves the right to reclaim funds if an awardee fails to meet obligations, provides false information, or withdraws without a valid cause.
- **Force Majeure:** Exceptional circumstances (e.g., illness, academic emergencies) will be reviewed case-by-case.

Appendix I - List of Conference

The **Global Conference Scholarship** provides delegates with access to premier international conferences. The following list is curated to support both broad leadership development and specialized technical expertise.

General Leadership Portfolios:

- The Youth Empowerment Forum (YEF) 2026 (For Secondary Track only)
- The One Future Conference 2026
- Global Youth Summit for Change
- Clinton Global Initiative 2026 Annual Meeting

Technical Priority Portfolios (Recommended for Specialised Majors)

- 3rd Global Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (GEST 2026)
- 7th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (WCMB 2026)
- Nature-based Solutions International Congress
- International World Water Congress and Exhibition
- 2026 World AgriFood Innovation Conference

Note: All conference placements are subject to seat availability and final confirmation by the host organisers. The definitive list of available summits will be confirmed at the start of the official registration period.

Conference Name	The Youth Empowerment Forum (YEF) 2026
Organiser	The Center for Global Dialogue and Leadership (CGDL)
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global governance and diplomatic leadership • Global institutions and international cooperation
Date	3-6 September 2026
Location	Geneva, Switzerland
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 16-46 • Demonstrate interest in global change, youth empowerment, diplomacy, technology & innovation, peacebuilding, the United Nations, and humanitarian efforts
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level workshops and panel discussions • Skill-building opportunities in high-level workshops and panel discussions • Global networking and engagement with participants from diverse countries and international organizations • Institutional Exposure with a guided visit to the United Nations Headquarters (Palais des Nations) • A program component hosted at the World Trade Organization • Cultural exchange and global collaboration opportunities
Website	Youth Empowerment Forum 2026 Switzerland – CGDL

Conference Name	The One Future Conference 2026
Organiser	One Future Conference Incorporated
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial Intelligence and Innovation • Global Diplomacy and International Relations • Human Rights and Social Justice • Youth Inclusion and Leadership • Entrepreneurship and Future Economies • Sustainability and Global Responsibility
Date	16-19 July 2026
Location	Barcelona, Spain
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 16-46
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert-Led Sessions and Global Panels • Interactive Skill-Building Workshops • Delegate Statements: opportunity to speak • Mock Policy Design Labs: co-creating solutions to real global challenges • Future Crisis Simulations: scenario-based decision-making exercises • Impact Pitch Circles: present ideas, policies, or initiatives and receive structured feedback
Website	One Future Conference Spain 2026 - One Future Conference Inc.

Conference Name	Global Youth Summit for Change
Organiser	Youth Center for Dialogue and Peace
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action & Sustainability • Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution • Digital Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship • Human Rights & Social Justice • Global Governance & Policy Advocacy
Date	27-30 August 2026
Location	Geneva, Switzerland
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 18-35 • Demonstrate interest in diplomacy, international affairs, multilateral engagement and the United Nations system
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site field visit in a major UN hub in Geneva • Skill-building opportunities through briefings, institutional visits, diplomatic skills workshops, and networking opportunities
Website	Empowering Youth: Global Summit for Peace

Conference Name	Clinton Global Initiative 2026 Annual Meeting
Organiser	The Clinton Foundation
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Resilience • Economic Inclusion • Health Equity • Humanitarian Response • Women & Girls' Equality
Date	22-23 September 2026
Location	New York, United States
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: Must be at least 18 years old
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuable insights on innovation, diverse partnerships, and action-oriented solutions from leaders from business, government, and civil society • Potential participation in the development of solutions to urgent global challenges, and drive measurable progress
Website	Clinton Global Initiative 2026 Annual Meeting – Clinton Foundation

Conference Name	3rd Global Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (GEST 2026)
Organiser	The USG United Scientific Group
Theme	Environmental science and technology
Date	19-21 October 2026
Location	Valencia, Spain
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students • Recommended Fields: Environmental science, Sustainability, Green Technology
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Speakers: Renowned experts from academia and industry will share their insights • Technical Sessions: Dive deep into technical topics through a series of informative sessions • Poster Sessions: Interact with researchers and view cutting-edge work in poster sessions • Networking: Connect with peers, establish collaborations, and build your professional network
Official website	Environmental Science Conference Environmental Science and Technology Conference GEST 2026

Conference Name	7th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (WCMB 2026)
Organiser	The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
Theme	Conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity
Date	17-20 November 2026
Location	Bruges, Belgium
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate, Graduate, and PhD students • Recommended Fields: Environmental science, Policy & Management, and Tech • *Please note the main conference is technical
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote lectures from global experts, thematic symposia, oral and poster sessions on UN Decade goals, e-oceans, marine biodiversity, marine taxonomy, etc. • Innovative showcase of tools, technologies, and initiatives supporting marine research and conservation to catch the trends in the industry
Website	Home World Conference on Marine Biodiversity 2026

Conference Name	Nature-based Solutions International Congress
Organiser	The French National Research Program on Nature-based Solutions and NetworkNature in collaboration with UNP+, Biodiversa +, Sorbonne University, and the City of Paris
Theme	Biodiversity, climate, and sustainability
Date	3-6 November 2026
Location	Sorbonne University, Paris, France
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate, Graduate, and PhD students • Recommended Fields: Environmental science, Policy & Management, Green Finance and Tech
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdisciplinary Learning from experts from ecology, urban planning, finance, and social sciences, evaluating and anticipating conditions beyond the science of NbS • Valuable Insights from plenary sessions and thematic scientific tracks to advance scientific knowledge and methodological innovation on NbS • Hands-on skill Development via interactive workshops and policy dialogues
Website	Nature-based Solutions International Congress - Sciencesconf.org

Conference Name	International World Water Congress and Exhibition
Organiser	The International Water Association (IWA)
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply and sanitation • Preservation of natural ecosystems • Personal and community resilience
Date	4-8 October 2026
Location	Glasgow, UK
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student (for student fare) with a valid Student ID/ official letter from the University • <i>Note: To attend the Young Water Professional Forum, you must be an IWA member (register at a fee)</i>
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature more than 100 technical sessions (including digital technologies, NbS) and over 60 WS across six essential themes to provide a well-rounded update on the latest knowledge and innovation • Regular Features in the event programme, such as the Utility Leaders Forum, International Water Regulators Forum, Emerging Water Leaders Forum, and Groundwater Forum • Interdisciplinary Learning from utility leaders, academics, government and NGO representatives, tech providers, consultants, media, and professionals from sectors such as agriculture, urban planning, ICT, finance, and more
Website	IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition – Shaping our water future

Conference Name	2026 World AgriFood Innovation Conference
Organiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinggu District People's Government of Beijing Municipality • Beijing Municipal Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Affairs • China Agricultural University (CAU) • Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) • Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Agrifood Systems • AI and Digital Technology • Climate-smart Agriculture • Novel Food • Nutrition and Health • Livestock and Aquatics • Biotechnology • Policy and Governance • Resilience and Sustainability • Smallholders • Finance
Date	17-19 September 2026
Location	Beijing, China
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate, Graduate, and PhD students • Recommended Fields: Environmental science, Policy & Management, Green Finance and Tech
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International insights from international experts, policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators on resilience, sustainability and adaptability of agrifood systems • Dynamic dialogues through a series of keynote speeches, thematic forums, panel discussions, and workshops • Massive “Innovation Expo” and “Side events” specifically designed for youth-led agritech solutions
Website	Forum-2026 World AgriFood Innovation Conference 2026.9.17-19 WAFI