

# What is YSEALI?

Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia. YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the U.S. and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community of leaders who work across borders to solve common issues.



# Why YSEALI?

According to the ASEAN Secretariat, 65 percent of the population in the region is under age 35. These 400 million youth will define the Asia Pacific region for decades to come, so their full participation in solving global challenges, such as climate change or economic growth, is critical to the region's development and prosperity.



# YSEALI Themes



# YSEALI Facts

Close to  
**120,000**  
young leaders are part of  
the YSEALI network.

Since its inception,  
**1,510** young leaders  
have participated in educational  
and professional exchanges in  
**the United States.**



More than  
**1,930** youth  
have attended skills-building  
regional exchange workshops in  
**Asia.**

YSEALI has granted close to  
**\$1 million**  
in seed funding for  
YSEALI-themed projects.

# YSEALI Programs



## Exchanges

### YSEALI Academic Fellows Program

Students ages 18-25 to the U.S. participate in a five-week institute at a U.S. college or university. Programs conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C. to meet U.S. leaders, policymakers, and think tank experts.

### YSEALI Professional Fellows Program

Professionals ages 25-35 spend five weeks in the U.S., including four weeks working directly with American counterparts in individually-tailored work placements with non-profits, state and local government and private sector offices. Programs conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C. to meet U.S. leaders, policymakers, and think tank experts.

### YSEALI Generation: Regional Workshops

Youth from all ASEAN countries to develop practical skills, learn about regional problems, and collaborate on solving common challenges.

## Grants

Seeds for the Future grants support the most promising and innovative ideas for civic engagement, entrepreneurship and economic development, education and environmental protection and natural resources management.

## Network & Virtual Engagement

Since December 2013, nearly 120,000 people have joined the virtual YSEALI Network. YSEALI connects leaders from across ASEAN, offering an array of resources, online networking opportunities and professional training.

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