

2022 US ASEAN Women's Leadership Academy for YSEALI Regional Workshop



U.S.-ASEAN's 8th
**WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY**
FOR YSEALI



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Calling young human rights defenders in Southeast Asia!

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Apply by:
December 18, 2021

Apply here:
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Please find below details of an opportunity from Wedu for young human rights defenders in Southeast Asia !

About YSEALI Women's Leadership Academy

The U.S.-ASEAN Women's Leadership Academy for YSEALI is a programme funded by the U.S. State Department through funding managed by the **U.S. Mission to ASEAN**, in partnership with **Wedu** as the implementing partner since 2016.

We are excited to offer **the eighth U.S.-ASEAN Women's Leadership Academy for YSEALI Regional Workshop** for youth from Southeast Asian countries. This fully-funded workshop will bring together 44 young leaders who are between the ages of 20 – 35.

In the YSEALI Women's Leadership Academy 2022, the Academy will support 44 emerging women leaders who are passionate about human rights issues. The selected individuals will be from the eleven YSEALI member countries : Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste.

The Women's Leadership Academy consists of a series of leadership labs, panel discussions, break-out sessions, and mentoring and networking opportunities with leaders from the region and the United States.

YSEALI Women's Leadership Academy 2022 aims to advance the careers of participants by providing skills training and access to wider networks. The programme will cover personal strength assessments, leadership skills training, sessions on human rights, advocacy, coalition building, mentorship and networking opportunities with leaders from the region and the United States. The programme also aims to nurture a strong ASEAN community with regional and cross-border collaborations through the YSEALI WLA Alumnae Network.

Application Deadline

If you're interested in strengthening your leadership skills and advancing your career, and you meet the following eligibility criteria, please apply by submitting this form before **18th December, 2021**.

Programme Dates

This hybrid program will start with online activities and sessions from February – April 2022, tentatively followed by an in-person workshop scheduled for May 2022. The in-person workshop will depend on the pandemic situation at the time.

Eligibilities

Applicants must be:

- YSEALI member (not a member yet? Join [here!](#))
- Age between 20 - 35 (at the time of application and workshop).
- Citizens of : Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, or Vietnam.
- If you are living outside of Southeast Asia you may apply for the workshop and join the virtual program. However, flights for the in-person workshop will only be covered for participants currently residing in Southeast Asia.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- Working on the below human rights issues, including advocacy for minority groups, with a minimum 3 years of relevant experience:
 - Ethnic and religious minorities.
 - People with disabilities.
 - Indigenous communities.
 - LGBTQI+ communities.
 - Other professional or academic experiences that are involved in and not limited to, activities/work in gender equity, media and press freedom, peace and security, sustainable development and other fields relevant to advancing civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.
- **Bonus points** may be given for: Specific voluntary or professional experiences advocating for a human rights cause and/or people from a marginalized community (for example, fighting to increase the awareness of or expand the civil rights of people with intersex conditions, people with disabilities, people who identify as transgender, members of indigenous communities, or gays, lesbians, and bisexuals); Having a personal connection to a marginalized community.
- Passionate about building communities and have a keen interest in building a network through collaboration and partnership with other Southeast Asian countries.
- Will commit to a minimum of 36 hours of workshop sessions from the Academy's agenda in May 2022.
- Have a valid passport that expires after May 2022 (at least six months validity).

How Can I Apply?

For the full call for application details, click bit.ly/ysealiwla2022. For questions, please contact yseali@weduglobal.org.