Eligibility

To participate you must be:

- ✓ 25-35 years old;
- ✓ A citizen and current resident of either: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, or Vietnam;
- ✓ Speak fluent English to work fulltime in a US worksite;
- ✓ Interested in participating in a reciprocal program for Americans coming to your country.
- ✓ Have at least two years relevant work experience and be currently employed;
- ✓ Have demonstrated leadership and collaborative skills.

US Program Dates:
April 24-June 2, 2017
(subject to change)

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS

YSEALI
Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative

Apply to become a YSEALI Professional Fellow in the economic empowerment cohort and travel to the US for a month in Spring 2017!

We are looking for young professionals interested in coming to the US for a one month professional fellowship. Apply online at https://ais.americancouncils.org/pfp Open October 1-November 15, 2016.

"Who is a YSEALI PFP economic empowerment fellow?"

Fellows come from a variety of professional backgrounds including:

- **The business world** – Members who are active in developing corporate social responsibility or efforts to mentor under represented populations in business and other similar themes could be eligible.
- **Social innovation and social entrepreneurship organizations**
- **Government offices** – including local government, regional development agencies, national policy offices, and offices working to increase the presence of underrepresented citizens in the economy
- **NGOs** – including those increasing the role marginalized populations in the economy and workforce, building financial literacy and supporting other important efforts around economic empowerment
- **Universities** - incubators, accelerators, university-based centers or programs focusing on business development, financial literacy, tourism or economic development

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"How will the program benefit me? Why should I apply?"

Each finalist of the program will:

- **Work in a full-time fellowship placement in a US worksite dealing with issues relating to his or her work at home.** While there fellows will gain first-hand knowledge about US organizations and institutions and build networks and relationships with US counterparts.
- **Participate in a fully-funded program with comprehensive on program support.** Travel and living arrangements will be covered as well as emergency health insurance, and visa fees on program.
- **Become part of two prestigious networks - YSEALI and PFP.** Alumni will gain access to tremendous resources and an international network of like-minded professionals spanning the globe.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need to pay for the program? What are the costs? If you are selected as a finalist, American Councils and the Department of State will cover all costs associated with your international travel, visa, and basic living costs in the US. There are no required costs to Fellows.

Am I eligible to apply? Please see eligibility requirements on page one of this flier and on the application at https://ais.americancouncils.org/pfp. These are firm requirements and no exceptions will be made.

Regarding work history eligibility, the economic empowerment theme is very broad and a wide variety of professionals being eligible under this theme. The shared vision of YSEALI Professional Fellows in the economic empowerment cohort should be to expand economic opportunities for their communities, country and citizens. Successful applicants will be able to address how these ideals are present in their work and careers.

Where will I live? Fellows on program will live with volunteer host families identified by American Councils. This is a required part of the program.

Where will I work? American Councils will match Fellows with worksites in the US. While Fellows may express a preference early in the process for a particular type of site, please note that American Councils has final say over all sites and Fellows may not choose their own sites. Not every type of office will have an exact match in the United States, so fellows will need to keep an open mind about learning how US offices work around different issues.

How would I get a US visa? If you are selected for the program American Councils will assist you in applying for a J-1 visa. All visa fees will be covered through the program as well as travel to the visa interview. However, the granting of a US J-1 visa is a requirement for the program, and if you are rejected for a visa by the Consular section at the embassy you will not be eligible to participate. American Councils can assist fellows in the application process, but holds no sway over visa granting decisions made by the Embassy.

What if I am currently working or studying abroad? Am I eligible? No. All Fellows must be current residents and citizens of the country cohort for which they are applying.

What will I do at my worksite? PFP experiences are often very fellow-driven. This means that the fellows who are most successful often think about their goals and objectives for the program in advance of their arrival and are able to share them with their future worksites along with information about the fellows' background and experiences at home. While at your US worksite you will likely engage in a wide range of activities, which can include shadowing important meetings, conducting research, presenting on relevant topics, participating in office events, and many other activities.

How are Fellows selected? Fellows are selected through a competitive nationwide search that involves an extensive written application and interviews with American Councils and U.S. Embassy staff.

Where can I learn more about PFP? To learn more go to **http://professionalfellows.americancouncils.org** **.**

What is the YSEALI Professional Fellows Program? The Professional Fellows Program (PFP) is sponsored by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs', Professional Fellows Division. The program brings emerging leaders to the United States for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise. Launched in 2013, the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is U.S. President Barack Obama's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia. These two initiatives and programs have come together on the new YSEALI PFP to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community.