

**Sponsor/Title:** Department of State (DOS) - YSEALI Summit 2026

**External Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362426>

**Funding Opportunity Number:** OFOP0002771

**Submission Limitation per Institution:** One (1)

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**Internal Expression of Interest Deadline:** 2026-06-08

**Sponsor Application Deadline:** 2026-07-06

**Description:** The Department of State Agency Strategic Plan prioritizes peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region (Goal 3) with a strong focus on regional security, resilient prosperity, and deeper ties with allies and partners. YSEALI Summit 2026 in Manila will support these priorities by equipping emerging leaders to strengthen regional security and help their societies see the United States as the partner of choice for security and economic opportunity.

YSEALI Summit 2026 will bring together exchange alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to:

- Promoting peace through strength and effective deterrence;
- Advancing maritime, cyber, and energy security; and
- Supporting economic growth that strengthens societies and national resilience.

The summit will help participants design and carry out projects that strengthen regional security cooperation and show how working with the United States can help protect sovereignty, enhance stability, and promote peace in their countries.

**Project Goal:** The project should result in coordinated, concrete exchange alumni-led actions and leadership that strengthen regional security and economic resilience such as maritime, cyber, and energy security, contributing to a free and open Indo-Pacific and deepening partnership with the United States.

**Project Objectives:**

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen Understanding and Alignment on Regional Security: By the end of the summit, participants will have a clearer understanding of U.S. priorities on regional security, especially maritime security, cyber and information security, energy and infrastructure protection, and secure supply chains, and will be ready to develop and lead regional initiatives that support these security goals.
- **Objective 2:** Present the United States as ASEAN's Comprehensive Strategic Partner to the Next Generation of Leaders: Show the depth and breadth of U.S. engagement in Southeast Asia as ASEAN's Comprehensive Strategic Partner by collaborating with at least five U.S. companies in key industries that demonstrate U.S. leadership in regional security, reaching 200 students with in-person engagements, and achieving at least one million organic views through summit-related social media content.

**Internal Application Requirements:** Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/EwnAycbMVgPEizUAA> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
  - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).

- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 28-29 in the NOFO.
  - Quality and Feasibility of the Program Idea
  - Project Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Sustainability

**Questions:** Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at [limited@nd.edu](mailto:limited@nd.edu).

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

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.