

5th ASEF LEADERSHIP YOUNG LEADERS IN SOCIETY SUMMIT 5.0

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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A) Essentials

- 1. When and where will the ASEFYLS5 take place?**

The programme consists of 3 phases, and will take place virtually, and in Salamanca, Spain.

Phase 1, the Knowledge Building Phase will take place online from 4 – 28 August 2023, featuring 2 sessions per week on Mondays & Fridays at 8am – 10am UTC.

Phase 2, the Youth Summit, will take place from 12 – 16 September 2023 in Salamanca, Spain.

Phase 3, the Leadership in Action Phase, will take place online from 18 September – 4 December 2023, with a closing ceremony on 5 December 2023. The teams will determine the frequency/timing of collaborative sessions with their team.
- 2. I'm interested, what now?**

Seize the opportunity and submit your online application [here!](#)
- 3. When is the deadline to apply?**

We accept applications until Sunday, 9 July 2023, UTC 23:59.

Keep an eye out for the confirmation email upon your successful submission; if you do not receive it, it might have landed in your junk/spam folder.
- 4. When will the results of selection be out?**

We will announce the application outcome through email by Monday, 24 July 2023.

B) Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 5. What are the eligibility criteria?**

You have to meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

 - A citizen of any of the eligible [Asian and European countries](#) *
 - Between the ages of 18-30 years old
 - A young professional, entrepreneur or student
 - Excellent command of English (written and verbal)

**All ASEF projects are implemented in line with the decision of the ASEF Board of Governors.*
- 6. What are the selection criteria?**

When assessing applicants and selecting potential candidates, ASEF and its partners will particularly look out for:

 - Originality of the motivational statement and quality of written answers
 - Demonstrated experience in community and societal leadership
 - Current or past extra-curricular (and/or professional) activities that are both relevant for the overall programme and that could enrich the diversity of expertise and perspectives of the overall participant group.

We aim to select a group with diversity in nationality, gender and expertise.

The Open Call and the screening process adopt a non-discriminative approach ensuring a balanced geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to all.

In doing so, the organisers do not discriminate any applicant or participant on the basis of his or her race, national origin (ancestry), colour, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, pregnancy, disability, religion (creed), marital status, or age.

- 7. I do not have experience in such a programme. Can I still apply?** Yes, we welcome applicants from all backgrounds, whether you have participated in similar programmes before or not. We will base applications on the selection criteria in [Question 6](#).
- 8. I am older than 30 years old. Am I still eligible to apply?** This particular programme is addressed to youth between 18-30 years old, however if you are above 30 and believe you have a lot to contribute, we encourage you to still apply. Please bear in mind, however, that we will prioritise applications from those who are a closer fit to the eligibility criteria.
- 9. I am a citizen from an eligible country but I am currently living/studying in a non-eligible country. Am I eligible to apply?** Yes, you are welcome to apply. Please note, however, that the online sessions during the Knowledge Building Phase, and collaborative sessions during the Leadership in Action Phase, will require joining from your respective time zone, therefore it may be difficult to join if you are in a time zone before UTC.
- 10. I have been/was a participant in previous ASEFEdu project/s. Can I still apply?** Yes, you can apply if you were previously a participant in an ASEFEdu project.
- 11. Will you be conducting interviews?** Yes, we may reach out to applicants for an interview.

C) Programme

- 12. What does the programme look like?** Please refer to the [Open Call Overview](#) and [Programme Snapshot](#) documents which list the various phases of the ASEFYLS5 Programme.

13. What are the commitments during the programme?

Participants are required to commit to all 3 phases of the Programme.

Phase 1: Knowledge Building Phase

During this phase, Participants will be required to commit an average of 4 hours on a weekly basis from 4 – 28 August 2023, excluding assignments, on Mondays and Fridays from 8am – 10am UTC. Participants will be responsible to:

- participate in the Knowledge Building Phase and use the theoretical learnings in the subsequent phases
- engage in the online activities and conversations.

Phase 2: Youth Summit

Participants will join the Youth Summit in Salamanca, Spain from 12-16 September 2023. The commitment in this phase is the full 5-day programme. While on-site, Participants will:

- participate in the various sessions
- during Groupwork, join their allocated groups in team bonding and the initial stages of solution finding, using design4x methodology

Phase 3: Leadership in Action

During this phase, Participants will:

- participate in the kick-off session (26 September 2023) and closing ceremony (5 December 2023)
- join online sessions with their groups to collaborate in finding solutions to global challenges. These online sessions will require a commitment of 2 hours per week from 25 September – 4 December 2023 based on an average of fortnightly sessions, and will be organised by your team Navigators.

