

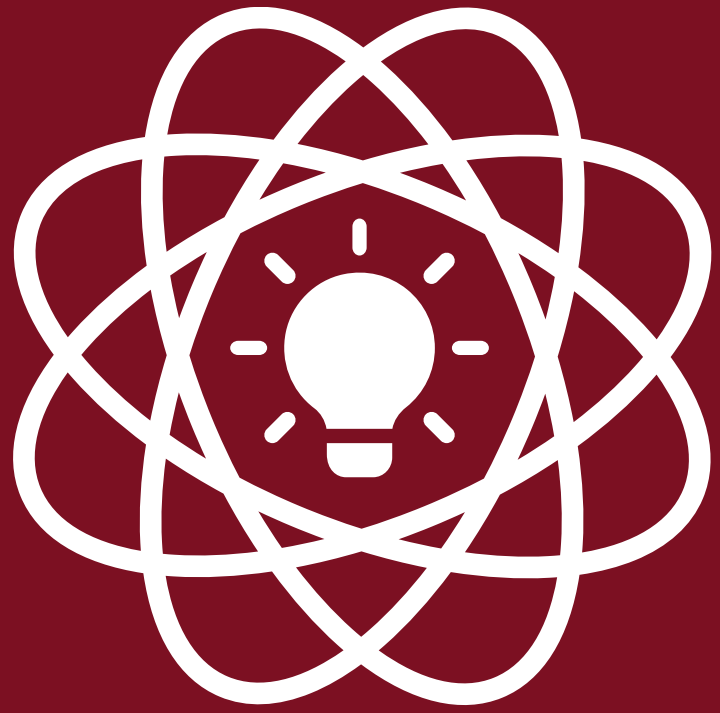


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Young India
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CLASS OF 2023





A Year-long Fellowship.

Started in 2011, the Young India Fellowship (YIF) grooms socially conscious leaders and change-makers for the 21st century.

Offered as Ashoka University's flagship residential postgraduate diploma in liberal studies, the YIF is unlike any other graduate academic programme. Fellows get access and exposure to diverse areas of study, research and practice within a year. This often helps Fellows reimagine themselves and discover their passions.

Fellows study a curated selection of courses taught by renowned educators, work on a team-based project to solve a real-world problem, and learn how to think critically and write effectively. They are also mentored by inspiring individuals, and live with a community of diverse individuals from many walks of life.

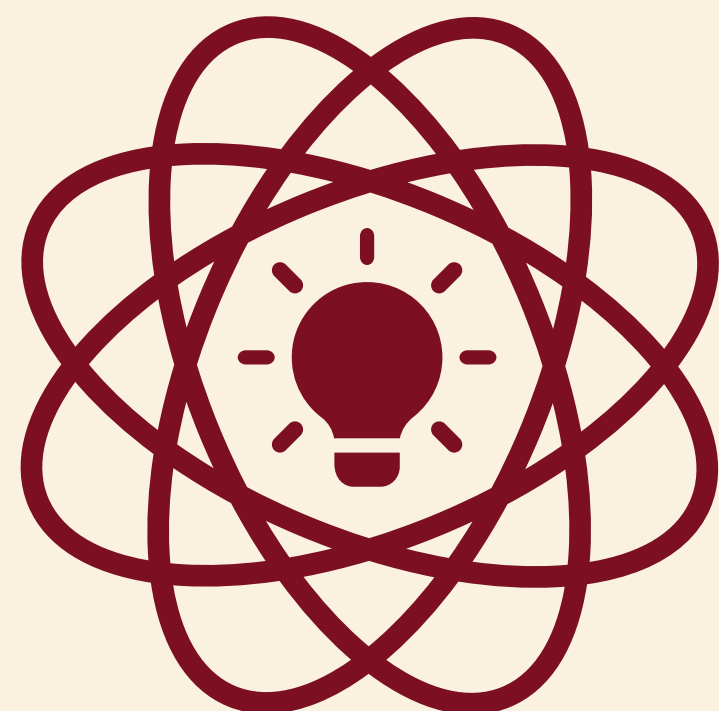


A Fellow for Life.

Since 2011, over 1900 individuals from India and abroad have commenced their lifelong journeys as Young India Fellows.

Fellows are equipped with perspectives, knowledge and capabilities that help them understand the world better and engage with their field of study or practice through a multidisciplinary approach. This becomes critical for effective leadership, especially in the post-pandemic era.

Fellows keep coming back to the Fellowship, and contribute to shaping and nurturing it further. They continue to support and collaborate with each other and with members of the larger Ashoka ecosystem in their professional and personal pursuits, regardless of what they do.



A Year-long Fellowship

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YIF was one of the most transformative years of my life. It taught me to see, analyze, and empathize with realities that lay outside of my own lived experiences. It pushed me to think critically and inclusively about the issues I choose to work on, reflect on the impact of my professional decisions, and develop the humility to recognize my privilege and not misuse it. YIF was a life-altering experience for me, and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

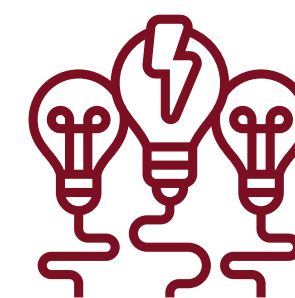


Prineeta Kulkarni, YIF 2014-15

Manager, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, New York

MBA, Harvard Business School, 2018-20

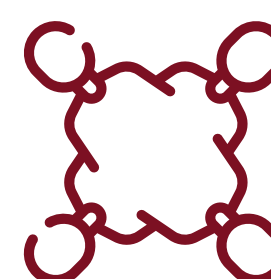
BSc and MSc, Institute of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology



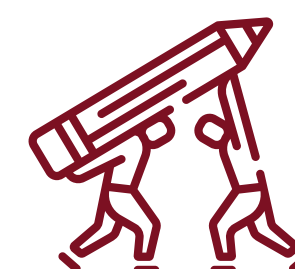
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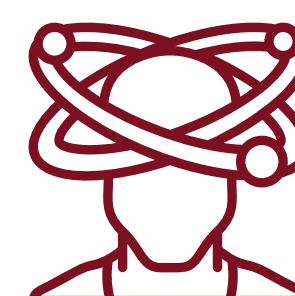
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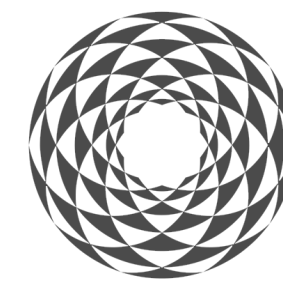
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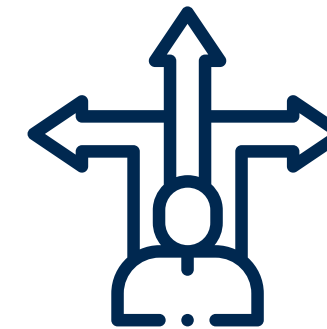
YIF helped me recognise my potential. Through group exercises, I realised my unique contribution to the problem solving table. I am now more confident in taking bigger risks to solve complex challenges. My ability to accept diversity and be appreciative of others also expanded through YIF. I am blessed to be part of a community whose members care for each other and I feel connected to. This has been very significant in my life and work.



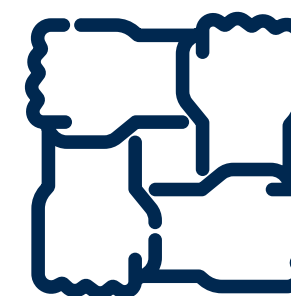
Abhishek Choudhary, YIF 2012-13
Co-Founder and CEO, Saajha
Forbes 30 Under 30 and Echoing Green Fellow
BA (Honors) English Literature, Hansraj College



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Multidisciplinary Curriculum

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You don't really hear about people doing their Bachelor's, Master's and their PhD in completely different things because it's tough to make these transitions smoothly. YIF actually enabled me to switch from humanities at my undergraduate level to my PhD in the sciences and gave me a safe space for self-reflection at a deeper level.



