

The Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) Program 2021-2022

The Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) is the U.S. Department of State's flagship program for emerging entrepreneurs from Europe. In 2021-2022, a cohort of young European entrepreneurs from 45 European countries will participate in a robust fellowship program.

Since its launch in 2016, YTILI has supported approximately 300 alumni from across Europe to bolster their business skills and expand their transatlantic partnerships. Using entrepreneurship as a tool for economic development, YTILI promotes mutual understanding, enhances business and leadership skills, and builds lasting partnerships between business leaders from Europe and the United States. Beginning in October 2021, YTILI will empower a new cohort of young European business and social entrepreneurs to grow their ventures, foster global partnerships, and positively impact the economic development of their communities.

The YTILI Fellowship Program engages young European entrepreneurs in a series of professional development and leadership activities that are designed to strengthen the transatlantic relationship and encourage European businesses, governments, and civil society to develop their innovation ecosystems. The fellowship includes an online and in-person entrepreneurship curriculum; a placement with a business or organization in one of nine U.S. cities; opening and closing conferences in Chicago and Washington, D.C.; and a regional Innovation Summit in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The 2021-2022 YTILI Fellowship Program will run from October 2021 to September 2022, with U.S. travel elements scheduled for March 22, 2022 – April 27, 2022.

Application deadline: March 1, 2021. Visit the YTILI website at <http://ytili-worldchicago.org/> to learn more about the 2021-2022 YTILI program.