



PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGE



YSEALI IN SINGAPORE

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. YSEALI focuses on critical topics as identified by youth in the region, including: civic engagement, sustainable development, and economic growth. Since its inception, over 160 YSEALI participants have come from Singapore, close to 1,500 Singaporeans have joined the YSEALI network, close to US\$80,000 in YSEALI Seeds for the Future grants have been awarded to Singaporeans, and over 32 YSEALI regional workshops have been held. In 2018, Singapore hosted the YSEALI Summit, which gathered 125 YSEALI alumni from all ten ASEAN member states and American entrepreneurs, business leaders, and mentors for a 3-day program under the theme "The United States and ASEAN: Partners in Growth and Innovation."

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

U.S. Embassy Singapore seeks to strengthen ties between the United States and Singapore through a variety of programs and engagements, including people-to-people exchanges, academic study in the United States, and promoting American culture and values. U.S. Embassy Singapore supports a range of cultural programs to include dance, theater, art, film, and literature events that advance key policy goals. Through partnerships with cultural entities such as Singapore International Festival of the Arts, Singapore Writers Festival, and Singapore International Film Festival, U.S. Embassy Singapore has brought American experts to share their perspectives with the Singaporean public on topics ranging from innovation to diversity and inclusion to foreign policy.

FULBRIGHT Each year, 20 graduate students, scholars, and primary and secondary school teachers travel between Singapore and the United States to study, research, and teach topics ranging from international relations to health, math, science, and law. There are over 500 Fulbright alumni in Singapore, including Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean, and numerous Singaporean ambassadors, parliamentarians, and university presidents.

ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM The U.S. Embassy Alumni Mentoring Program has been running since 2013. The program pairs alumni of Embassy exchange programs with students from the Institute of Technical Education for a six-month program aimed at fostering personal and professional growth.

IVLP The International Visitor Leadership Program sends Singaporean professionals to the United States to meet with counterparts and take part in site visits, consultations, and cultural events aimed at fostering cooperation and mutual understanding. There are over 300 Singaporean alumni including President Halimah Yacob, Ambassador to the United States Ashok Mirpuri, and Parliamentarians Louis Ng, Anthea Ong, and Mohamed Irshad.

US-SINGAPORE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME The United States welcomed the launch of an exchange scholarship program to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations with Singapore in August 2016. The scholarship funds summer exchange programs for 10 Singaporean and 10 American students each year from 2017-2021.

EDUCATIONUSA EducationUSA Singapore was launched in 2014. The program offers free college advising for students interested in studying at accredited post-secondary institutions in the United States, and hosts a number of outreach events, including the annual EducationUSA Singapore College Fair.

BY THE NUMBERS



4.5K

Singaporeans participated in U.S. study abroad programs in 2019



54K

Students reached by EducationUSA advisors in Singapore



400

Singaporeans traveling to the U.S. on exchange programs annually

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