Sakshi Ghai, YIF 2014-15

*PhD Candidate (Psychology), University of Cambridge
MSc (Behavior and Decision Sciences), University of Pennsylvannia
BA (Honors) Philosophy, Lady Shri Ram College for Women*

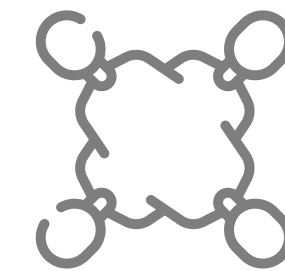


Hear more on **The YIF Podcast:**
S1E4 Against all odds: Shaping the early academic career

21st Century Perspective and Skill Building. Learn *how* to think, rather than *what* to think.

A year as a Young India Fellow offers you the essence of what an Ashoka educational experience is built on. The focus is on learning *how* to think, rather than *what* to think. We offer you an opportunity to understand the world better, engage with multiple perspectives and explore areas of study, research and practice that are unique to YIF and the Ashoka ecosystem.

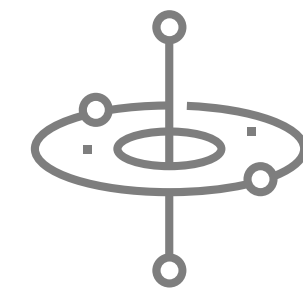
At the YIF, you get to complement the academic depth that you gained in your undergraduate education and previous experiences, with intellectual breadth. You have the flexibility to craft your own Fellowship experience to experiment and to align it to your future goals.



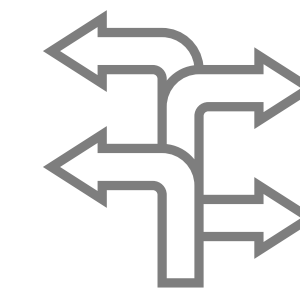
~200 Peers



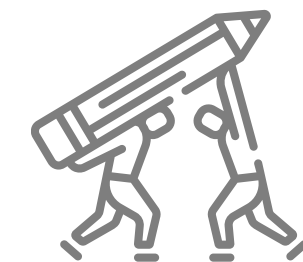
8 Terms
~6 Weeks each



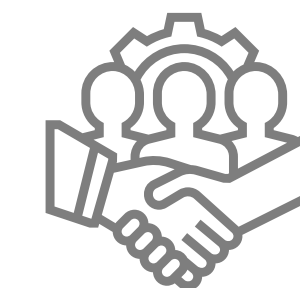
~8 Core Courses



~12 Electives from
a pool of 25+



Critical Writing
Programme



Experiential Learning
Module



Mentorship
Programme



Infinite Possibilities

The multidimensional learning opportunities also enable you to build or sharpen 21st century skills that are in high demand, regardless of where you come from and where you wish to go: *Collaboration, Communication, Problem-Solving, Critical Thinking and Leadership.*



Inspiring Educators

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I look forward every year to teaching the Young India Fellows. I find them highly motivated, extremely curious, and very keen to learn. The deep commitment of many of the Fellows to public service makes the teaching experience particularly worthwhile.”



Learn more on **The YIF Podcast:**
S2 The Professor Will See You Now



Professor AK Shiva Kumar

*Visiting YIF Faculty, Economics and Public Policy
PhD Economics, Harvard University*

Ever had an educator who profoundly influenced you? **We bring together many.**

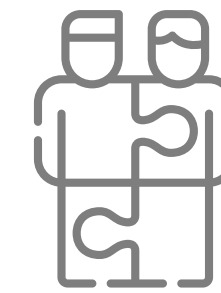
Academicians, scholars and practitioners from Ashoka University and some of the world's leading institutions deliver a diverse range of courses. Each course is typically from a distinct domain or area of study, though many are interdisciplinary in approach. They all come together to offer a deeper and richer understanding of the world.



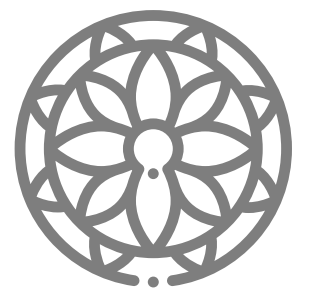
Natural Sciences



Humanities &
Social Sciences



Leadership &
Business



Heritage, Arts &
Environment

Imagine learning about leadership from Sanjeev Bikhchandani, gender from Urvashi Butalia, Shakespeare from Madhavi Menon and Jonathan Gil Harris, history from Rudrangshu Mukherjee! Course offerings include public policy, art appreciation, statistics, philosophy, gender studies, group dynamics, design thinking, communication, Indian elections, and more.

Multidimensional Engagement and Learning

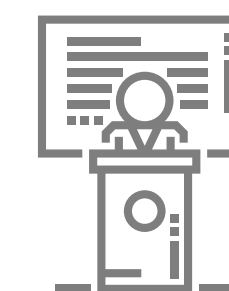
The diversity in courses and faculty is also reflected in the varied styles of teaching and assessment. While catering to multiple learning styles, this allows you to learn from a range of perspectives and build a better understanding of the world and yourself.



Discussions



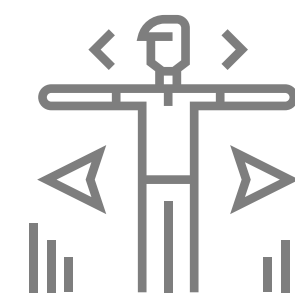
Group Work



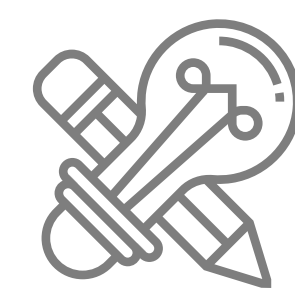
Lectures



Field Visits



Simulations



Creative Projects



Academic Writing



Case Studies



You will study 20 courses across diverse disciplines, taught by inspiring Ashoka University faculty and visiting YIF faculty from around the world. Here is an indicative, non-exhaustive list from the previous year.

Courses by Ashoka University Faculty

JM Financial Lectures on Reason and the Makers of Modern India

Rudrangshu Mukherjee Chancellor; Historian; DPhil, University of Oxford

Mathematical Thinking

Maya Saran Associate Professor of Mathematics; PhD, University of Illinois (U-C)

Shakespeare and the World

Jonathan Gil Harris Professor and Head of the Department, English; PhD, University of Sussex
Madhavi Menon Professor of English; PhD, Tufts University

Morality and the Good Life

Clancy Martin Professor of Philosophy; PhD, University of Texas at Austin

Understanding Pandemics

Shahid Jameel Virologist; Director, Trivedi School of Biosciences; PhD, Washington State University

The New Geography of the Information Age

Debayan Gupta Assistant Professor of Computer Science; PhD, Yale University

Making Sense of Indian Elections

Gilles Verniers Assistant Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Trivedi Centre for Political Data; PhD, Sciences Po

Crowds of Occupation, Crowds of Protest

Deepak Mehta Professor of Sociology; PhD, University of Delhi

Courses by Visiting Faculty at the YIF

Behavioral Science in Development

Neela Saldanha Behavioral Scientist; PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Kabir: The Poet of Vernacular

