

# ASEAN DIASPORA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



The US-Asia Institute (USAI) is pleased to announce the inaugural ASEAN Diaspora Youth Development Program for the summer of 2024. Modeled after similar programs USAI administers for young adults of the Thai, Filipino, and Mongolian diaspora, this nine-week program is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for young adults to gain a firsthand look at the American government and political system in Washington, D.C. to engage civically and reflect on the role they, as future leaders, might play in strengthening American relations with their respective countries.

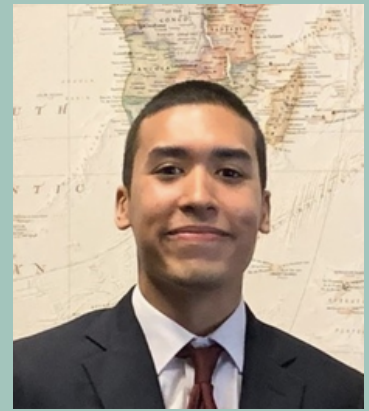
*"I am so incredibly grateful to have had such an amazing internship experience at the Minority Business Development Agency. I met so many amazing people and got to do so much amazing work, such as research, speech writing, and even working on projects that were sent to the Vice President of the United States' office. I learned so much about working for the government and this summer truly had an impact on my future career."*

SHOSHANNA HEMLEY, 2023  
WILLIAMS COLLEGE



# IMPORTANT FACTS

- Candidates undergo a competitive selection process with USAI, after which USAI finds placements for the participants' internships.
- Participants of USAI's other Youth Development Programs have interned with top members of Congress; the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council; the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders; the East-West Center; and many more impressive organizations.
- Alumni of USAI's other Youth Development Programs have gone on to work for V-100 law firms, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and more.



*"Particularly as a Thai-American, there are not many of us who are able to partake in this field, which means a limited representation of an area which needs improvement for the development of environmental, social and economic issues. I feel incredibly honored to have been selected to witness and participate in everything offered throughout this summer in Washington."*

PHET SRIRSUPAPOL, 2019  
THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY



*"I applied to USAI's YDP knowing little about public service as a field. We connected with and learned from people working with the community from a myriad of angles: government, advocacy, research, and more. USAI's panel discussions, workshops, and internship placement helped me figure out which fields and organizations felt like a fit for me, and how to approach them. By far the best part, though, was going through it all with other young Asian-American people, whom I'll call friends for a long time."*

MICHELLE ERDENESANAA, 2022  
YALE UNIVERSITY

# INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE AND APPLYING?

Learn more and apply at [www.usasiainstitute.org/asean-diaspora-youth-development-program](http://www.usasiainstitute.org/asean-diaspora-youth-development-program). Contact USAI Communications and Special Projects Manager Keely Thompson at [keely.thompson@usasiainstitute.org](mailto:keely.thompson@usasiainstitute.org) if you have any questions.

