

ALUMNI IMPACT STORY & ALUMNI INITIATIVE FUND

We are very much interested in the valorisation of the activities carried out under the Global Sanitation Graduate School because it is not only the building of capacity of individuals and organizations of the sanitation sector that matters, but also to measure, demonstrate and share how and to what extent they are contributing to a world where children and families lead healthier, more productive lives. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, IHE Delft and partners invite alumni members of the Global Sanitation Graduate School to share examples from their professional life that demonstrate how they have used and/or applied knowledge gained from their participation in the Alliance's activities. The examples should have occurred after completion of the education and training activity. In addition, a limited number of incentives of up to USD 4,000 are available for alumni to support an idea or activity in the field of sanitation. The idea or activity must be implemented within the 12 months (preferably 6) after the award. The selected alumni are also required to write a report describing the success of the project or activity financed. If you are interested in submitting your impact story or in learning about the experiences of your colleagues, please get in contact with Dr. Konstantina Velkushanova (gsgs_project@un-ihe.org) and, of course, read the guidelines below.

Alumni Impact Story

The purpose of this document is to invite alumni who completed one or more of educational and training activities of the Global Sanitation Graduate School, to document examples from their professional life that demonstrate how they used and/or applied knowledge gained from their participation in these activities. Examples should preferably have occurred within 12 months of completion of the education and training activity, and should strictly follow the format presented below. One applicant can send more than one example, but each example should be on a separate form. Accepted stories will be published on the Global Sanitation Graduate School (GSGS) website <https://sanitationeducation.org/alumni-stories/>.

Alumni Initiative Fund

Additionally, an incentive of up to USD 4,000 is available for some of alumni whose impact stories have been accepted, to support an idea or activity in the field of sanitation. Alumni of the educational and training activities funded by the BMGF are asked to describe their idea or activity which they would like to implement. The idea or activity must be implemented preferably within the 12 months (ideally 6 months) after IHE Delft gives a green light to it. Selected alumni are also required to write a report describing the success of the project or activity financed. Examples will be evaluated by a committee assembled by IHE Delft, and the incentive will be awarded after approval from the BMGF. IHE Delft will administer these funds. IHE Delft will make a contract with each successful recipient of the fund, preferably with legal entities (e.g. institutions, companies etc., or individuals who have their own company, e.g. consultants), and with individuals. Executive summary of alumni initiatives will also be published on the Global Sanitation Graduate School (GSGS) website <https://sanitationeducation.org/alumni-stories/>.

General information

Alumni Impact Stories and executive summaries of Alumni Initiatives will be published by IHE Delft on the website of the GSGS and possibly make part of other publications. Alumni are encouraged to use audio/video materials and any other means to document examples. Video materials and images should be of high quality to allow for reproduction and publishing. By sending the completed form(s) you agree that IHE Delft has the right to use and disseminate the materials submitted and that materials submitted by you are copyright free. All stories must comply with the (GSGS) Privacy Policy (<https://sanitationeducation.org/privacy-policy/>). It is possible to submit an Alumni Impact Story only, without a proposal for the Alumni Initiative Fund, but not vice versa. To submit an Alumni Impact Story and to apply for the Alumni Initiative Fund please fill in the attached forms. If you require further information, please send your enquiry to Dr. Velkushanova. The call is open for the next four years but maybe closed sooner depending on the funds and the number of awardees, hence early applications are encouraged. The evaluation process and criteria are attached. In case the Alumni Impact Story submission or Alumni Initiative Fund Application is rejected for one or more reasons depicted in the attached flow chart, submitter/applicant is encouraged to re-submit/re-apply taking into account the feedback received by the evaluation committee. Alumni Impact stories call is open for all alumni who completed one or more of educational and training activities of the Global Sanitation Graduate School, while the Alumni Initiative Fund is only accessible to alumni of the educational and training activities funded by the BMGF.