

Frequently Asked Questions for Minnesota YALP and National YALP

- Q** Is there a cost to nominate or to attend the program?
- A** No, the Itasca Project has raised funds from its participations and philanthropic donors to make the program no cost to participants.
- Q** Will it be in person or virtual?
- A** Both Minnesota YALP and national YALP are planning in-person programs in 2022. Staff at the University of Minnesota and Harvard Business School, respectively, will monitor public health conditions and communicate any changes or adjustments in logistics to participants as we get close to the event dates.
- Q** Will the Programs require any ongoing participation after the in-person sessions?
- A** Both Programs seek to foster continuing connections within and between Program cohorts. Both Programs also provide participants with an opportunity to develop an ongoing project on which they hope to collaborate for the good of their city or state. In addition, participants in the Minnesota Young American Leaders Program have the opportunity to work with a group of University of Minnesota graduate students and a senior mentor to further research or develop their Project toward launch after the in-person Program sessions.
- Q** If I live in the Twin Cities and would like to nominate someone from one of the four Greater Minnesota regions, who can I contact to make the nomination?
- A** There is one nomination form for both Minnesota YALP and the national YALP programs. You can select which region the nominee is from in the form.
- Q** Do participants have to pay for their own travel from either Greater Minnesota to the Twin Cities (Minnesota YALP) or from the Twin Cities to Boston (national YALP)?
- A** Travel within Minnesota will be reimbursed. Travel to Boston is covered by the Itasca Project and GREATER MSP. Flight itinerary and the purchase of tickets are coordinated by program staff.
- Q** Do participants have to pay for their own lodging during the program?
- A** No, lodging is provided by both the national YALP and Minnesota YALP programs. Participants are required to stay onsite with fellow participants to foster connections and collaboration during the program.
- Q** How much preparation is required prior to the program?
- A** There will be case studies and other readings required before the programs. Participants will be given several weeks' notice of required readings.
- Q** How will participants and nominators be informed whether they've been selected or not?
- A** Nominees selected to participate will receive an email informing them of their selection and a request to confirm their participation. Nominees not selected will also be informed via email. Nominators will be informed when the cohorts are announced.
- Q** What are the criteria for selecting participants?
- A** Participants are selected based on their demonstrated experience working to create shared prosperity, working across difference, for their runway to grow in their careers and apply lessons from the Programs broadly, and on the cogency of their applications. The selection committees also think about how to create a balanced cohort of individuals, that reflects the rich and particular diversity of each region.