Host a YLAI Fellow!
COLLABORATE WITH BUSINESS LEADERS FROM LATIN AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN & CANADA

IREX invites U.S.-based organizations to collaborate with the best and brightest entrepreneurs from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada. Host Organizations will welcome YLAI Fellows to their cities for a one-month, in-person collaboration from June 13 - July 7, 2022. YLAI Fellows and Host Organizations will share expertise, networks, and best practices, setting the foundation for a lasting and mutually beneficial partnership.

Who are YLAI Fellows?

YLAI Fellows are mid-career entrepreneurs competitively selected from over 2,000 business leaders and social entrepreneurs from 37 countries across the Americas. They are 25 – 35 years old and have at least 2 years leading a business across different sectors including agriculture, e-commerce, education, healthcare and more!

Who are YLAI Host Organizations?

YLAI Host Organizations are a network of over 800 businesses across the United States who are passionate about cross-cultural exchange. They include:

- Small and medium sized businesses
- Large companies and consulting firms
- Accelerators, incubators, and startups
- Universities and non-profit organizations

Why become a YLAI Host Organization?

Collaborate closely with an innovative entrepreneur through a fully funded experience.

Travel to your fellow’s home city for further collaboration.

Address your organization’s challenges and opportunities with diverse perspectives and expertise.

Create business ties with other hosts and alumni through our vibrant regional network.

Get started with our Host Interest Form: bit.ly/ylaihost
What are the YLAI Host Organization’s role and responsibilities?

Assign two full-time employees as the fellow’s main collaborators.

Plan a substantive collaborative project with your fellow prior to their arrival.

Attend an interactive Host Orientation, including virtual and in-person workshops in your city.

Provide your fellow a suitable office or workspace for their 30-hour weekly commitment.

Complete progress meetings at least twice a week during the four-week collaboration.

OUTBOUND EXCHANGE

YLAI Host Organizations have the chance to travel to their fellow’s country through the Outbound Exchange Program. This $5,000 grant allows U.S. Hosts to continue their collaboration and learn about the entrepreneurial climate of their fellow’s country while building new business opportunities.

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