

YSEALI Seeds for the Future

Frequently Asked Questions

Do proposals have to be submitted in English?

Yes, only proposals in English will be considered.

Can I submit more than one project proposal?

No, only one project per person is permitted. You may not be the team leader or team member on more than one proposal.

How will project proposals be evaluated?

Projects will be selected to ensure a balance of winners throughout the ASEAN member countries. IRI Seeds for the Future staff, the relevant U.S. Embassy or Consulate and regional experts from the U.S. State Department will evaluate the projects based on:

- Relevance to ASEAN
- Impact of project on one or more of the YSEALI themes (civic engagement, economic development, education or the environment)
- Innovation
- Feasibility
- Timeliness (e.g. coordination with an annual/special event)

What is an innovative project?

A project with uncommon methodology, subject matter, location, audience, and/or results is innovative. Innovative projects will take a creative approach to addressing the challenge identified and will take advantage of technology, social media, and other resources that enhance the effectiveness of project activities.

How many people can be on my team?

Your project may include as many people you deem necessary, but should be an appropriate number relevant to the project.

How do I determine the total budget for my project?

The maximum amount of Seeds for the Future grants is \$20,000. You should think through your project and create a realistic budget that will allow you to accomplish all of your planned activities in a cost-effective manner.

When will I know if I know if my project was awarded funds?

The review panel will evaluate all the proposals following the closing of the application period and reach decisions about grant winners in July. You will receive notification in July whether your project was successful.

What role does the International Republican Institute (IRI) play in the grant process?

The U.S. State Department is working with IRI to administer the YSEALI Seeds for the Future grants. IRI's YSEALI team based in Washington D.C. is responsible for day-to-day management of the granting process. The team may be in touch with you after you submit your proposal to ask follow-up questions or request additional information. If your project is selected to receive a grant, IRI's team will work with you to complete the pre-grant requirements and will provide guidance and technical support throughout the life of your grant.