

Selection Procedure

ITU invites national governments, through their official Member State administration, to assist in the initial screening process with the purpose of selecting candidates from each country to receive a fellowship to participate in the Youth Forum.

The procedure will be as follows:

- The ITU Member administration transmits this invitation to the national Universities or institutions of higher education and invites them to submit candidatures.
- The Universities inform their students about this opportunity and the conditions of participation. Candidates must be nationals, aged between 18 to 23 and must be attending national universities and higher institutes at the time of submission. All sessions will be in English, French and Spanish, so they must be able to participate in one of these three languages. A working knowledge of English is needed to communicate with other fellow students of the Youth Forum programme and to comprehend briefings which would be conducted in English. They must have completed two years of university study by **30 June 2009**. We seek a mix of competencies and interests, and there is no preference for any special area of studies.
- Candidates may not be related to any member of the national selection committee.
- Interested students fill in the nomination form and write a short essay (250-500 words) on the subject **“WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND HOW WOULD YOU USE INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES TO SOLVE IT?”**
- The essay may be written in ***English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese***. The students submit their essays and CVs to their respective universities for selection and evaluation.
- The Universities transmit the candidatures considered most appropriate to the ITU Member administration, together with a recommendation from the university or institute where the candidate is presently enrolled, stating the reason the candidate would benefit from attending the Forum, and that the candidate is allowed to be absent from the course for the duration of the Youth Forum participation **from 5 to 9 October 2009, plus travel time**).

- The ITU Member Administration selects **two male** and **two female** candidates (interview recommended) and transmits their candidatures with the Universities' recommendation to the ITU. The candidatures must reach the ITU not later than **27 March 2009**.
- The Selection Panel appointed by ITU makes a final selection of **one male** and **one female** candidate from each country.
- By **June 2009**, ITU informs the Member Administrations of the final selection made.
- The decision by the Selection Panel is final and no replacements will be considered.
- By **August and September 2009**, ITU provides the successful candidates with all the required information: authorization for departure, visa formalities, medical certificates and guidelines, as well as participants' obligations whilst attending the Youth Forum.
- Successful candidates will need to submit a medical certificate and will be required to obtain a visa, where necessary. More information will be available later.

ITU will publish the successful essays and the CVs of their authors in paper form, on the Web and on CD-ROM.
