

YOUTH CORPS COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP (Factsheet for Youth) Cycle 10 (Open Run)

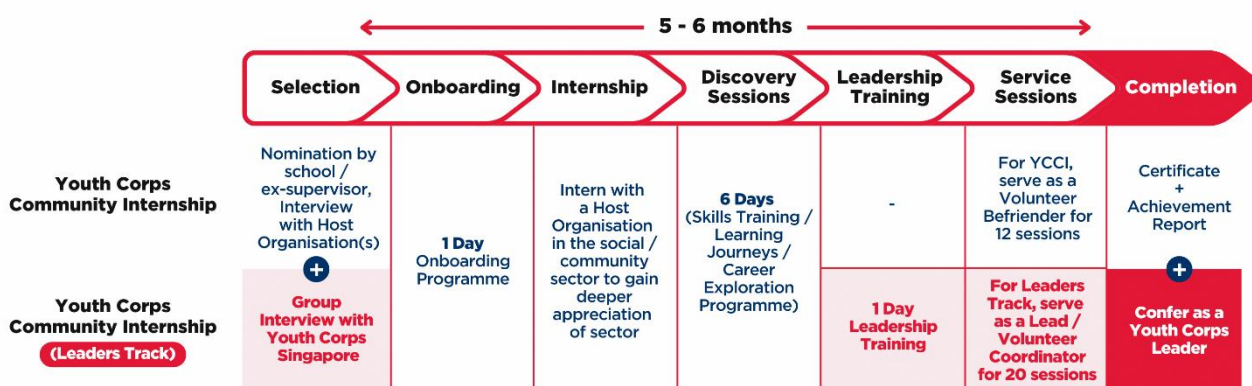
About the Youth Corps Community Internship

Youth Corps Community Internship (YCCI) offers full-time internship opportunities, lasting five to six months, for students from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) in the community and social sectors¹. The goal is to help youth develop through hands-on training and learning experiences while making a meaningful impact in society.

[NEW] About the Youth Corps Community Internship (Leaders Track)

YCCI (Leaders Track) is a new 6-month leadership development programme for youth who aspire to become community leaders. Participants will gain hands-on experience through internships with Community Partners, receive specialised leadership training, and be guided by dedicated staff and mentors. Upon successful completion, participants will be recognised as Youth Corps Leaders.

The table below shows the difference between YCCI and YCCI (Leaders Track).



Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the YCCI programme, you must meet the following criteria:

- a) Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident aged 17 to 25 years old
- b) Available for a full-time internship of **5-6 months** between March to August/September 2025
- c) Be a current student from ITE, Polytechnic, Autonomous University, or other educational institutions (including private and overseas institutions) or currently in transition (e.g. waiting for University admission)

If you are interested in the YCCI (Leaders Track), you must also meet these additional criteria:

- a) Experience in a leadership position (e.g. CCA Exco) and/or a track record of regular/adhoc volunteering
- b) Not already a current Aspirant or a conferred YCS Leader
- c) Available for the entire programme period from March 2025 to September 2025

Please note that each qualifying youth is only eligible for one internship position under YCCI, and the internship must start by **1 April 2025** for this phase of application.

¹ Includes the arts, sports, community relations, charities, youth, and social service

Benefits to Youth

- Gain valuable skills and real-world work experience
- Develop empathy and a deeper understanding of the community and social sector
- Connect with like-minded people who share your passion
- Participate in a specially designed 20-week training workshop and programme
- Receive an accomplishment card detailing the skills acquired during the programme
- Earn a monthly internship allowance of \$800, regardless of your educational background

If you are interested in the YCCI (Leaders Track), you can also expect the following benefits:

- Enhance your leadership abilities and learn how to manage community partners and volunteers
- Deepen your knowledge of national issues
- Be recognized as a Youth Corps Leader

Upon completion of the YCCI (Leaders Track), you will be conferred as a Youth Corps Leader and gain access to multiple development pathways to sustain your passion for volunteerism:

- **Funding Support:** Launch new community projects with our Pay-it-Forward Award (PIFA)
- **Internships:** Opportunity to intern with Youth Corps Singapore
- **Leading Initiatives:** Lead initiatives and serve at Youth Corps Singapore's community service events
- **Mentor:** Guide and mentor next cohort of Youth Corps Aspirant teams
- **Interest-based Cluster:** Pursue your passions by joining Youth-led clusters
- **Networks:** Connect with other Youth Corps Leaders and expand your community

How to Apply

Application is open from **10 December 2024 to 31 January 2025** at <https://go.gov.sg/ycci-youthapp>. Interested and eligible youth may apply for more than one internship position, but you can only accept one offer under YCCI.

If you're interested in the **YCCI (Leaders Track)**, Youth Corps Singapore will contact you for a **group interview**.

YOUTH CORPS COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP (for Youth) Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is the organiser of the YCCI?

YCCI is a programme introduced by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and National Youth Council (NYC) to support youths looking for meaningful internship opportunities in the community and social sectors. Funding of the programme is via the National Youth Fund.

Q2. How does YCCI benefit me?

YCCI isn't just an internship; it's a chance to make a real impact while gaining valuable skills and experiences. You'll work with either a Social Service Agencies (SSAs) or a Social Enterprises (SEs) and participate in a series of events designed to boost your career path and personal growth:

- 1 full-day Onboarding Programme
- 6 full-day Discovery Sessions (Skills Training, Learning Journeys, Career Exploration)
- 12 service sessions (or 20 if you're in the Leaders Track)
- 1 half-day Celebration Day

If you join the YCCI (Leaders Track), you'll get even more chances to grow your leadership skills and manage community initiatives that meet national needs.

Q3. Who can apply for this programme?

