



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# YOUNG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

FEB. 8 - 25, 2022

ONLINE & SEOUL



## What is the Young Ambassador Program?

The Young Ambassador Program (YAP) is a three-week program that provides participants with a first-hand experience of the work of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), an inter-governmental organization at the forefront of Northeast Asia regional cooperation. The YAP is geared towards motivated individuals from China, Japan and the ROK interested in pursuing a career related to international relations, providing them an opportunity to connect with like-minded peers and experts. Not only is the YAP an opportunity to expand knowledge of the region, participants are also encouraged to provide their insight for promoting better trilateral relations.

## How is the program organized?

**This year's YAP is going hybrid.**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the YAP will be held in a hybrid format. A majority of sessions will be held online via Zoom. Those residing in the ROK will be invited to a few select offline sessions to be held in the TCS office in Seoul. There will be **three sessions per week (access the link below for dates)**.

**The YAP consists of a team project, lectures, networking sessions, and a cultural tour.**

The core of this YAP is working with a team to submit a project proposal that promotes trilateral cooperation. Participants are expected to work intensively with their teammates over the course of two weeks creating a proposal that covers either politics, the economy, socio-cultural affairs, or institutionalization. To aid with the understanding of the issues at hand, the TCS will invite experts and practitioners to discuss these various categories. TCS staff will also be assigned to every group as mentors, helping groups along the way. The program will also prepare networking sessions with the TCS staff and other participants. Those residing in the ROK will also be invited to a two-day offline cultural tour, where they will visit a local city to learn about the ties between China, Japan and the ROK.

## What are past Young Ambassadors doing now?

With the inaugural YAP held in 2013, there are now more than 100 YAP alumni who have gone on to pursue a wide variety of careers, such as: Ministries of Foreign Affairs, International Organizations, NGOs, Academia, Think Tanks, Education, Legal Affairs, Engineering and much more.

## What can you expect from the YAP?

- A better understanding of trilateral cooperation among China, Japan and the ROK
- A better understanding of the everyday work of a multilateral inter-governmental organization
- Networks with likeminded peers and experts that last beyond the program
- Awards for the best team proposal
- Award for the most outstanding participant

## Requirements

- Participants must be a citizen of the People's Republic of China, Japan, or the Republic of Korea (individuals residing outside of their country of citizenship CAN apply);
- Currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree of ALL majors (individuals studying non-humanities / social science fields are also encouraged to apply)
- Be under the age of 31 as of February 8, 2022
- Be able to engage in discussions solely in English (Chinese, Japanese or Korean fluency is a bonus but not required).

## Costs

**Participation is free for online participants.**

**For residents in the ROK, the TCS will cover all costs, except:**

- Transportation from their residence to the TCS Office
- Other personal expenses

**INTERESTED?  
HERE'S HOW  
TO APPLY.**

**Access the official TCS website and download the required documents:  
[https://www.tcs-asia.org/en/board/notice\\_view.php?idx=4059&pNo=1](https://www.tcs-asia.org/en/board/notice_view.php?idx=4059&pNo=1)**

Attach your application form and required documents to an email and send it to **yap@tcs-asia.org** by **December 31, 2021**. Set the subject line of the email to "Country of Citizenship\_LAST NAME First Name" (e.g. China\_ZHANG San") Please direct inquiries to Ryosuke Sawayama at r.sawayama@tcs-asia.org.



Select individuals will be invited for an interview. Please understand that due to the number of applications, participation is strictly based on the quality of applications and interviews.

- Application Deadline: December 31, 2021
- Result of Document Screening Announced: January 7, 2022
- Interviews (Zoom): January 10 - 14, 2022 (based on applicant availability)
- Final Results Announced: January 17, 2022

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
DECEMBER 31, 2021**



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