



ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 2021 YSEALI SUMMIT: POWER OF STEAM EDUCATION & WORKFORCE INNOVATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam and Arizona State University (ASU) seeks candidates for the 2021 YSEALI Summit: Power of STEAM Education & Workforce Innovation. YSEALI alumni between the ages of 18 and 35, who have relevant expertise, projects or ideas for projects that demonstrate active regional engagement or strengthen partnerships between the United States and ASEAN, and are proficient in both written and spoken English, are invited to apply for their participation in the Summit. The application deadline is **11:59P.M., Sunday, May 9th, 2021 (Vietnam time)**.

Launched in 2013, the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is the U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia. Through a variety of programs and engagements, including U.S. educational and cultural exchanges, regional exchanges, and seed funding, YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community. YSEALI focuses on critical topics identified by youth in the region: civic engagement, sustainable development, education, and economic growth.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and co-hosted by the U.S. Mission to Vietnam and Arizona State University (ASU), the 2021 YSEALI Summit: Power of STEAM Education & Workforce Innovation will invite 150 participants from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste to join a series of online sessions from July-August 2021, followed by an in-person Summit in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from October 18-22, 2021, depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The Summit will include the participation of high-energy young leaders and mentors, as well as trade professionals, industry specialists, civic leaders, and government officials who will present inspirational case studies and lead interactive discussions focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) and Industry 4.0 (a focus on interconnectivity, automation, machine learning, and real-time data). These activities, along with site visits, roundtable discussions, collaborative projects, and advanced skill-building workshops, will inspire participants in the development of cohesive, responsive, and innovative solutions to build a highly skilled workforce, which will empower economic development in the region. The Summit will also provide a plethora of networking opportunities that will facilitate the formation of strong bonds within the ASEAN community, including a cultural night where participants will wear their national garb and host country booth exhibitions, country-specific presentations, cultural performances, and a food fair.

All costs related to participation, including program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, insurance and incidental allowances, housing and subsistence expenses will be paid for by the U.S. Department of State.

ELIGIBILITY ENTITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

- Alumni of YSEALI Academic Fellowship, YSEALI Professional Fellowship, YSEALI Regional Workshops or Winners of the YSEALI Seeds for the Future Grants Competition;
- Citizen of and currently residing in one of the following countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste or Vietnam;
- Fluent in written and spoken English;
- Have not participated in previous YSEALI Summits;
- Be able to participate in all virtual and in-person Summit as scheduled;
- Have relevant expertise, projects or ideas for projects that demonstrate active regional engagement or strengthen partnerships between the United States and ASEAN;
- Have relevant goals to advance project/organization/personal development.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

- Submission deadline: **11:59P.M., Sunday, May 9th, 2021 (Vietnam Time)**
- Final selection results available: **June 25, 2021 (Vietnam Time)**

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Apply online at: <http://links.asu.edu/2021ysealisummit>

You may send any questions regarding the workshop or the application process to ysealivietnam@state.gov.