

## **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 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.
7. Be fully vaccinated with WHO EUL vaccines (click [here](#) for definition of fully vaccinated) / medically exempted from Covid-19 vaccination at least two weeks before arrival in Singapore.

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](mailto:dialogue@ntu.edu.sg) by **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 2359 (SGT).**

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 April 2022**, 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](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/USP) .

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

### **About the Dialogue**

#### **1. What is Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2022?**

Organised by Nanyang Technological University-University Scholars Programme (NTU-USP) and supported by Temasek Foundation, the Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2022 is a semi-annual platform for university students in Asia to enhance their leadership skills and broaden their understanding of geopolitics.

Participants will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of Asia's interwoven geopolitical structure through discussions on economics, politics, and society. They can also build a deeper understanding of governance and policies across Asia as they build friendships through cross-cultural exchanges.

#### **2. What is NTU-USP?**

As one of NTU's leading Premier Scholars Programmes, NTU-USP is committed to providing an intellectually rigorous environment for students to explore realms that complement their major areas of study at their respective schools. The programme aims to develop independent thinkers, nurture empathetic leaders, and foster an engaged community. NTU-USP does this through a highly interdisciplinary curriculum, exciting co-curricular activities, and immersive cultural experiences in Singapore and overseas that supplement the core curriculum and general education programme. Find out more about NTU-USP [here](#).

#### **3. What is 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, enhance regional capabilities, advance science, and protect the planet 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.

Our youth programmes bring together likeminded youths from Singapore and across Asia to learn, bond and build friendships, providing youths with opportunities to come together as one community to connect and learn through common interests and foster better understanding and empathy across different countries. Find out more about Temasek Foundation [here](#).

**4. When will the event be held?**

YRAD 2022 will be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

**5. What can I achieve out of this dialogue?**

YRAD 2022 aims to nurture and develop future Asian leaders with a regional and global appreciation of Asia's interwoven geopolitical structure, with a particular emphasis on social cohesion. The programme hopes to forge long-term connections between outstanding undergraduate students as the future leaders of Asia.

With participation from local Singaporean students and international students from all across Asia, you can expect to make great connections and friendships, as well as learn more about other countries in greater depth.

**Programme**

**6. What is the topic of discussion in YRAD 2022?**

YRAD 2022 will focus on Social Cohesion, with 5 sub-themes to be discussed in the dialogue:

- A. Culture & Identity
- B. Income Inequality & Social Mobility
- C. Growing Intergenerational Divide
- D. Media, Information & Technology
- E. Healthcare & Well-Being

Guest speakers will also conduct talks about Connectivity Beyond Technology and the

Paradox of Cohesion.

**7. How and where will YRAD 2022 be conducted?**

YRAD 2022 will be held on the NTU campus in Singapore.

**8. If I am not available on certain days, can I participate in part of the programme only?**

Full-time attendance and participation in the dialogue is mandatory. Any leave from Singapore or the programme during the dialogue duration is strictly not allowed.

**9. What are the Covid-19 precautions taken for the event?**

As the Covid situation is still evolving, the organising committee is constantly monitoring the situation and will adjust the programme logistics accordingly. All participants must be fully vaccinated/medically exempted to participate in the event. Full compliance with the prevailing Safe Management Measures as announced by the Singapore Ministry of Health will be observed.

Shortlisted international applicants who are unable to enter Singapore due to Covid-19 travel restrictions will still be able to participate in the dialogue virtually through Zoom and forge friendships with other participants through group activities as well.

**Cost & Accommodation**

**10. Will I need to pay to participate?**

Since YRAD is a fully-funded programme, there is no cost to participate. The programme fee, accommodation, and a stipend for living allowances in Singapore during the programme will be covered. For international participants, airfare, travel insurance, visa, transport to and from Changi Airport, and costs for mandatory swab tests for predeparture from home country and in Singapore will also be covered.

**Note: Both travel insurance and visa will be capped at S\$80 per pax.**

**11. How will I receive the stipend?**

Successful applicants will receive their stipend in cash upon arriving on the first day of the programme. You will also be asked to sign a document to acknowledge the stipend received.

**12. What is the process for receiving my travel insurance?**

Subject to your country's travel insurance policies, we will cover the costs accordingly. Successful applicants may email us at [dialogue@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:dialogue@ntu.edu.sg) should you require more information regarding this.

**13. Where will accommodation be provided?**

To reduce daily travel time to the dialogue venue, participants will receive twin-sharing accommodation at NTU's Nanyang Executive Centre.

**14. Can I choose to stay elsewhere instead of the accommodation provided?**

Staying in the accommodation provided is mandatory for participants.

**Applications**

**15. When is the application period?**

Applications will begin on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and close on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Selected students will be informed of their successful application by April 2022.

**16. Who can apply?**

YRAD welcomes outstanding student leaders in Asia with a strong academic and co-curricular involvement. If you have these qualifications and a passion for current geopolitical issues, we invite you to apply.

Priority will be given to undergraduate students. However, graduate students are welcome to apply as well.

**17. How many students will be able to participate?**

A total of forty international students and forty local students will be selected for this

dialogue.

**18. How can I apply for the programme?**

Applicants must email an application form together with their transcripts. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted directly via email. Please check our webpage [here](#) to download the application form.

If you have more queries, please feel free to contact us at [dialogue@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:dialogue@ntu.edu.sg). However, due to the high volume of applicants expected, please be patient as we may not be able to respond to the individual queries immediately.