

## **Young Asians Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**1. What is the main goal of the Young Asians Programme?**

The programme aims to develop talented Asian youth into the next generation of disruptors by fostering innovation, leadership, and community building.

**2. Who is eligible to participate in the programme?**

Students aged 16 to 20 from across Asia who are currently in middle school, high school or college (university). Participants must speak fluent English and can come from diverse domains, including the Sciences, Arts, Humanities, and Community Service.

**3. How many people will be admitted into the programme?**

We will admit 150 students based on their passion and openness to new ideas, ensuring a diverse representation of countries and skill sets. To register, click on the form: <https://airtable.com/appWii9eprgCL0reR/pagc9yTluY7lgtVb1/form>

**4. What is the timeline and structure of the programme?**

The 4-week online accelerator runs virtually from May to June 2026, followed by a 3 Day Festival in Singapore in June 2026. During the online accelerator, participants will get to work on a project of their choosing under three broad tracks: Arts and Humanities, STEM and Service Learning.

**5. How do the accelerator tracks work?**

Under each track, students will be expected to work on a project with a specific deliverable, called an Endeavour. For Arts and Humanities, it is a final piece of creative work or a research paper. For STEM, it is a prototype (software or hardware) or research paper. For Service Learning, it is organising the first phase of the Fellow's project, such as a community service session with a chosen beneficiary. Students will also be matched with mentors specific to their track.

**6. What activities will students engage in during the online accelerator?**

Students will attend virtual workshops, work on their projects, and meet with mentors online to get valuable feedback.

**7. What is the purpose of the YA Summit in Singapore?**

The Summit brings all participants together for pitching sessions, community-building activities, local tours, keynotes by trailblazers, and opportunities to make new connections.

**8. Are there costs involved for students or schools?**

The programme itself is fully funded by us. There is no cost to Fellows for participating in the Accelerator and the Summit. We are funded by Emergent Ventures and backed by the National Youth Council. This is in line with our mission to accelerate every bright and deserving youth, regardless of background. However, it should be noted that international flights to attend the Summit will not be funded by us.

**9. Will students work individually or in groups on their projects?**

Students can choose to work individually or collaborate with other participants, depending on their project's needs and preferences.

**10. What are the expectations for a YA Fellow?**

We expect Fellows to commit to the workshops and mentorship sessions of the programme from May to June 2026 (we will set these dates in accordance to Fellows' general availability) and be contactable by email and Discord for us to disseminate information in our community. Fellows must be responsible in working on their Endeavour and attend the online workshops planned by the YA team. Optional engagements and workshops will also be provided for community members. You will also have to attend the 3 day YA Summit in Singapore, tentatively held in June 2026 (23 - 25 June).