Purushottam Agrawal Renowned Kabir and Bhakti Scholar

Indian / Global Ecosophy

Aseem Shrivastava Environmental Economist; PhD, UMass Amherst

Problem Solving and Statistical Thinking in Modern Life

Santosh Venkatesh Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Deconstructing Select Indian Foreign Policy Challenges and Responses

Arun Kumar Singh Former Ambassador of India to the United States

Heart of Leadership / Group Dynamics

Kenwyn Smith Professor, University of Pennsylvania; PhD, Yale University

Foundations of Leadership

Dwight Jaggard Former Professor, University of Pennsylvania; PhD, CalTech

Building Careers, Habits and Institutions

Pramath Raj Sinha Founding Dean, ISB and YIF; PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Leadership Lessons From The Road Less Travelled

Sanjeev Bikhchandani, **Padma Shree** Founder, Infoedge (Naukri.com); MBA, IIM Ahmedabad

Design Thinking and Innovation

Ranjan Banerjee Dean and Professor, BITS SoM
Ruppel W Sharma Professor and Head, SPJIMR, Delhi

Issues in Social Democracy and Social Justice in India

Narendra Jadhav Member of Parliament

India's Economy: Past, Present and Near Future

Omkar Goswami DPhil, University of Oxford

Trade, Trust and Peace in South Asia

Sanjay Kathuria DPhil, University of Oxford

STI as Power: The Case of China

Stephanie Balme PhD, Sciences Po

Art Appreciation

Anunaya Chaubey Provost, Anant National University; PhD, Patna University

Economics and Public Policy

AK Shiva Kumar Development Economist; PhD, Harvard University

India and the World: A Strategic History Since 1945

Rudra Chaudhuri Senior Lecturer, Department of War Studies, King's College London

Indian Financial Regulation and Policy

KP Krishnan Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India

Philosophy and Cognitive Science

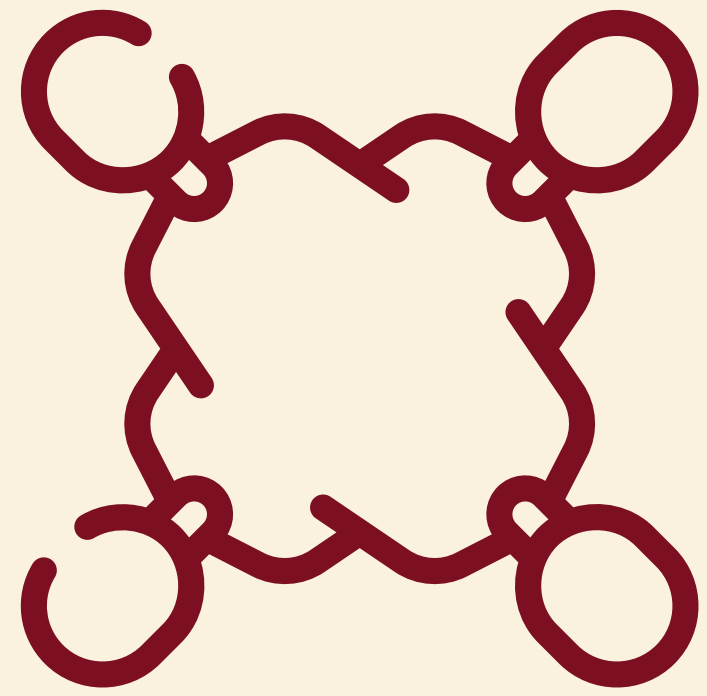
Ritwik Agrawal Doctoral Researcher, University of Missouri

Totalitarian Century / The Ideology

Seminar Dilip Simeon Author and Historian; PhD, University of Delhi

Women, Society and Changing

India Urvashi Butalia Feminist, Author and Publisher; Founder, Zubaan Books



Diverse Peer Group

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The best thing I found about the YIF was the diversity of peers, their stories and perspectives, and the openness with which everybody discussed ideas. We had agreements, disagreements, and we agreed to disagree. The YIF gave me a completely fresh perspective. I have also gained a lot from the YIF after graduating, through collaborations on multiple projects with other alumni.



Hear more on **The YIF Podcast: S1E1** Collaborating to transform communities at the grassroots

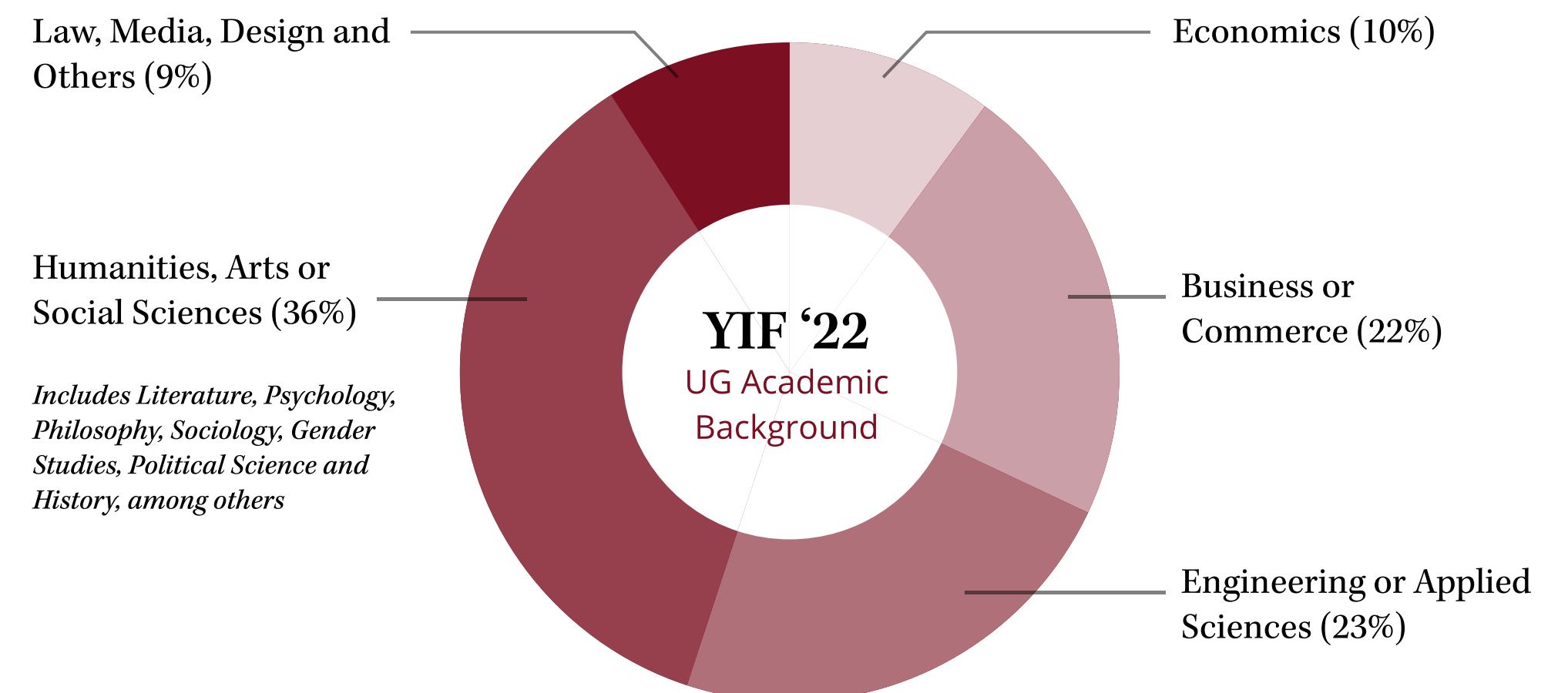


Pavneet Kaur, YIF 2013-14

*Indian Administrative Service Officer, Government of India
BE, Pune Institute of Computer Technology*

