

YOUTH CORPS COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP (Factsheet for Youth) Cycle 5 (Open Run)

About the Youth Corps Community Internship

Youth Corps Community Internship (YCCI) provides students from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) with full-time internship opportunities ranging between five to six months in the community and social sectors¹. The objective of the YCCI is to **enable youth to continue their development through on-the job-training and learning experiences** in the community and social sectors, while **contributing back to society**.

Eligibility Criteria

Interested youth must fulfil the following criteria:

- a) Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident aged 17 to 25 years old;
- b) Available for a **5-6 months full-time internship** between Aug/Sep 2023 to Mar 2024; and
- c) Current student from ITE/ Polytechnic/ Autonomous University, or other educational institutions (e.g. private education institutions and overseas institutions) or currently in transition phase (e.g. awaiting for University) and keen in the social and community sector

Each qualifying youth is only eligible for one internship position under YCCI and the internship must **commence by 2 Oct 2023** for this phase of application.

Benefits to Youth

- Gain valuable skills and exposure to working in the real world;
- Develop empathy and understanding of the community and social sector;
- Undergo a specially designed 20-week training workshops and programmes;
- Receive an accomplishment card detailing the skills attained from the internship at the end of the internship; and
- Receive a monthly internship allowance of \$800, regardless of educational qualifications if you are successfully offered an internship under YCCI

How to Apply

Application is open from **9 May 2023 to 30 Jun 2023** at <https://go.gov.sg/ycci>. Interested and eligible youth may apply for more than one internship position. However, you are only allowed to accept one internship offer under YCCI.

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

YOUTH CORPS COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP (for Youth) Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is the organiser of the YCCI?

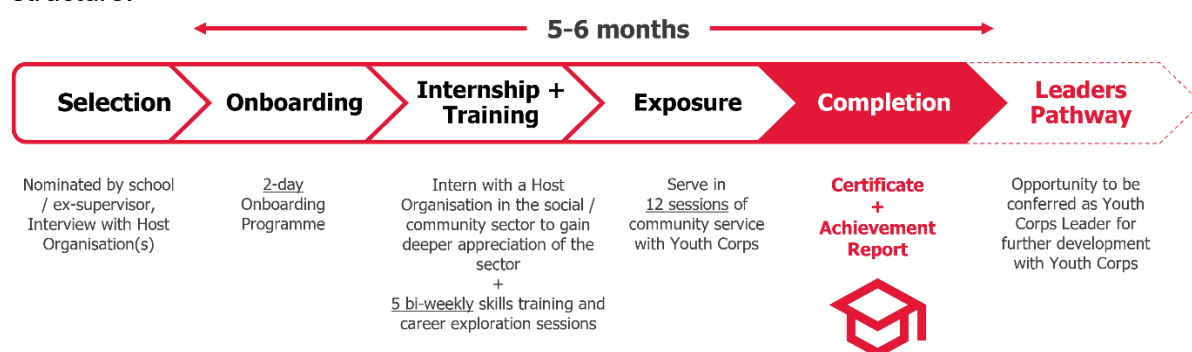
The YCCI is a programme introduced by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and National Youth Council (NYC) to support youth looking for internship opportunities in the community and social sectors. Funding of the programme is via the National Youth Fund.

Q2. How will YCCI help you?

These internships will provide youth with opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the community and social sector work as you will be interning with a Social Service Agency (SSA) or Social Enterprise. Unlike a typical internship programme, other than the internship component, you will complete the following milestones to expose and equip yourself with relevant knowledge and skills in those sectors, and better inform and boost their career development pathway and employability:

- 2 full days Onboarding Programme
- 4 full days and 2 half days of Skills & Career Exploration Programme
- 12 service sessions (*half day*)
- 1 Celebration Day (*half day*)

Youth must be able to commit to minimally 5 months for YCCI. Below is the programme structure.



Q3. How do I qualify to apply for an internship?

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Q4. Will I receive a higher allowance if I have higher educational qualifications?

No. All interns will receive a monthly internship allowance of \$800, regardless of educational qualifications.

Q5. Am I eligible for this programme if I am a fresh graduate?

This programme is suitable for youth who are looking for internship opportunities. Fresh graduates can apply to this programme but they should not have previously been on YCCI.

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

Interested youth are required to provide information such as your availability, skills and competencies in the application form at <https://go.gov.sg/ycci> and attach your CV/resume. You are also required to indicate a nominator's details for the programme and YCS will contact the nominator to do a reference check. This nominator can be your school lecturer/ supervisor/ advisor or manager/ co-worker.

Upon submission of the application, you will be contacted by the relevant organisation(s) **within ten working days** if you are shortlisted for an interview with them.

Q7. Can I apply for more than one internship position offered under the YCCI?

Interested and eligible youth may apply for more than one internship position. However, you are only allowed to accept **one** internship offer under the YCCI.

Q8. Can I apply for another internship position in YCCI after completing an internship under the YCIS?

Yes, YCCI is structured as a different programme and hence you can apply for YCCI even though you have completed YCIS.

Q9. How do I receive the monthly internship allowance?

The internship allowance funded by the NYC will be given to interns by the host organisations on a monthly basis for the duration of the internship.

Q10. Will I be receiving CPF contribution during the internship?

As this is a developmental programme, no CPF will be paid to you as part of your internship allowance.

Q11. Will I have any entitlements?

No leave entitlement (including MCs) is required by YCCI Host Organisations. Any additional benefits/entitlements are dependent on individual Host Organisation and is to be discussed and agreed upon between the Host Organisation and youth prior to accepting the internship.

Q12. What are my obligations as part of the YCCI?

Successful applicants will be required to:

- a) Be committed to the period of full-time internship;
- b) Attend the weekly trainings / programme by Youth Corps Singapore;
 - 2 full days Onboarding Programme
 - 4 full days and 2 half days of Career Exploration Programme, Learning Journeys & Skills Training Workshop
 - 12 service sessions (*half-day*)
 - 1 Celebration Day (*half-day*)
- c) Submit monthly timesheets to your Host Organisation; and
- d) Submit a post-internship report.

Post-internship, you can expect to be contacted by NYC for other youth engagements where applicable.

Q13. If I am unable to commit to YCCI for the Aug/Sep 2023 – Mar 2024 Intake, can I apply for it in the future?

Yes! Should you be unable to commit for this current cycle, you can apply again for the future runs! YCCI will have 2 Open Runs in a year:

Internship Period	Youth Application
Mar – Sep	Dec - Jan
Aug/Sep - Mar	May - Jun

Do look out for our Instagram / Telegram page for news on our next intake.

Q14. Who can I contact if I have more queries on the YCCI?

For further enquiries, you can email youthcorps_communityinternship@nyc.gov.sg.