

YOUTH CORPS INTERNSHIP SCHEME (Factsheet for Youth)

About the Youth Corps Internship Scheme

The Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth (MCCY) and the National Youth Council (NYC) have launched a **Youth Corps Internship Scheme (YCIS)** to provide students from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) with internship opportunities from three to six months in the community and social sectors¹. The objective of the YCIS 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** in this national crisis.

Eligibility Criteria

Interested youth must fulfil the following criteria:

- a) Be a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident aged 17 to 35 years old;
- b) Be a Student/Undergraduate from ITE, Polytechnics, Autonomous Universities, or other educational institutions (e.g. private education institutions and overseas institutions); and
- c) Be available for a **full-time internship** ranging from three to six months between Mar – Sep 2021

Each qualifying youth is only eligible for one internship position under the YCIS and the internship must **commence by 1 June 2021** 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 design virtual onboarding programme and training workshops;
- Receive an accomplishment card detailing the skills attained from the internship at the end of the internship;
- Receive a monthly internship allowance of \$800, regardless of educational qualifications if you are successfully offered an internship under the YCIS; and
- To be given opportunity to complete and be conferred as a Youth Corps Leader.

How to Apply

Application is open from **18 January 2021 to 7 February 2021** at <https://www.youthcorps.sg/en/initiative/#youth-corps-internship-scheme>. Interested and eligible youth may apply for more than one internship position. However, you are only allowed to accept one internship offer under the YCIS.

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

YOUTH CORPS INTERNSHIP SCHEME (for Youth) Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is the organiser of the YCIS?

The YCIS is a scheme introduced by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and National Youth Council (NYC) to support youths looking for internship opportunities community and social sectors during COVID-19 period. Funding of the scheme is via the National Youth Fund.

Q2. How will YCIS help you?

These internships will provide youth with opportunities to contribute meaningfully to community and social sector work. It will expose and equip youth with relevant knowledge and skills in those sectors, and better inform and boost their career development pathway and employability.

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

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Q4. What is the difference between YCIS and YCIS – Leaders Programme (Immersion)?

The differences are depicted in the table below for the two different tracks.

	YCIS	YCIS – Leaders Programme (Immersion)
Nature of Application	Solely for academic internship <i>(i.e to fulfil academic requirements)</i>	Academic / Non-academic internship
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-day Onboarding Programme • 1-day Midpoint Programme • 5-day Community Service with YCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-day Onboarding Programme • 1-day Midpoint Programme • 5-day Community Service with YCS <p><u>Additional Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-day Training Programme • 2.5-day Community service with YCS as Volunteer Leader • 1 Red Box Programme
Status after completion	Youth Corps Member	Youth Corps Leader
Remark(s)	<p>Host Organisation is required to avoid work arrangements and provide intern up to <u>8 paid days</u> for attending the above.</p> <p><i>*The additional requirements are mainly on weeknights and weekends. For any intern who misses more than 8 working days for attending the above, they can be marked as absent (i.e non-paid days for the 9th day onwards).</i></p>	

Q5. 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.

Q6. Am I eligible for this scheme if I am a fresh graduate?

This scheme is suitable for youths who are looking for internship opportunities. Fresh graduates can explore traineeship opportunities under SGUnited Traineeships Programme (mycareersfuture.sg).

Q7. 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://www.youthcorps.sg/en/initiative/#youth-corps-internship-scheme> and attach your CV/resume. 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.

Q8. Can I apply for more than one internship position offered under the YCIS?

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

Q9. Can I apply for another internship position after completing one internship under the YCIS?

No. A youth is only eligible for **one** internship position under the YCIS. However, you can apply for other training or work opportunities under other programmes, such as SGUnited Traineeships Programme and SGUnited Jobs Initiative, if eligible.

Q10. 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.

Q11. Will I be receiving CPF contribution during the internship?

As this is an internship and there is no employment relationship between interns and host organisations, no CPF will be paid to you as part of your internship allowance.

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

Successful applicants will be required to:

- a) Be committed to the period of full-time internship;
- b) Complete the requirements as stated in question 4 above;
- c) Submit monthly timesheets; and
- d) Submit a post-internship report.

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

Q13. Who can I contact if I have more queries on the YCIS?

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