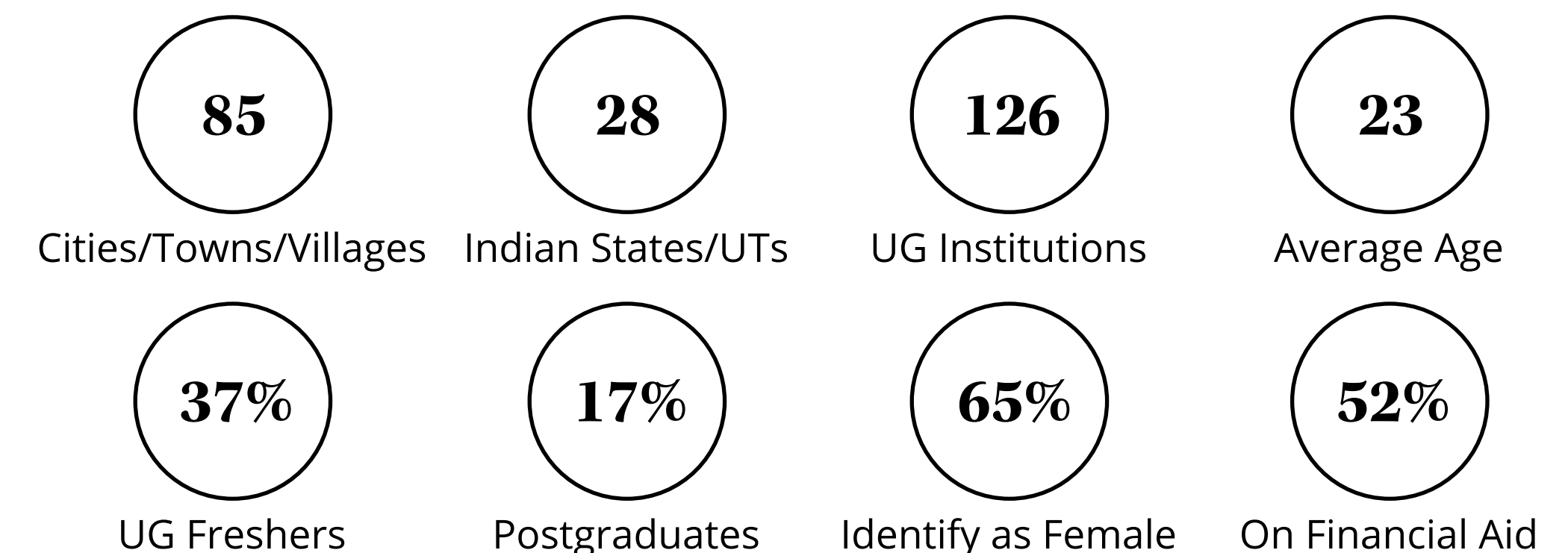
Ever challenged your understanding of the world around you? **Try the YIF classroom.**

At the YIF, an engineer, a filmmaker, a history major, a Kathak dancer, a banker, a social entrepreneur, a pharmacist and a journalist, all attend lectures together. This creates an unparalleled peer learning environment rich with multiple perspectives.

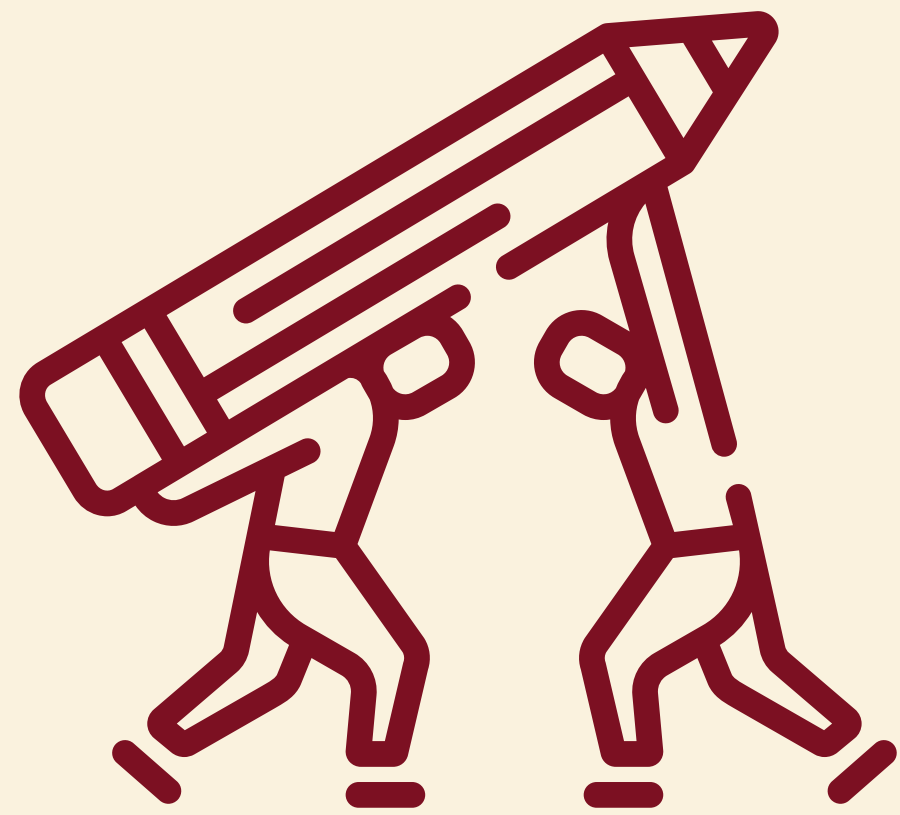


Every aspect of the YIF, whether academic, experiential, cultural or informal, allows you to engage with your diverse set of peers in multiple ways and build a close-knit community. Every year, fellows come together to organise the *Friends of YIF Day* - an opportunity for you and your peers to showcase your talent to members of the Ashoka community. Fellows also self-organize to learn from each other - from Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and becoming a pro at Excel, to learning arts like sculpting and body flow movement.

Class of 2022: The Eleventh Cohort of 198 Young India Fellows







Critical Writing Programme

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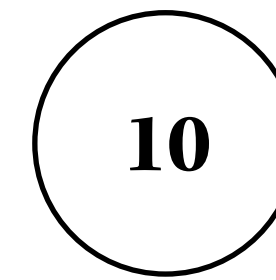
Though Critical Writing might sound like one of those classes where you're judged for how aesthetic your cursive is, it turned out to be a fun exploration of behavioural economics for me! The idea that all academic writing is one symbolic with impenetrable jargon is one that needs to be challenged and Critical Writing equipped me with the narrative and structural tools to do so. The appeal of every unique idea lies in its mass appeal, and this course taught me how best to distill those for common purpose.



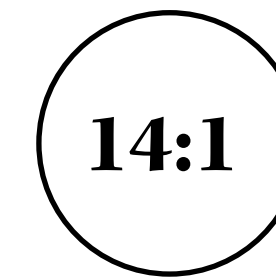
Varun Pandey, YIF 2017-18

*Research Associate, Centre for Policy Research
BSc Economics, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies*

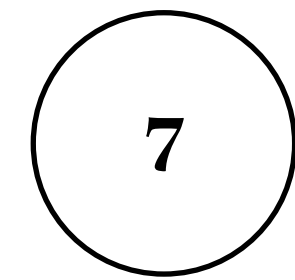
The ability to think critically and express effectively is valuable. No matter what you do.



