

Application Instructions

Participation Criteria

To be eligible for this dialogue, you must be:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must have completed at least 2 semesters of study with the home University; be an outstanding student leader with a strong academic and co-curricular involvement as well as have the ability to act as a youth representative of your home University and country.
3. Citizen and resident of the country of your home University.
4. Be able to operate in English, which is the working language of the programme. Please attach your highest English certification (eg. IELTS, TOEFL), if any. You may be interviewed through a telephone/skype interview to show your proficiency in English.
5. Be able to travel and commit to the entire period of the dialogue in Singapore.
6. Recommended by your home University.

Applicants should also take note that full-time attendance at the dialogue by the selected participants is **mandatory**. Participants should be committed to investing time to prepare for and actively participate in the Youth Forum.

Application Process

Please email the following documents to dialogue@ntu.edu.sg by **5 pm (SGT) on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020.**

1. Completed application form in PDF format
2. Latest degree transcript in PDF format
3. Highest English certification (eg. IELTS, TOEFL), if any

Please double-check the accuracy of all information provided. Note that you must provide all information truthfully. Any false data or statement made will subject you to be disqualified from the programme.

If your e-mail is successfully received, you will receive an email reply from us. You are not required to mail your documents to us.

Selection criteria

A committee from NTU-USP and Temasek Foundation will select the participants based on principles of equitable geographical representation, balanced gender distribution, diversity of backgrounds (e.g. age, areas of studies and additional experience), and the quality of the personal statement.

Results of Application

Successful applicants will be notified and given one week to accept the offer. If the applicant is unable to respond within the one-week deadline, the offer may be revoked and given to other applicants on the standby list.

If you do not hear from us by **30 March 2020**, you may consider your application unsuccessful. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply next year. You can keep a lookout for future events on our website: www.ntu.edu.sg/USP.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**1. Is the application opens to all current University students?**

The application gives priority to undergraduate students, but graduate students are welcome to apply.

2. Does the 2 semesters criteria stated in the participation criteria include the current semester?

Yes. If you have completed one semester and are currently enrolled in a new semester, you are eligible to submit your application.

3. Is this programme a fully-funded programme?

Successful applicants will be provided with programme fee, economy class airfare from and back to your home university location, twin sharing accommodation, living allowances during the programme in Singapore, transport from/to Changi airport, visa and health insurance fees.

4. Is there any fee that I should pay for the application?

No, there is no fee associated with applying to the programme

Due to the high volume of applicants expected, please note that we may not be able to respond to individual queries immediately. Please refer to our website at <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/USP/partners/STEP2020/Pages/STEP-Youth-Regional-Affairs-Dialogue-2020.aspx> should you require more information.

STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2020 Programme Factsheet

About the dialogue

Organised by NTU-University Scholars Programme and supported by Temasek Foundation, the second annual STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2020 is a platform for university students in Asia to enhance their leadership skills and broaden their understanding of geopolitics.

Aspiring youth leaders will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of Asia's interwoven geopolitical structure through discussions on economics, politics and society, and foster an understanding of governance and policies across Asia as they build friendships through cross-cultural exchanges.

Programme Details

The STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2020 will be held from **23 – 31 July 2020** at the NTU campus in Singapore. The 9-day programme will gather 75 aspiring youth leaders from all over Asia.

Centred on the theme of social inequality, the dialogue will challenge participants to critically examine the various forms of social inequalities present in the region, and work together to propose innovative solutions that can mitigate and bridge the divides and disruptions.

Successful applicants will receive travel support which includes airfare, accommodation in Singapore, living allowance, transport, travel insurance and other related expenses. More information on the programme will be available soon on

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/USP/partners/STEP2020/Pages/STEP-Youth-Regional-Affairs-Dialogue-2020.aspx> .

Application Process

If you are an undergraduate above the age of 18 and are interested in enhancing your leadership skills and broadening your understanding of geopolitics, we invite you to participate in the Dialogue.

Applications will begin in January 2020 and end by **5 pm (SGT) on Monday, 3 March 2020.** Selected students will be informed of their offers by the end of March 2020. For more information, please refer to the **Application Instructions** document.

We wish you all the best and look forward to receiving your application.

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Hear from our past participants

“The seven days has served as a good networking platform for us youths to reach out to one another, discussing various topics of importance. In short, it is undoubtedly a sustainable approach and a STEP to make and shape a better Asia.”

Muhammad Hidayat Fahmi Bin Shahrom Fahmi

Malaysia, University of Malaya

“This programme has been a valuable opportunity to engage with a plurality of interests and opinions from individuals all around Asia. I was able to gain first-hand accounts of the issues faced in our geopolitical region.”

Veronike Ban

Singapore, National University of Singapore

“In this age of globalization, we must realize that there is much more that brings us together than sets us apart. As future leaders, we need to focus on building bridges and transforming lives so that no one gets left behind.”

Roberto Antonio See Leviste

Philippines, De La Salle University

“This program was more than just diversity. It was really inspiring for me to have discussed so many issues with future leaders of Asia region.”

Yu Hamano

Japan, Hitotsubashi University

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, set up jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Ranked 11th in the world, NTU has been placed the world's top young university for the past six years. The NTU Smart Campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and it has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) building projects, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

About Temasek Foundation

Temasek Foundation supports a diverse range of programmes that uplift lives and communities in Singapore and beyond. Collectively, our programmes strengthen social resilience, foster international exchange and enhance regional capabilities, and advance science and nature for a sustainable world. Temasek Foundation's programmes, made possible through philanthropic endowments gifted by Temasek, strive towards achieving positive outcomes for individuals and communities now, and for generations to come.

Managed by Temasek Foundation, the STEP Endowment supports a series of youth exchange programmes that bring together like-minded youths across Asia to learn, bond and build friendships. The various programmes cover one or more areas of interest that include arts and culture, science and technology, as well as entrepreneurship and innovation. Such programmes provide youth with opportunities to come together as one community to connect and learn through common interests and foster better understanding and empathy across different communities.

For more information on Temasek Foundation, visit <https://www.temasekfoundation.org.sg/> .

About Nanyang Technological University – University Scholars Programme

The Nanyang Technological University – University Scholars Programme (NTU-USP) is a multi-disciplinary program designed to complement NTU's core disciplines, to nurture creative and reflective global citizens devoted to understanding the social, cultural, economic, and environmental forces that give shape to our ever-changing world.

As one of NTU's leading Premier Scholars Programmes, NTU-USP is a vibrant and unique liberal arts programme specially designed to offer outstanding students global learning opportunities that complement their core areas of study. This academically rigorous multi-disciplinary programme complements and bridges NTU's core disciplines, adding breadth to each scholar's academic experience through exposing them to interdisciplinary courses across the sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences. NTU-USP scholars will also be challenged to sharpen their critical thinking skills and leadership abilities through interdisciplinary academic and co-curricular programmes promoting independent learning and immersive cultural experiences

For more information on NTU-USP, visit <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/USP> .