

17th SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEADERS of President Ivanov

"NEW WORLD. NEW LEADERSHIP. NEW PRAGMATISM"

October 2026 - online
November 1-8, 2026, in Ohrid, Macedonia

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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

In the International Training for Young Leaders of Prof. Dr. Gjorge Ivanov,
President of the Republic of Macedonia 2009-2019

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We are pleased to announce the Call for Participation in the 17th School for Young Leaders of President Ivanov, organized by the Cabinet of the former President of the Republic of Macedonia, Dr. Gjorge Ivanov, in collaboration with the Ivanov School of Leaders – Alumni Association (ISLAA) and the International Center Alliance of Civilizations (ICAC).

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The International Training for Young Leaders of Prof. Dr. Gjorge Ivanov, President of the Republic of Macedonia 2009-2019, has been traditionally held since 2010. 650 young people with various academic and professional focuses from all over the world took part in the past 16 trainings. The sixteen generations of participants in the School for Young Leaders had the opportunity to attend lectures by around 450 renowned lecturers from the Republic of Macedonia, Europe, and the world. In 2018, the World Business Angels Investment Forum recognized the School for Young Leaders as the best socially responsible project in Europe for 2017.

MISSION

The mission of the School is to stimulate positive values in the young intellectual elite and future political, cultural, and economic leaders, primarily of our country, but also to encourage and enhance their capacity for taking on the global challenges, the international competition, and the cultural and religious diversities.

PROGRAM

- The Program is intended for young people under 35 years of age who have completed higher education, including both graduates and professionals with work experience. Participants are expected to demonstrate a willingness to develop and refine their leadership skills and to contribute to the positive development of the society and the environment in which they live and work.
- The training includes lectures by esteemed lecturers from Macedonia and abroad who will share their experiences and knowledge that should encourage participants to think analytically and create joint solutions to the challenges they face. Interactive engagement is a key component of the training.
- The program of the School is delivered in English.

DATE, TIME & PROGRAM FORMAT

The 17th School for Young Leaders will be organized in three parts:

- The first part, a mentorship program, will take place throughout October 2026 and will be conducted online, with up to two sessions per week arranged directly with the mentor. The mentors are former participants of the School and members of the ISLAA alumni network.
- The second part consists of online lectures that will be held from October 26–30, 2026, in sessions after 17:00 CET.
- The third part will take place from November 1–8, 2026, and will feature a full-day program. It will be held at Hotel Inex Olgica in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia.



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ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible candidates are young individuals under 35 years of age with completed higher education, including graduates and professionals with work experience. Candidates should have a strong desire to develop leadership skills and contribute positively to society.

Requirements:

- **English Proficiency:** Excellent command of English, both spoken and written.
- **Academic Achievement:** A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 8.5 or higher (or equivalent for international degrees) will be considered an advantage.
- **Professional Experience / Advanced Degrees:** Work experience and advanced degrees (Master's or Ph.D.) will be considered advantageous.

Application Documents (e-copy required):

- CV
- Transcript of Exams/Diploma
- Two References/Recommendations from the applicant's organization, company, or university
- Essay on the general topic of the 17th School for Young Leaders "New World. New Leadership. New Pragmatism.": The applicant's interpretation and opinion on the general topic, up to 800 words, in English.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The number of participants is limited, and to take part, young people from Macedonia and abroad should meet the above-mentioned requirements and submit the requested documents.
- Following the application process, applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to an interview (conducted online for those applying from abroad).
- Final selection of participants will be based on academic and professional achievements, as well as performance in the interview.

APPLICATION DEADLINE & SUBMISSION

To apply for the 17th School for Young Leaders, please gather all required documents, ensure they are complete and accurate, and fill out the online application form in full. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please submit your application no later than June 30, 2026, at the following link:

<https://www.youngleaders.com.mk/apply/>

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@gjorgeivanov.mk or info@youngleaders.com.mk.

Become part of the next generation of leaders!

Apply now and gain an unforgettable international experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration – we look forward to receiving your application!