Months



Fellow to Faculty Ratio



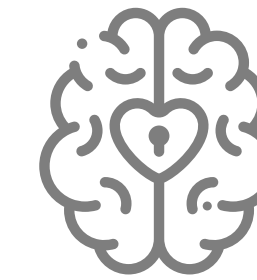
Course Themes

The Critical Writing Programme helps Fellows engage with a world of ideas and enables them to develop and express their own thoughts and experiences in a well-reasoned, lucid, and engaging manner.

Course Themes: YIF 2021-22



How to be a Hero:
Reading the Hero Figure
Through Adaptations



History, Philosophy
and Anthropology
of Science



History and Politics of
Representation of Madness
in Literature and Art



Internet Culture
and Memes



Politics of Language
and Multilingualism



Education, Literacy
and Justice



Anthropological
Unsettlements

Final Draft: The Journal of YIF Critical Writing

The goal of Final Draft is to showcase both the range—in topic and genre—and strength of writing in a student body that is itself highly diverse in terms of its educational, disciplinary, professional, geographic, linguistic, and socio-economic backgrounds. Through the process of writing multiple drafts, student-authors discover their own unique voice, and recognise writing as an ongoing, open-ended activity as signalled by the title of the journal itself. As the Fellows learn to bring critical thinking tools to the drawing board, readers of Final Draft can witness a clear attempt by them to negotiate with texts and social phenomena as they make sense of the world around them.



Editions 1, 2 and 3 available for download on yif.ashoka.edu.in



Experiential Learning Module (ELM)

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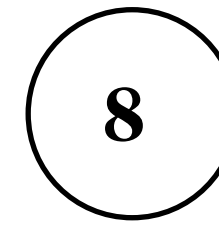
The ELM initiated a transition for me: from being an engineer to being a passionate advocate for the environment. It helped me give structure to my interests, and I learnt what it takes to design a project from scratch. The support of my peers and professors, coupled with the learnings from courses, are key reasons for why I could ground myself in the environment sector.



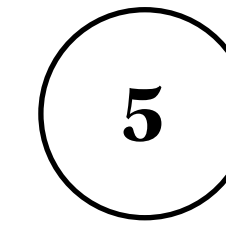
Radhika Sundaresan, YIF 2015-16

*Fulbright Scholar (Environmental Sciences), Yale University, 2019-21
BTech, Amrita University*

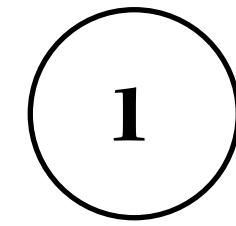
**Work on a project which has real-world impact.
Explore interdisciplinary collaboration.**



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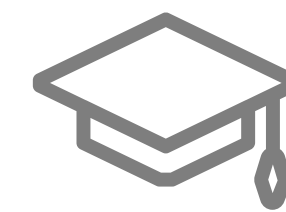


Fellows per Team

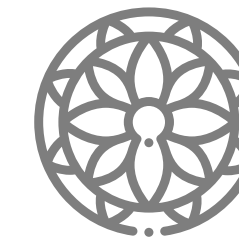


Real-world Project

The ELM helps you learn how to work collaboratively, solve complex problems with an interdisciplinary approach, and build domain knowledge. **Sectors include:**



Education and Training



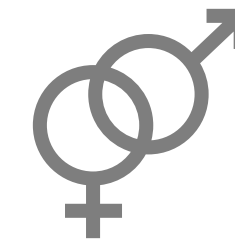
Heritage and Culture



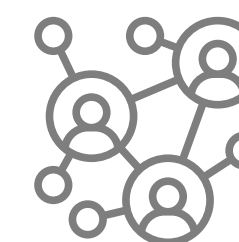
Finance and Consulting



Healthcare and Wellness



Gender and Sexuality



Community Development



Environment and Sustainability



Governance and Public Policy

You can also create your own ELM. In fact, several ELMs have evolved into successful startups and centres at Ashoka. A few examples include:



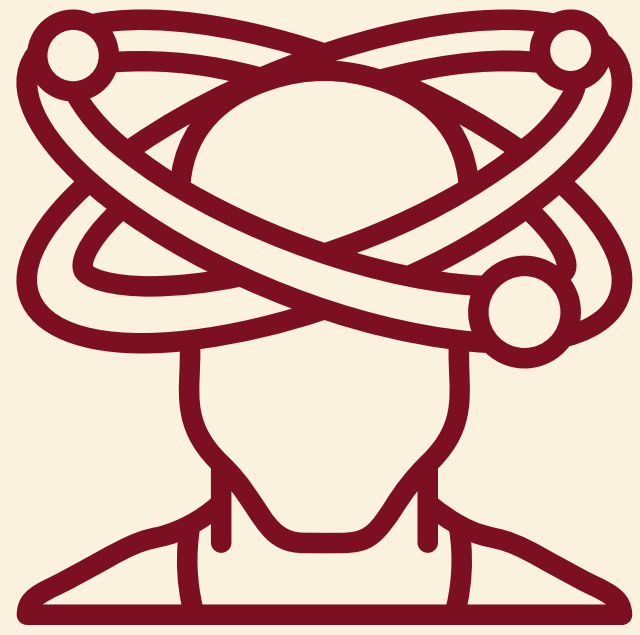
Barefoot Edu started in the YIF 2016-17 to explore teaching and learning in schools. Now incubated at Harvard Innovation Labs in Boston, it is focused on improving school systems and educational leadership.

centre for studies in
gender and sexuality

CSGS was established at Ashoka University as an outcome of an ELM project in the YIF 2014-15. The project was on establishing a space for conversations around gender and sexuality at Ashoka University.



Quidich evolved from an ELM involving a drone that covered the 2014 Indian elections, to a full-fledged tech company, providing cutting-edge solutions for sport broadcast. Their most recent work includes the IPL 2021 and the ICC World Test Championship.



Holistic Development and Mentorship

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The mentorship program at YIF allowed me to develop meaningful professional and personal relationships with people I deeply admired. One of my most fulfilling mentorship experiences has been Prof. Madhavi Menon. I was instantly enamored by her intellect, wit, and strong personality. To have her comment on the early drafts of my shoddily written poems and stories was more than I could ask for as an engineer who wished to become a writer. Thanks to Madhavi's faith in me, I applied for a master's in creative writing after the YIF and am currently working on my first novel.



Kritika Pandey, YIF 2013-14

*Global Winner 2020, Commonwealth Short Story Prize
MFA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
BE, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra*



Hear more on **The YIF Podcast:**
S1E6 *Reimagining the world:
Becoming a creative artist*

Engage with eminent leaders and scholars of our time. Experience holistic learning.



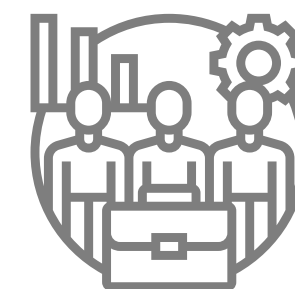
Guest Lectures

Public intellectuals, activists, philosophers, journalists, diplomats, politicians, sports professionals, authors and several others regularly visit Ashoka University to deliver sessions. A year on campus allows you to engage and learn from diverse lenses.



Mentorship

You may choose to be mentored by not only a stalwart in academia or industry, but also by an alum who shares a similar background or interest. Access to such inspiration allows you to carve out a meaningful career path over time.



Professional Development Workshops

Organized year-round on topics ranging from resume writing, software and case study analysis, to gender sensitization, negotiation and art expression, these workshops allow you to appropriately mould yourself towards achieving your goals.



Harvard Business School Online - CORe

Offered first in an Indian academic institution through Ashoka University, Harvard Business School's flagship online coursework is offered to Fellows with a significant tuition subsidy. The course equips you with essential management competencies.







