Partner with the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative Fellowship

The Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLA) Fellowship is the U.S. Department of State's flagship program for business leaders from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada. This is a federally funded exchange program centered around three core components: an educational entrepreneurial leadership curriculum, cultural exchange and networking activities, and a professional placement with a U.S.-based organization.

IREX invites U.S.-based startups, non-profits, corporations, small businesses and universities to join our existing network of over 800 organizations across the United States who have partnered with YLAI. By partnering with us, you will be engaging with a prestigious alumni network of over 1,000 of the best and brightest business leaders and social entrepreneurs from 37 countries across the Americas.

You will get access to...
- A vibrant network of business leaders promoting economic development in their countries.
- Diverse, international perspectives and expertise from across the Americas.
- A virtual entrepreneurial and leadership curriculum developed by business experts.
- Travel and grant opportunities to support innovative collaborations with YLAI Fellows.

Partnership Opportunities

HOST ORGANIZATION
Collaborate in-person with a YLAI Fellow from June 13 to July 7, 2022. Set the foundation for a lasting partnership with a fellow that complements your organization's strengths and challenges.

GUEST SPEAKER
Share your story as a keynote speaker or panelist during our Opening and Closing events with approximately 400 business and public diplomacy leaders in attendance.

SPONSOR
Support our high-profile events, offer prizes, connect us with speakers, or support grants and travel for impactful international collaborations.

COHORT AMBASSADOR
Welcome a cohort of up to 15 YLAI Fellows to your city! Plug them into your local business ecosystem by organizing weekly cultural and networking activities.

OUTBOUND EXCHANGE
Outbound Exchanges provide YLAI Host Organizations the unique opportunity to visit their fellows in their home cities in Latin America, the Caribbean, or Canada. Selected hosts are awarded $5,000 to continue their collaboration.

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