

FAQ OPEN CALL

2 weeks between 15 August to 5 September 2016*

Beijing (China) – Harbin (China) –
Vladivostok (Russian Federation) – Chita (Russian Federation) –
Irkutsk (Russian Federation) – Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)



20th ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU20)

Essentials

I'm interested, what now?

Glad to hear that you are ready to embark on this once-in-a-lifetime educational journey!

Please go [here](#) and fill in the application form. Also have a look at the [ASEFSU20 Roadmap](#) to see the outline of the steps leading up to the journey in China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation.

When is the deadline?

We accept applications until Tuesday, 5 April 2016. Last chance to submit your application will be at GMT 23:59.

Who can apply?

Citizens of any of the [51 Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\) Partner countries](#)

Young professionals and students,
ranging from A (academics) to Z (zen-masters), between the ages 18-30

Strong command of English (written and verbal)

Up and ready to actively participate in the online preparation phase, 2-weeks journey in 3 countries, and post-event follow-up activities

Willing to partake in a travel experience that will challenge your comfort zones

What are the steps for a smooth application process?

For us to consider your application please keep in mind the following steps:

- 1) Submit the online application [here](#)
- 2) Keep an eye on the confirmation email upon your successful submission; if you do not receive it, it might have landed in your junk/spam folder

When will the results be out?

We will contact all applicants in April 2016 with the final outcome. You will receive an email with your result and you can also follow our [ASEFEdu Facebook page](#) for the latest updates.

I am an ASEM country national studying in a non-ASEM country.

Am I eligible to apply?

Of course! If you are an ASEM country national, you may apply regardless of your country of residence.

I am a non-ASEM country national studying in an ASEM country.

Am I eligible to apply?

No, only nationals of the 51 ASEM member countries are eligible to apply.

I am a student/young professional older than 30 years.

Am I still eligible to apply?

If you believe that you meet all other criteria and have a suitable profile, you may still apply and your application might be considered on an exceptional basis. However, those who fulfil all application requirements will be prioritised.

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I have not been directly involved in any activities related to transportation or trade. Can I still apply?

We always seek to gather a diverse group, including the “unusual suspects”. Our experience is that a multicultural and cross-disciplinary team enjoys the most from our educational projects. At ASEFSU20 we seek people with fresh and open perspectives!

Programme

Pre-Journey

Do I need to prepare anything before the journey?

ASEFSU20 invites you for an experience-intensive journey, which will not only take you across 3 countries but also require you to come well-prepared – both on the topic as well as for the actual travel route. All participants will engage in an online-based preparatory phase, which will kick-start the discussions, team-dynamics and reflections prior to meeting in Beijing, China and boarding the journey!

On the Journey

What is the programme?

The programme is evolving organically and will be launched in the coming weeks. Read more about the overall design of the programme at our [Overview](#) and [Open Call](#).

How will the journey look like?

ASEFSU20 offers a spectacular educational experience, but it is expected that each participant is willing and ready to be a part of an intensive journey and by using various transportation modes. The programme will, for instance, include a 2.5 day train-journey through the Russian Federation, on-site field research and on-the-go team-work. All participants of ASEFSU20 are to be fully committed to a project that is driven to produce concrete solutions for real-scenario challenges.

Post-Journey

Are there any commitments after the project?

We work diligently to provide opportunities for aspiring youth from Asia and Europe and with each project we kick-start additional chances to be a part of the Asia-Europe community.

In addition, we always strive to understand the impact -generated as a result of our project. Thus, we will engage the participants in an impact assessment – to improve the outcomes and approaches with each experience!

Fees

Is there a participation fee?

No participation fee for the participants selected

Transportation, accommodation, and meals are provided for the duration of the trip, plus a travel subsidy from your country of residence to the starting point and back.

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Does ASEF provide accommodation during the event?

Accommodation will be provided by the organisers for the duration of the project. The lodging will vary, from hostel accommodation to train cabins as well as overnight bus-rides.

What about the travel costs?

The organisers will provide a travel subsidy from your country of residence to the starting point and back. The subsidy also includes local transportation (home-airport-home).

The amount will be announced to the selected participants in the confirmation letter.

How about visa fees and Insurance?

Yes, insurance and visa fee (if applicable) will be covered within the capped subsidy.

Can ASEF give me a support letter for the visa?

Upon your request we will issue a visa support letter for China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation.

More questions spinning in your mind?

Drop us an email at: asefsu@asef.org

If everything is clear, then you are ready to **apply!**

We look forward to read your application!