

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) -- FY25 Youth Ambassadors Europe (YA-EUR) Program

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360154>

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Focus: The Youth Ambassadors Europe (YA-EUR) Program will provide Russian youth (approximately between the ages of 18 – 22) the opportunity to participate in a month-long exchange in the United States to examine civic engagement and leadership development through a lens of science and technology. The program should offer participants the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities such as, but not limited to, workshops on civic education, community site visits related to the program themes, and homestays with American families. Upon their return home, the participants should apply what they have learned to implement projects that serve their communities. Multiple opportunities for participants to interact meaningfully with their U.S. peers must be included.

YA-EUR should include one exchange of approximately four-weeks in the United States that focuses on the goals and themes outlined below through a lens of science and technology.

1. The program goals are to:
 - a. Prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their Communities;
 - b. Empower participants to be actively engaged in addressing issues of concern in their schools and communities upon their return home;
 - c. Build mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect between U.S. citizens and the exchange participants; and
 - d. Foster lasting relationships among youth from across Russia and their U.S. counterparts.
2. The objectives of the program are for participants to:
 - a. Demonstrate a better understanding of community engagement as practiced in the United States;
 - b. Deepen critical thinking, empathetic leadership skills, and problem-solving; and
 - c. Develop program planning and implementation skills to bring community project ideas to Fruition.
3. The primary themes of the program are:
 - a. Civic Engagement (such as citizen participation, grassroots democracy, rule of law, anti-bullying, etc.); and
 - b. Leadership Development (such as ethical leadership, team building, public speaking, negotiation, goal setting, and project planning).

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form -- <https://forms.gle/saaBGw5xnfh2RsrR7> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators

- **Project Summary:** A one-page project summary (maximum) that aligns with the NOFO Application Merit Review Criteria 1, as detailed on page 18.
 - **Criteria 1: Quality of the Program Idea:** The proposal should be original, well-defined, and relevant to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) mission. Proposals also should describe a plan for continued follow-on activity after the ECA supported program ends, including how to incorporate participants into the wider Youth Ambassadors alumni network, ensuring that programs are not isolated events.

Internal Interest Date:

2025-08-11

Sponsor Deadline Date:

2025-08-26

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.