Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative

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YOUNG LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

YLAI Fellows are 280 mid-career entrepreneurs from 37 countries across Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. These innovative leaders come to the U.S. each summer for a 32 hour per week professional fellowship. They work with U.S. businesses to learn, share expertise, develop their business skills, and build networks.

FOUR-WEEK PLACEMENTS:

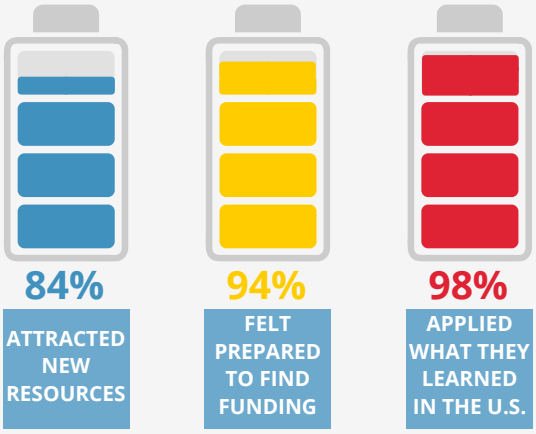
In cities across the United States, YLAI Fellows gain valuable professional development skills and experience at U.S. entrepreneurial organizations from each Fellow's business sector. Fellows collaborate with their fellowship host on their Entrepreneurial Leadership Action Plan (E-LAP), which they will implement upon return to their home countries.

YLAI FELLOWS PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. ORIENTATION IN TEMPE, ARIZONA AND YLAI CLOSING FORUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AS WELL AS NETWORKING EVENTS WITH:

- U.S. Top Business Leaders
- U.S. Entrepreneurial Leaders
- U.S. Government Representatives
- Small, Medium and Large Businesses

POST-FELLOWSHIP SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT:

After successful completion of the U.S. Fellowship and Entrepreneurial Leadership Curriculum, YLAI Fellows continue their collaboration with U.S. partners and have access to ongoing professional development opportunities, mentorships, networking, and alumni activities. YLAI Fellows will have the chance to welcome a Fellowship host to their country through the Outbound Program, sharing their expertise on the entrepreneurship climate in their country.



A YEAR AFTER RETURNING FROM THEIR YLAI FELLOWSHIPS

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