



# 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 identified by youth in the region, including: civic engagement, sustainable development, and economic growth.

Since its inception, there have been more than 160 YSEALI participants from Singapore, close to 1,200 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 30 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 three-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.

## EXCHANGE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**FULBRIGHT:** Annually, Fulbright sponsors 20 top graduate students, scholars, school administrators, and teachers for participation in a U.S.-Singapore exchange focused on academic and cultural exchange. Singapore has more than 500 distinguished Fulbright alumni, including Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean, three Singaporean ambassadors, university presidents, and judges.

**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 is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program for emerging leaders. Singaporean professionals enjoy the world preeminent citizen diplomacy program that includes professional meetings, consultations, and cultural events designed to foster cooperation and mutual understanding. More than 300 Singaporeans, including President Halimah Yacob and multiple Nominated Members of Parliament have participated in the IVLP since 1958.

**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

The EducationUSA Advising Center in Singapore was launched in 2014 as a partnership between U.S. Embassy Singapore and Stamford American International School. In addition to offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States, the center hosts a number of outreach events, including the annual EducationUSA Singapore College Fair.

## BY THE NUMBERS



8,100+

Singaporeans participate in U.S. study abroad programs annually



54K

students reached by EducationUSA advisors in Singapore



1,000+

Americans participate in study abroad programs in Singapore annually

## CONNECT WITH US