

Asian Undergraduate Symposium 2023 - Interconnected Communities

Date: 9 - 23 July 2023

Venue: NUS College, National University of Singapore

Asian Undergraduate Summit (AUS) is an annual, two-week long student-run international conference hosted by NUS College (NUSC) and supported by the Temasek Foundation, bringing together undergraduates from universities across ASEAN and tertiary institutions in Singapore. We aim to provide a collaborative platform for ASEAN youths to explore problems pertinent to the region, whilst catalysing change by designing and implementing solutions. This year's symposium theme is Interconnected Communities, further comprising four subthemes:

- Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability
- Heritage & Culture vis-a-vis Globalization & Homogenisation
- Gender Gaps & Inequality
- Access to Basic Necessities: Water, Food & Sanitation.

In AUS 2023, youth participants will engage with domain experts and collaborate in teams of 6-8 participants, with the goal of crafting a project proposal aimed at addressing their chosen problem statement. Throughout the summit, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Network with other undergraduates from across ASEAN in a multidisciplinary setting
- Engage with domain experts and gain deep insights
- Receive professional training via workshops on pitching ideas, proposal writing, and designing solutions
- Represent home and learn about cultures across ASEAN in the Cultural Night finale

What to expect

- Prior to the symposium, participants will individually ideate for problems they like to address and be plugged into networking channels set up specially for communication among students
- During the 2-week symposium from 9th to 23rd July, participants will meet at NUS College. All accommodation, and food expenses will be paid for. Participants will take part in a carefully-curated program to facilitate rational, progressive development of both knowledge and skills, enabling them to actualise their proposed solutions after the two weeks. Participants will form teams of 6-8 individuals to engage in dialogue with industry experts, and attend professional workshops to learn how to craft convincing solution pitches.
- In the month following the symposium, teams will continue to refine their solutions for a final pitch to a NUSC Selection Committee. Selected teams will be awarded a grant to implement their solutions over a period of 3 months thereafter.