**14. How do I prepare for the programme?
What do I need?**

We require all selected Participants to be prepared in the 3 following areas:

1. Time Commitment

It is crucial to the outcomes and design of the programme that Participants make a commitment to be present for all Phases of the Programme. Please review the proposed dates we have shared in the Programme Overview. As there will be assignments and research, Participants must ensure they can allocate sufficient time to meet the learning objectives.

2. Technical Accessibility

The programme is primarily virtual during two phases. Hence, it is necessary that participants have accessibility to teleconferencing facilities (working laptop/desktop, webcam & microphone) with stable internet connectivity.

3. Content Contribution

Participants are expected to actively participate in the programme throughout, and contribute to their team's work during the Leadership in Action phase, to help their group of ASEFYLS5 participants.

- 15. What will the challenges be during the 'Leadership in Action' phase?** The challenges will be proposed by companies and organisations as real-life problems that they are working to tackle and find solutions for. The Challenges should be solved using the Design4x methodology, which will be taught through the eLearning materials.
- 16. Do I get to choose which team I will be in or which challenge I get to work on?** The challenges will be presented to all participants during the Knowledge Building Phase, and participants will get to indicate their preferred challenges. The organisers will allocate the teams based on preferences, but also geographical balance within the teams. Each team will have 10-12 participants and will be led by 2 ASEFYLS5 Navigators.
- 17. Who will the Navigators be?** Each team will be led by 2 ASEFYLS5 Navigators, who are ASEFEdu or Partner alumni. The Navigators will receive a training prior to the Knowledge Building Phase. You can [read more about the Navigators here](#).
- 18. Is this programme accredited?** Upon completion of the full ASEFYLS5 programme, each Participant will receive a Certificate jointly issued by ASEF and organising partners, for their participation in the 5th ASEF Young Leaders Summit.

In addition, all Participants will receive a Certificate from an accredited Leadership Institute, upon successful completion of the ASEFYLS5 Knowledge Building Phase (Phase 1 of the ASEFYLS5).
- 19. What support will we receive during the 'Leadership in Action' phase?** Navigators will be the primary lead for their group in the solution-finding with the support of ASEF.

In addition, the ASEF team will support the teams with advice and, where possible, with human resources on administration, communication, outreach, and stakeholder liaison.

Furthermore, there will be reference material on our eLearning platform for the Design4x methodology to support this process.

D) Accessibility

- 20. Will the programme be fully accessible?** We aim to make all our projects as accessible as possible and accommodate all needs of participants. We will therefore request all selected Participants to provide us with their special requirements.

- 21. I have special needs, can I apply?** Yes, we encourage everybody to apply, including persons with disabilities or other special needs.
- 22. Can I submit the application via other methods besides the online form?** To allow us to assess the applications smoothly, all applications need to be completed in English and submitted through the online form provided. However, if you have any needs related to the accessibility of the form, please get in touch with us and we will try to assist you accordingly.

E) Funding & Leave Support Letter

- 23. Is there a travel subsidy for the Spain programme?** For the Youth Summit in Salamanca, Spain, the organisers will provide:
- shared accommodation for participants travelling from abroad in Spain
 - meals, adjusted for participants who have special dietary requirements, as much as possible
 - a travel subsidy for participants travelling from abroad, from your country of residence to Spain and back
 - a visa support letter to those who require it
- 24. Can I receive a support letter to submit to my university/workplace?** We can provide a letter entailing engagement in the full programme, including support for taking Leave to participate in the Spain-based programme elements.

F) Further Enquiries

- 25. I have other questions!** Do drop us an email at E: asefylys@asef.org

If everything is clear, click below to apply now!

Apply

The [5th ASEF Young Leaders Summit \(ASEFYLS5\)](#) is a Leadership Programme for young Asians & Europeans on "Leadership in Society 5.0". ASEFYLS5 connects young professionals and students from Asian and European countries to learn, exchange and collaborate, and connects young people with the Decision-Makers and Leaders from Asian & European countries. The programme takes place from June to December 2023. It focuses on the theme of 'Leadership & Society 5.0' and incorporates 3 spheres for youth leadership: 1) self-leadership (you), 2) team leadership (we) and 3) societal leadership (all).

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, economy, sustainable development, public health and media. ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore.

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