Ashoka University Ecosystem

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I was always curious to explore the world outside of my disciplinary training in engineering. However, it was the courses, faculty, my peers and the entire ecosystem at the YIF that equipped me with the tools required to pursue that exploration in a focused manner. The genuine spirit of the people around me to ask questions, to allow their perceptions to be changed and their willingness to undertake the intellectual-emotional adventure that is YIF as a transformative journey was something that really made my time at the fellowship all the more special for me.



Shiv D Sharma, YIF 2014-15

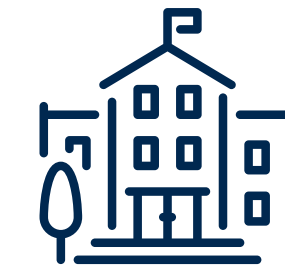
*Former Writing Faculty, YIF Critical Writing Programme
Fulbright and Inlaks Scholar, The New School, 2018-20
BTech, NIT Kurukshetra*



Hear more on **The YIF Podcast:**
S1E5 Reach for the stars: Pursuing
previously unimaginable careers

Immerse yourself in a multifaceted environment. Belong to a vibrant community.

The YIF experience gives you access to the larger Ashoka University ecosystem, and an opportunity to engage with people and spaces beyond the YIF.



Infrastructure and Facilities

Spread over 25 acres (expanding soon to 50 acres) in Rajiv Gandhi Education City, the green campus includes a state-of-the-art library building, hi-tech classrooms, world-class sports infrastructure, common spaces and multiple dining options. As Fellows 2023 stay together in off-campus housing and build a focused Fellowship experience, they will have round-the-clock access to campus facilities.



Centres of Excellence

Ashoka, through its Centres, offers students an opportunity to engage with areas of research and practice such as behavior change, social impact, gender studies, entrepreneurship, communication, economic policy and political data.



Student Support Systems

Several platforms, like the Ashoka Centre for Well-Being (ACWB) and the Office for Learning Support (OLS), serve as avenues for students to get support on several important matters, such as mental health and accessibility.



Cultural and Co-Curricular Engagement

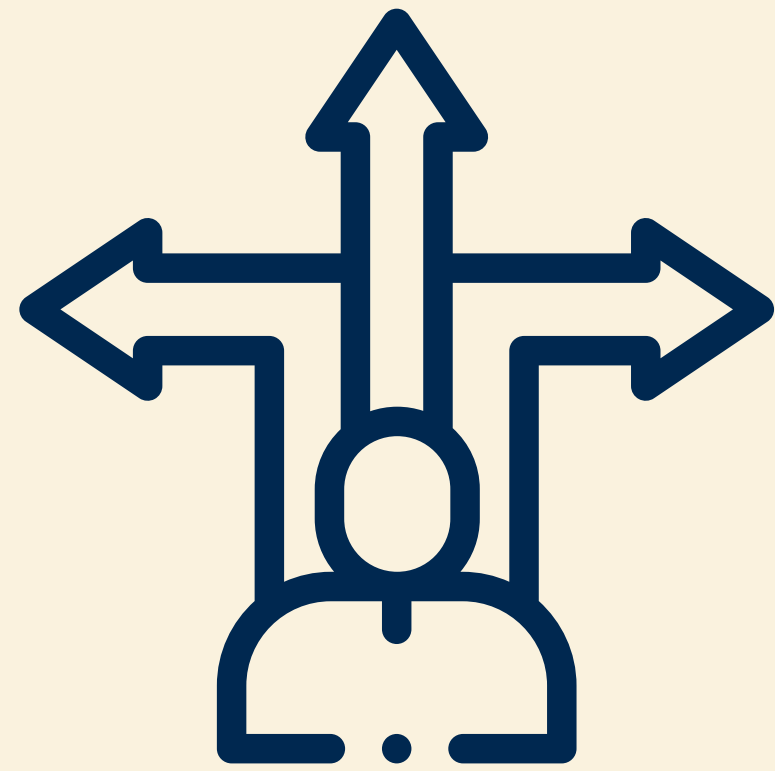
As a Fellow, you might find yourself immersed in organizing and participating in a range of activities, from festive celebrations and sports events, to zero waste initiatives, concerts and student activism. You can be part of official clubs and societies, with a range of focus areas, such as quizzing, reading, photography, poetry, and the environment; or you can start a new one.



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Photo Credit: Geo Ciril Podipara



Post-Fellowship Pathways

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YIF gave me the freedom to explore a diverse set of subjects and benefit from varied viewpoints presented by my peers and professors. The Critical Writing course ended up being one of my most formative academic experiences. It was while working on my final paper for this course that I discovered where my research interests lay. I've since explored these interests in my MLS thesis and am hoping to carry them with me in my PhD.



Huzaafa, YIF 2016-17, MLS 2017-18

*PhD Candidate (Anthropology) and Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University
BA Sociology, Literature and Education, University of Kashmir*

Reach for the stars.

The possibilities are infinite.

You may continue to stay on campus after graduating. Or you may come back later. Various programmes offered by different institutions at Ashoka provide an enabling environment to shape your future.



Start an Organisation

Apply to the 5-month long holistic *Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EiR)* programme at Ashoka University's *Infoedge Centre for Entrepreneurship* to incubate, develop and test your idea through a support structure that brings together a network of founders, entrepreneurs, mentors and investors. Many alumni have carried forward their ELM projects as *EiRs*. Alumni have developed models to improve cashflow for small businesses, found a way to democratise earning through writing, promoted menstrual hygiene, and more, through the support of the *EiR* programme. Most recently, YourQuote was selected for the prestigious Y-Combinator.



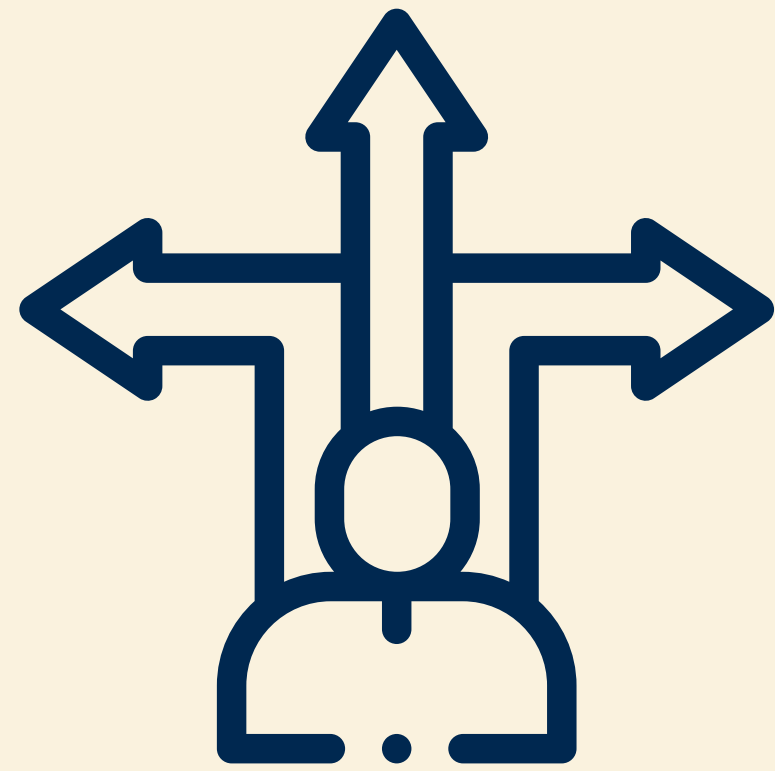
Create Social Impact

Apply to the values-driven 18-month *Mother Teresa Fellowship* programme at Ashoka University's *Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy*. It allows you to pursue your goals in development by providing you mentorship, professional and personal support, along with a monthly stipend. YIF alumni have started national movements, built gender sensitization programs, shaped institutions that educate underprivileged communities, and empowered communities of farmers, among other pursuits focused on creating meaningful change in society.



