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U.S. Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative Launches, Young Entrepreneurs Encouraged to Apply

Last year in Jamaica, President Obama launched the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAJ) to expand opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs and civil society activists in the Americas. YLAJ will incubate and accelerate the work of young business and civil society leaders from Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States.

The Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (#YLAJ) Professional Fellows Program Application is now open! Will you be one of the 250 entrepreneurs from Latin America and the Caribbean selected to participate in a five week U.S. program focused on networking and learning new skills? Visit <http://YLAJ.state.gov> to learn more and start your application today!

Residents from Curacao, Aruba, and Sint Maarten are eligible and are encouraged to apply. Participants must be between the ages of 21-35 and cannot have American or Canadian citizenship, or U.S. permanent residency. Applicants must have at least two (2) years of entrepreneurial/leadership experience, preferably with a startup business or social venture and are proficient in reading, writing and speaking English. The future leaders need to apply on the YLAJ website (<https://ylai.state.gov/fellowship/>). Applications are due May 20.

The five week professional fellowship will take place at universities, incubators, and non-governmental organizations across the United States, while follow-on exchanges will send Americans to Latin America and the Caribbean to continue the collaboration.

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