



YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

2015 YSEALI ACADEMIC FELLOWS (August - November 2015)

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Deadline for Applications: May 8, 2015

You are invited to apply to the **YSEALI Academic Fellows Institutes** on Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues and Social Entrepreneurship & Economic Development. Five Institutes will take place starting from late August to early November, and will be hosted at five separate universities across the United States.



YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Civic Engagement (3 Institutes)

This program will provide Fellows with an overview of how citizens have shaped U.S. history, government, and society both as individuals and groups. The Institute will define civic engagement, examine its development in the U.S., and explore topics such as citizenship, community building, economic development, grassroots activism, political leadership, and volunteerism. Other topics such as civil rights, entrepreneurship, ethics, leadership, and media will be discussed. Fellows will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs, and representatives of non-profit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational tour that will take participants to another area of the U.S. where they will meet with local, state, private, and not-for-profit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C.

YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Environmental Issues (1 Institute)

This program will explore the role that environmental policy has played in the economic and political development of the United States. The Institute will use experiential learning techniques to expose participants to current themes in the field, including natural resource management, sustainable development/sustainable agricultural practices, food security, ecotourism, energy generation (new and traditional forms), and water management and treatment. The issues will be explored from numerous angles: local grassroots activism and civic initiatives, market-oriented approaches, and federal government policies and regulation. Finally, the Institute will explore environmental issues in the context of a globalized society, and draw comparisons between the United States and the participants' home countries. Fellows will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders and representatives of non-profit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational tour that will take participants to another area of the U.S. where they will meet with

local, state, private, and nonprofit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, D.C.

YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (1 Institute)

This program will provide Fellows with an overview of entrepreneurial approaches that are employed to address social issues. The Institute will review the development, history, challenges, and successes of social enterprises and community leaders, in the United States and globally. Topics may include, but are not limited to, trade; investment; financial literacy; banking; microfinance; organizational development and management; grant writing; innovation; emerging markets and risk analysis; strategic business planning; corporate social responsibility; and, women and minorities in entrepreneurship. Students will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs, and representatives of nonprofit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational study tour that will take participants to New England and the Mid-Atlantic where they will meet with local, state, private, and nonprofit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, DC.

The Institute will cover all participants' costs and will provide housing at university dorms as well as some meals at campus facilities.

Program requirements and restrictions

Participants are expected to fully participate in the academic program. They should attend all lectures and organized activities, and complete assigned readings. Candidates should be made aware that the Institute is very intensive and that there will be little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program. Under no circumstances are participants allowed to arrive in the U.S. prior to the start date of the Institute or remain in the U.S. after its end date. Similarly, participants will not be permitted to leave the Institute to visit relatives or friends while in the U.S. If a relative or friend wishes to visit them, it will be addressed on a case by case basis. Violations of program rules, host institution rules, or local, state or federal laws can be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

Program participants MUST

- Be a Malaysian citizen residing in one of the 10 ASEAN countries;
- Between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of application;
- A full-time undergraduate student from college, university, or other institutions of higher learning; or have graduated in the past four years; Their fields of study will be varied, and may include the sciences, social sciences, humanities, education, business, and other professional fields;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English;
- Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
- Eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa;
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university, place of work, and/or community;
- Be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive;
- Demonstrate interest, knowledge, or professional experience in Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues or Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
- Demonstrate a commitment or interest in community service, volunteerism, or mentorship;
- Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States and ASEAN as a region;
- Be willing to actively participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and study tour;
- Have a commitment to return to their home country to apply leadership skills and training to benefit their community, country, or the ASEAN region;
- Preferably have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States.

Interested candidates are welcome to complete the electronic application form that can be viewed and downloaded from

<http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/yseali.htm> (hyperlink pending Hisham's upload).

All applications and inquiries **MUST** be emailed to: KualaLumpurYSEALI@state.gov by April 30, 2015 for consideration. Please use email subject: *Application for YSEALI Academic Fellowship Fall Intake*. Incomplete application will not be considered.

NOTE: ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED FOR INTERVIEW.