Turn your Fellowship into a Master's Degree (MLS)

Extend your stay at Ashoka by a year and graduate with a Master in Liberal Studies (MLS) degree. The interdisciplinary research program is open to Fellows and alumni. Students design their own curriculum, in consultation with their supervisor, and often choose to work on projects across two or more disciplines. They also pursue graduate assistantships. The focus is on nurturing curiosity for intellectual challenges and building skills for research.



Post-Fellowship Pathways

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When you study anything at YIF, what you're fundamentally doing from a meta-skill perspective, is just trying to understand multiple perspectives. I see that in action everyday on my job. In business to business sales, you're not selling to an individual but an entire organization is selling to another organization. And in big organizations for anything to move, it always takes a village. What really helps in those scenarios is looking at very contentious views and seeing if there can be a way to build consensus. The subjects that I studied at the YIF helped me learn this skill of understanding group dynamics and building consensus in a structured way.



Avni Ahuja, YIF 2012-13

Vice President, Genpact

Fortune Connect Fellow and ET Young Leader

BSc Biotechnology, Fergusson College

Hear more on **The YIF Podcast:**
S1E3 Connecting the dots: Building a successful corporate career



Get Recruited

If you are looking for employment, the Career Development Office (CDO) understands your aspirations and scouts its vast network of prestigious corporates, NGOs, think tanks and startups for opportunities that match your interests and career goals. The CDO often shares relevant work opportunities with the YIF alumni community as well.

The pandemic-affected YIF Class of 2021 witnessed a 100% placement season.

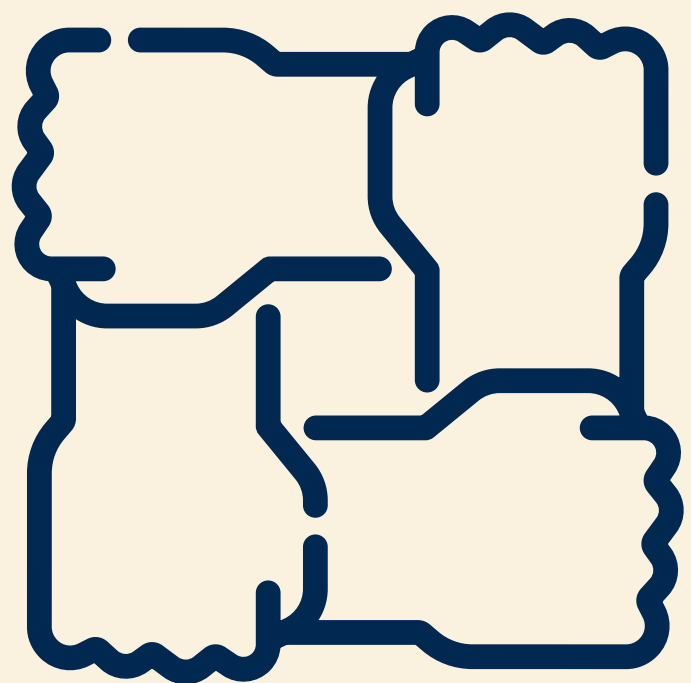
Recruiting organizations at Ashoka from the 2020-21 cycle include:



Study Further

Ashoka's academic collaborations give Fellows an opportunity to apply for a graduate degree at University of Pennsylvania, exchange programmes at Sciences Po, Paris, and more. The Office for Global Education and Strategic Programmes also organizes graduate information sessions. Additionally, members of the Ashoka community, many of whom have studied at the world's leading institutions themselves, continue to provide formal and informal support in applying to institutions of further study. Several Fellows, either immediately after graduating from Ashoka or later, have gone on to pursue graduate and doctoral programmes at aspirational institutions and have also secured coveted scholarships. These include:





Alumni Community

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YIF made me realize the power of networks and how they can enable one to build institutions and materialize projects. I felt immensely supported when 128 members of the community, including faculty and founders, came together to contribute to the fundraiser for my documentary project, "Borderlands". Courtesy the fellowship, I can receive mentorship and advice from some of the most driven and experienced people across domains.

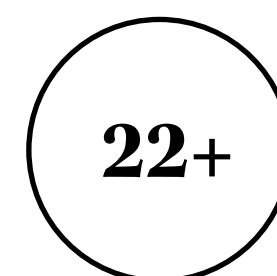


Samarth Mahajan, YIF 2016-17
*National award-winning Filmmaker
BTech and MTech, IIT Kharagpur*

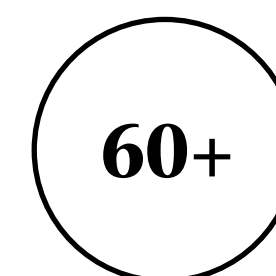
10 Years. 1907 Experiences. The Fellowship Never Ends.

The YIF Community

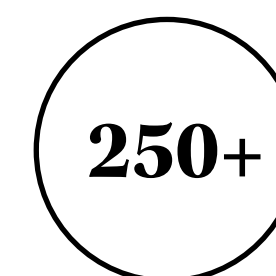
Young India Fellows together form a community of diverse leaders and changemakers from all walks of life, driven to generate transformational impact on society. Fellows continue to make an impact across diverse spheres, whether as entrepreneurs, in the corporate world, development sector, research, journalists, policy, sports, academia or as professional artists. Members of the community continue to demonstrate a spirit of service towards the Fellowship and Ashoka.



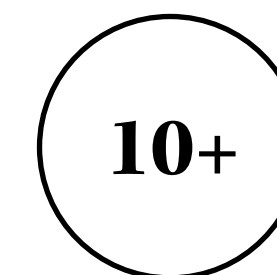
Countries where the Young India Fellowship community is located



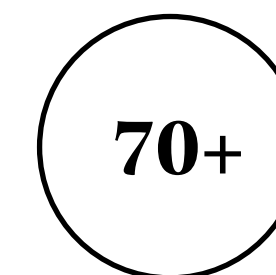
Entrepreneurial ventures, both for-profit and not-for-profit, started by Fellows



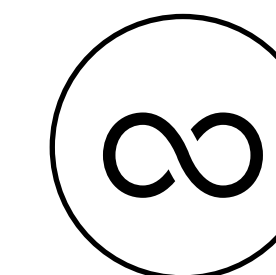
Fellows have pursued higher studies across the world's most prestigious institutions



Fellows are Civil Servants or have received recognition through National Awards



Fellows have secured coveted Scholarships and Fellowships (including Fulbright, Acumen and Chevening, among others)



Pathways of Possibility after completing the year-long programme at Ashoka

Career Paths

Alumni have pursued and excelled in a diverse set of career paths. From completing further education across diverse disciplines and securing prestigious scholarships, to starting organizations and working with leading private and public sector institutions across the world, it is very likely that you will find a YIF alumnus or alumna who is pursuing a trajectory that you'd like to.

Ashoka Alumni Association (AAA)

The AAA was established in 2015 to strengthen alumni connect within and across programmes, and with Ashoka University. Hundreds of alumni continue to volunteer their time to engage community members across geographies, interests and passions. From meals and meetups, to career guidance and job opportunities, belonging to the Ashoka alumni community gives you a personal and professional support system across the world.





