



21st ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU21)

"Youth with Disabilities: Shaping Inclusive ASEM Societies"

27 January–10 February 2018. Melbourne, Australia & Christchurch, New Zealand.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

ESSENTIALS

I'M INTERESTED, WHAT NOW?

We are happy to see that you are interested in joining us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience to shape inclusive Asian and European societies!

To apply, [submit your online application here](#).

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

We accept applications until Sunday, 10 December 2017, GMT 23.59.

Look out for the confirmation email upon your successful submission; if you do not receive it, it might have landed in your junk/spam folder.

WHEN WILL THE RESULTS BE OUT?

We will announce the application outcome during the second half of December 2017. You will receive an email with your result. Don't forget to also follow our [ASEFEdu Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) for all the latest updates.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Citizens of any of the [51 Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) Partner countries between the ages of 18–30
- Action-oriented and creative doers ranging from students and academics, to young professionals and entrepreneurs from all societal sectors
- Individuals with strong command of English (written and verbal)
- Applicants who are ready and available to actively participate in a 2-week online preparatory phase, 2-week on-site phase and 4-week online post-project phase

I AM AN ASEM COUNTRY NATIONAL LIVING IN A NON-ASEM COUNTRY. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Definitely! As long as you are an ASEM national, you may apply regardless of your country of residence.

I AM A NON-ASEM COUNTRY NATIONAL LIVING IN AN ASEM COUNTRY. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Only nationals of the 51 ASEM partner countries are eligible to apply. You can [find the list of countries here](#).

I AM YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS/OLDER THAN 30 YEARS. AM I STILL ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

If you believe that you meet all other criteria and have a suitable profile, you may still apply and your application might be considered on an exceptional basis. However, those who fulfil all application requirements will be prioritised.

I HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES. CAN I STILL APPLY?

Certainly! We always seek to gather a diverse group, including unusual profiles. From our experience, multicultural and cross-disciplinary groups learn and benefit the most from our educational projects. At ASEF, we seek people with fresh and innovative ideas, regardless of their educational, professional or social background!

PROGRAMME

PRE-EVENT PHASE

DO I NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING BEFORE THE ON-SITE EVENT?

The ASEFSU₂₁ integrates a 2-week long online-based preparatory phase where you will get familiar with the topic of inclusive societies. The phase will kick-start your preparations for the upcoming on-site phase and will require a couple of hours of work per week.

ON-SITE PHASE

HOW DOES THE PROGRAMME IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND LOOK LIKE?

The Programme of the on-site phase will be published shortly.

POST-EVENT PHASE

ARE THERE ANY COMMITMENTS AFTER THE PROJECT?

The on-site phase is followed by a 4-week long online post-project phase. In this phase all prototypes developed on site – analogue and digital – will be analysed and tested by the relevant stakeholders and communities engaged. The participants will also play a crucial role in following-up on the initiatives and dissemination information about the lessons learned at the ASEFSU₂₁.

The participants will further have the opportunity to engage in other ASEF activities, for example:

- a) **Participating in ASEM Ministerial Meetings/High level forums:**
Representing the ASEM youth at major government officials and policy makers meetings.
- b) **Leaving a vibrant legacy**
The ASEFSU₂₁ challenge solutions will be analysed by the relevant stakeholders and implemented, where possible.
- c) **Attending alumni-led initiatives**
Build networks with our ASEF community and continue the exchanges of ideas through online and offline platforms.

We always strive to understand the impact of our projects and may get in touch with former participants to conduct impact assessments.

ACCESSIBILITY

WILL THE SUMMER UNIVERSITY BE FULLY ACCESSIBLE?

All our projects aim at being as accessible as possible. Subsequently, we attempt to accommodate all participants' needs. We therefore kindly ask applicants to provide us their access needs while completing the application form.

I HAVE A DISABILITY AND REQUIRE A PERSONAL ASSISTANT. CAN I BRING MY OWN?

Of course! If you require to be accompanied by a personal assistant, you are welcome to bring her/him to the project. Simply, communicate this information to us while completing your application.

ARE THE COSTS COVERED FOR MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT?

Yes, we will be able to cover their travel expenses (subject to a maximum travel subsidy) as well as provide them with accommodation and meals throughout the project.

CAN YOU PROVIDE ME WITH A PERSONAL ASSISTANT?

We will make our best efforts to provide you with a local personal assistant in case you would request one. Nevertheless, we recommend participants to bring their own assistants if possible.

I HAVE A LEARNING DISABILITY, CAN I APPLY?

Yes, we encourage everybody to apply to the ASEFSU21: persons with learning disabilities, persons with other impairments as well as those who do not identify themselves as being disabled can apply.

CAN I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION IN OTHER FORMATS THAN THE ONE PROVIDED?

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 an access need related to the application form which cannot be overcome, please get in touch with us and we'll try to accommodate your needs.

I AM NOT DISABLED – CAN I ATTEND?

Definitely, the ASEFSU21 will consist of a group of mixed-ability participants. The event is open to everyone interested in taking part in the experience!

FEES

IS THERE A PARTICIPATION FEE?

There are no participation or registration fees.

LODGING & MEALS

DO THE ORGANISERS PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION DURING THE EVENT?

The organisers will provide accommodation to all participants travelling from abroad.

HOW ABOUT FOOD?

Meals will be provided during the conference as indicated in the programme.

I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, WILL THIS BE AN ISSUE?

The organisers will, as much as possible, make arrangements to adjust the meals for participants who have special dietary requirements.

TRAVEL, VISA & INSURANCE

WHAT ABOUT THE TRAVEL COSTS?

We will provide a travel subsidy for participants travelling from abroad, from your country of residence to Melbourne (Australia) and back. The subsidy could also cover local transportation (home – airport – home). The travel subsidy amount will be announced to the selected participants in their confirmation letter.

We will also cover the costs of transportation from Melbourne to Christchurch and back.

HOW ABOUT VISA FEES AND INSURANCE?

Yes, insurance and visa fee (if applicable) could be covered under the offered travel subsidy.

CAN I RECEIVE SUPPORT LETTERS FOR THE VISAS?

Of course, we will issue visa support letter(s) to those who require it.

CAN I RECEIVE A SUPPORT LETTER TO SUBMIT TO MY UNIVERSITY/WORKPLACE?

Yes, upon your request we can issue letter(s) to be given to your university or workplace.

FURTHER QUERIES

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Drop us an email at asefsu@asef.org or call us a [+65 6874 9714](tel:+6568749714).

If everything is clear, then you are [ready to apply](#).

ORGANISERS OF THE ASEFSU₂₁

Asia-Europe Foundation

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, sustainable development, economy and public health.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications, and online platforms, together with about 125 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF's activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks, and web-portals.

For more information, please visit the [website of the Asia-Europe Foundation](#).

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