

GENERAL

WHAT IS YSE REGIONAL?

The YSE Regional is part of the Singapore International Foundation's (SIF) Young Social Entrepreneurship (YSE) programme to equip, enable and inspire young changemakers to make your social enterprise idea a reality.

Since 2016, YSE Regional has been held in selected Asian cities to nurture a network of youth with innovative business ideas focused on social good. Together with established social entrepreneurs, business consultants and investors, we harness the power of ideas, know-how and resources to effect positive change for a better world.

WHAT IS YSE REGIONAL 2021 | HANOI?

The YSE Regional 2021 will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam in partnership with the Vietnam National University – International School (VNU-IS).

Held virtually this year, invited applicants will take part in workshops and business clinics to learn from and interact with leading social entrepreneurs and business professionals from Singapore and Vietnam. Participants will also get to expand their networks for collaboration and partnerships to develop their social enterprise ideas.

Upon completing the YSE Regional, selected participants will receive direct and fully sponsored entry into the YSE Global 2022, a flagship 8-month programme with opportunities to secure mentorship and funding. To find out more about the YSE Global programme, click [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

To participant in the YSE Regional, you must:

- be 18 to 35 years old;
- be based in Vietnam;
- have a social enterprise idea that harnesses digital solutions for social good

WHAT IS A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IDEA?

We are looking for young changemakers with business ideas that can address social problems. The social enterprise ideas do not need to be implemented, but you will be required to provide information on your business plan when applying for the programme.

The theme for this year's programme is **"Unlocking Digital Solutions for Social Good"**. Your social enterprise idea must address one or more of the following challenges:

Challenge	About the Challenge	Example of Social Enterprise Idea
Digital Inclusion	How does your social enterprise idea ensure individuals and communities have access to the benefits of digital technologies?	Mobile internet kiosks deployed to regional communities to provide villagers with internet access.
Digital Literacy	How does your social enterprise idea empower individuals and communities to use digital technologies with skill and confidence?	Providing at-risk youth with IT skills with employment tracks to provide job opportunities.
Technology as a Tool	How does your social enterprise idea use technology as a tool to solve social problems?	Mobile application that allows users to purchase leftover food or expiring products to reduce waste.

IS THERE A SPECIFIC INDUSTRY MY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IDEA SHOULD ADDRESS?

We welcome any social enterprise idea as long as it fits the challenge of **“Unlocking Digital Solutions for Social Good”**.

CAN I APPLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR DO I NEED TO FORM A TEAM?

Individuals can apply for the programme, but we highly encourage you to form a team. Having more than one member for your social enterprise allows you to maximise the benefits of teamwork and support as the work grows.

If applying as a team for one social enterprise idea, up to three members per team is allowed in the application. This is to ensure we have enough slots in the programme for other applicants.

CAN I/MY TEAM RE-APPLY IF I/MY TEAM HAVE PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR ANOTHER YSE PROGRAMME?

Yes, we would still encourage you/your team to re-apply as you may have changes to your social enterprise idea since then. We do have cases of YSE alumni who have re-applied and were successfully shortlisted into the YSE Global.

CAN I/MY TEAM SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE IDEA?

Yes, you/your team can submit more than one idea. However, in the interest of fairness to other participating individuals/teams, only one of your ideas may be selected.

ENGLISH IS NOT MY FIRST LANGUAGE; CAN I ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN MY NATIVE LANGUAGE?

As the YSE Regional is an international programme with speakers from Singapore and other countries, the English language is used to conduct the programme. Your application must be in English, and our organising committee can help you with any language needs if you require.

APPLICATION

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION PERIOD?

YSE Regional 2021 | Hanoi is accepting applications from 20 September to 27 October 2021.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply by completing the online application form [here](#). Only completed submissions through the online application form will be accepted.

IS THERE AN APPLICATION FEE?

No, there is no application fee.

IF I AM APPLYING AS A TEAM, DOES EVERY MEMBER OF MY TEAM NEED TO SUBMIT AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM?

No, if you are applying as a team, only one member from your team will need to apply by completing the online application form. In your application form, you will be asked to include the information of all team members.

DO I NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING FOR THE APPLICATION?

Yes, you will need to include information on your social enterprise idea, including:

- business and social impact plans;
 - market assessment;
 - social enterprise goals.
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DOES SIF OR VNU-IS HAVE RIGHTS TO MY BUSINESS PLAN?

No, participants and applicants retain the intellectual property rights to their business plans. Business plans are solely shown to judges and mentors for evaluation and mentorship purposes. The SIF and VNU-IS will not disclose to parties outside the remit of the programme nor claim any rights to the business ideas or plans.

PROGRAMME

WHO GETS TO ATTEND YSE REGIONAL 2021 | HANOI?

Invited applicants will receive an email in late October confirming their acceptance to the programme. Both successful and non-successful applicants will be notified of their application outcome respectively.

I AM INVITED. DO I NEED TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAMME?

No, you do not need to pay for the programme.

DO I NEED TO TRAVEL FOR THE PROGRAMME?

No, you do not need to travel for the programme, which will be held online. Participants are required to have online access and are recommended to have stable internet connectivity to participate fully in all components of the programme.

MUST I ATTEND THE PROGRAMME IF I AM INVITED?

If you are invited to the programme, please ensure that you can attend the programme fully before confirming your participation.

If you are a participant, you must attend all sessions of the programme. If you require a letter of admittance to apply for leave from work or school, please contact the organising committee.

CAN THERE BE A CHANGE IN TEAM MEMBERS DURING THE PROGRAMME?

Teams are not allowed to change members once they have been admitted to the programme.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT YSE REGIONAL 2021 | HANOI?

The YSE Regional programme is put together with the intention of allowing participants to learn from and interact with leading social entrepreneurs, business professionals and other youth who are keen on social innovation, while expanding networks for collaboration and partnerships.

YSE Exclusive Curriculum

Participants will be equipped with design thinking methodologies to help them build an effective social enterprise. The curriculum will enable participants to empathise with their stakeholders, obtain a deeper understanding of social issues, and apply creative solutions into their business strategies.

SIF International Networks

Participants will partake in dialogues and business clinics to enable them to learn from the experiences of different social entrepreneurs and gain feedback from mentors. They can expand their networks and get plugged into our community of social entrepreneurship enthusiasts.

VNU-IS Offering

Participants will learn the foundations of business in the localised context, enabling them to launch their social enterprise ideas with increased knowledge of in-country regulations and support structures.

WHAT IF I CANNOT ATTEND THE YSE REGIONAL 2021 | HANOI?

If you have accepted the invitation as a participant, and now cannot make it to the programme, you are required to inform the organising committee in writing with valid reasons and documentation for not being able to attend. You may find a replacement for each member who is unable to attend the programme, subject to the organising committee's approval.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PROGRAMME?

All participants of the programme will become part of our YSE alumni network. We will continue to support you through other resources and activities such as networking events, information-sharing, and opportunities for funding and publicity where possible.

The social enterprises with promising ideas will be selected to receive direct and fully sponsored entry into the YSE Global 2022, a flagship 8-month programme with opportunities to secure mentorship and funding. To find out more about the YSE Global programme, click [here](#).

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If your questions have not been answered in this FAQ, drop us an email at yse-regional@sif.org.sg. As we will be facing a high volume of emails during this period, please specify in the subject your name and the enquiry pertaining to the programme e.g. ***SE Name_YSE Regional 2021_ [your enquiry]***.