Holistic Admissions

Class of 2022-23

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My expectation from the YIF was that my thinking capability must be enhanced, to look at anything in the world from multiple perspectives. I had already given over 10 B-School interviews but my YIF admission experience was the one which I will cherish for a lifetime. I loved the application journey as it was very revelatory about me as a person! I chose the YIF because of the exposure I would get and the lifelong community I would be part of.



Bala Meenakshi, YIF 2020-21
Managing Partner, Balsu's Success Academy, Madurai
BTech, MEPCO Schlenk Engineering College

apply.ashoka.edu.in

The YIF follows a holistic admissions process, which involves a thorough understanding of a candidate's journey, context, academic and non academic record, and interests.

You can apply only once in the admissions cycle and only in one round. In case you miss deadline for the early decision round, you can finish your application in the final round.

Apply as early as possible within a round, to know your shortlist status sooner.

1 Oct '21

Applications
Open

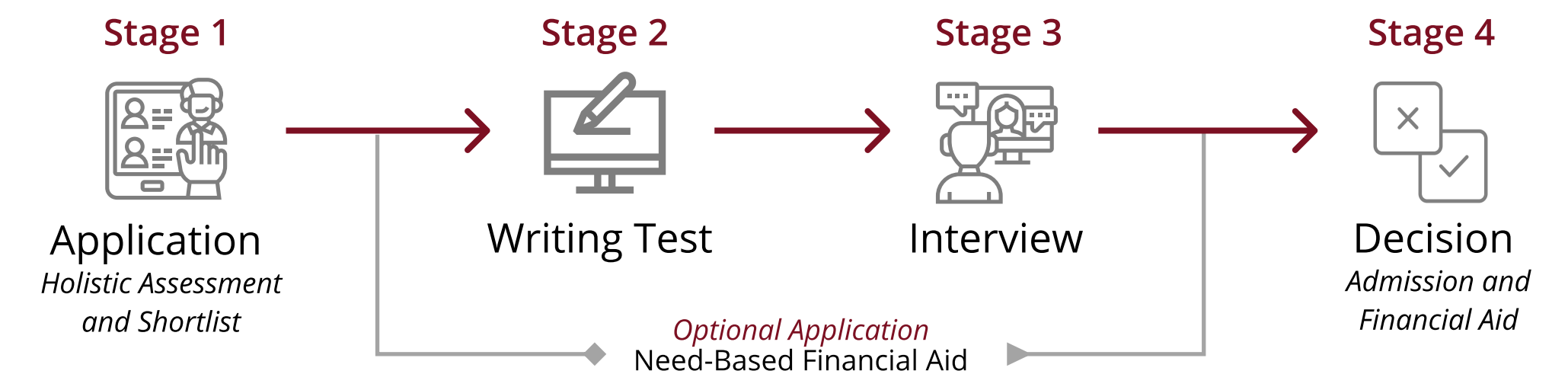
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Round 1
Early Deadline

15 Mar '22

Round 2
Final Deadline

Selection Process (Online)

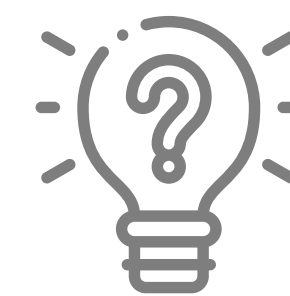


Eligibility Criteria

- (1) A recognized undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline
- (2) Being born on or after 1st August 1994

Note: Final year students, working professionals, entrepreneurs, freelancers, postgraduates and those preparing for competitive exams or taking a gap year, are all eligible to apply. We welcome applications from all academic, professional, geographic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

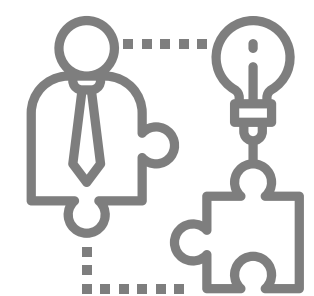
What We Look For



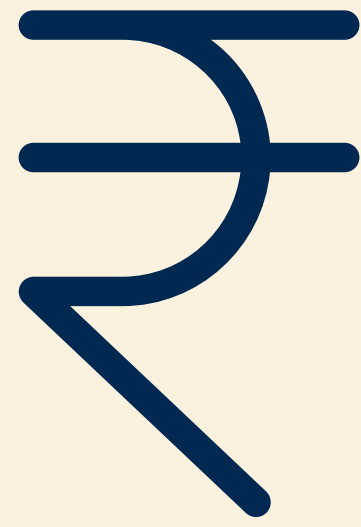
Intellectual
Curiosity



Passion and
Self-awareness



Potential for
Impactful Leadership



Programme Fee and Financial Aid

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Ashoka's financial aid allowed me to continue with my ambitions of higher education. I would have otherwise been forced to find a job right after my undergraduate degree, settling for something I might not have particularly thrived in. At YIF, I could focus on attaining academic excellence and personal growth without financial worries. And more importantly, Ashoka's financial assistance process acknowledged that I was deserving of financial aid and respected my dignity.



Sweta Kumari, YIF 2015-16

*Writing Instructor, Arts and Humanities, New York University, Abu Dhabi
BA Economics, Politics and Philosophy, Asian University for Women*

Ashoka University is committed to offering a world-class education in India which is accessible and affordable for students from all walks of life.

Programme Fee (INR): Class of 2022-23

The following is the fee structure, however more than half of the cohort typically pays lesser than the full fee, depending on their financial aid grant.

7.98 Lakhs	+	1.95 Lakhs	=	9.93 Lakhs
<i>Tuition</i>		<i>Residence</i>		<i>Programme Fee</i>

Please refer to the website for updated information on Ashoka dining charges.

Need-based Financial Aid

Upto 100% Waiver on Tuition, Residence and Meals

Ashoka University's need-based Financial Aid programme aims to provide necessary financial support which can help you bridge the gap between the cost of the programme and your ability to pay. Several benefactors, including YIF alumni, have made financial aid possible.

52%

Fellows '22 are on some form of need-based Financial Aid

38%

Fellows '22 are on more than 50% waivers on tuition

3.2 Lakhs

(INR) Average Programme Fee paid by Fellows '22 on need-based Financial Aid

Before awarding need-based financial aid to Fellows, we expect that the Fellow and/or their family/guardian(s) will consider various resources available to them towards financing the cost of the YIF programme.

To complement the need-based aid offered to selected candidates, Ashoka University has collaborated with institutions who enable education loans to help cover any gap between the aid offered and the programme fee.

More information is available on yif.ashoka.edu.in.



Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a private, non-profit university that commenced operations in 2014. It is a pioneer in its focus on multidisciplinary liberal education, which is usually defined as one that transcends the boundaries between the arts and sciences, and carries a strong emphasis on learning across subjects.

Founders and Historical Context

Ashoka University has over 100 founders, both individuals and organizations, who represent some of India's leading institution builders entrepreneurs, academicians and industry stalwarts. The core founder group comprises Ashish Dhawan (MBA, Harvard Business School), Pramath Raj Sinha (PhD, University of Pennsylvania), Sanjeev Bikhchandani (MBA, IIM Ahmedabad) and Vineet Gupta (BTech, IIT Delhi), who came together in 2008 to conceptualize Ashoka University. They started by launching the Young India Fellowship in 2011, which to this day remains one of India's most sought after postgraduate-level programmes.

Governance Model

Ashoka University is distinguished by its collective philanthropy and shared governance model, an unprecedented initiative in Indian higher education. The university's governance model ensures that decision making is undertaken as a collaborative effort between the different governing and management bodies of the university. Founders of Ashoka envision that over time, alumni will take up governance and leadership roles of the university.

Collaborations

Ashoka has collaborated with leading research and teaching institutions worldwide, for curriculum, faculty and student exchange. These include:





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