To join YCCI, you need to be:

- Between 17 to 25 years old
- A Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident
- A current student or recent graduate from an Institute of Higher Learning (e.g. ITE, Polytechnic, Autonomous University), or other educational institutions (including private or overseas institutions)
- Able to commit to a full-time internship of 5-6 months between March and August/September 2025

For those interested in the YCCI (Leaders Track), you must also:

- Have experience in a leadership role (e.g., CCA Exco) and/or a proven track record of volunteering
- Not be a current Aspirant or already conferred as a Youth Corps Leader
- Be available for the entire programme period from March to September 2025

Please note that you can only hold one internship position under YCCI, and your internship must start by **1 April 2025** for this cycle.

Q4. Do I get a higher allowance if I have higher educational qualifications?

No. Everyone receives a monthly internship allowance of \$800, regardless of their educational qualifications.

Q5. Can fresh graduates join the programme?

Yes! Fresh graduates are welcome to apply as long as they haven't been part of YCCI before. This programme is all about helping you gain hands-on experience in the community and social sector.

Q6. What do I need to include in the application form?

You'll need to share details about your availability, skills, and experience in the application form at <https://go.gov.sg/ycci-youthapp> and attach your CV/resume. Also, provide the details of a nominator (someone like your teacher or ex-supervisor) for a reference check.

If you're shortlisted, you'll hear back within 10 working days for an interview with the relevant organisation.

Q7. Can I apply for multiple internship positions under YCCI?

Yes, you can apply for more than one internship position, but you can only accept one offer.

Q8. What's the difference between YCCI and YCCI (Leaders Track)?

The **Youth Corps Community Internship (YCCI)** and **YCCI (Leaders Track)** are both designed to provide youth with hands-on experience in the community and social sectors, but they have some key differences:

- **Duration:** Both tracks require a commitment of 5-6 months, but the **Leaders Track** includes an extended focus on leadership development.
- **Leadership Training:** The **Leaders Track** is specifically designed for youth who aspire to become community leaders. It includes specialised leadership training sessions and mentoring, which are not part of the standard YCCI programme.
- **Service Sessions:** Participants in the **Leaders Track** will engage in more service sessions (20 sessions) compared to the regular YCCI track (12 sessions). This provides more opportunities to lead and manage community initiatives.
- **Recognition:** Upon successful completion of the **Leaders Track**, participants will be officially recognized as **Youth Corps Leaders**, opening up additional pathways for leadership roles, funding support, and further development opportunities within Youth Corps Singapore.
- **Eligibility Requirements:** The **Leaders Track** has additional eligibility criteria, including prior leadership experience and a proven track record of volunteering.

The **Leaders Track** is ideal for those who are not just looking for an internship but also aspire to grow as leaders in the community and social sector.

Q9. Do I need to apply for specific roles if I want to join YCCI (Leaders Track)?

No, you can apply for any position listed on the YCCI website to qualify for the Leaders Track.

Q10. Can I join YCCI if I have already completed an internship with YCIS?

Absolutely! YCCI is a different programme from YCIS, so you can still apply even if you've completed a YCIS programme.

Q11. How will I receive my monthly internship allowance?

Your monthly allowance will be funded by NYC, and paid to you by the Host Organisation for the duration of your internship.

Q12. Will I get CPF contributions during the internship?

No, as this is a developmental programme, there will be no CPF contributions.

Q13. What kind of benefits do I get during my internship?

There are no leave entitlement (including medical leave) required by the Host Organisation. Any extra benefits depend on the Host Organisation and should be discussed before you accept the internship.

Q14. What are my responsibilities as a YCCI participant?

As a YCCI participant, you'll actively contribute to both your internship and community engagement efforts. Here's what's expected of you:

- **Internship Commitment:** Dedicate 5-6 months to a full-time internship with a Social Service Agency (SSA) or Social Enterprise (SE), starting by 1 April 2025.
- **Active Participation:** Join all programme components, which include:
 - **1 full-day Onboarding Programme**
 - **6 full-day Discovery Sessions** (covering Skills Training, Learning Journeys, and Career Exploration)
 - **12 service sessions** (or **20 sessions** if you're in the Leaders Track)
 - **1 half-day Celebration Day**
- **Learning and Development:** Take full advantage of the various training workshops and leadership opportunities to enhance your skills and knowledge in the social and community sector.

For Leaders Track participants, you'll also lead volunteer efforts and support community engagement activities. Your commitment will help you gain the most from this experience while making a real impact.

Q15. What if I don't get accepted into the YCCI (Leaders Track)?

You'll be informed by **14 February 2025** if you are accepted into the YCCI (Leaders Track). If not, don't worry – you can still join YCCI if you have a role with an approved Community Partner.

Q16. Can I apply again if I can't commit to the upcoming Intake?

Definitely! If you're not available for the current intake, you can always apply for future ones.

We have two intakes each year:

Internship Period	Youth Application
March – September	December - January
August/September – March	May - June

Follow our Instagram or Telegram for updates on the next intake!

Q17. What if I have travel plans during the internship period?

If you have travel plans during your internship, let Youth Corps Singapore know as soon as possible. We expect you to fully commit to the programme and actively participate in all its components for the best experience.

We understand that things come up! If you already have travel plans or think you might, just have a chat with your Host Organisation and Youth Corps Singapore about your schedule. If your time away means you won't meet the minimum internship period of 5 months, you might need to extend your internship to make up for it.

For those in the YCCI (Leaders Track), it's even more important to attend all training sessions and service activities. We recommend planning your travels outside the programme period to get the most out of your leadership journey.

Q18. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Got more questions? We're here to help! Just send us an email at youthcorps_communityinternship@nyc.gov.sg, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.