



YSP-WINTER YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

26–30 DECEMBER, 2020

About Ashoka University



Ashoka is India's premier liberal arts and sciences university located in the National Capital region. It brings the best contemporary values and practices in higher education, in the tradition of the world's leading universities, to India. Ashoka is preparing students to be critical thinkers and ethical leaders in an increasingly diverse world by laying a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary learning, development of skills and leadership attributes for 21st century. By drawing from the best global educational practices, Ashoka evokes conversations between disciplines that are generating new ideas and research.



Young Scholars Programme

The Young Scholars Programme at Ashoka University is a unique pre-college programme which introduces high school students to the idea of a liberal arts and sciences education. It is an online, certified, five-day programme where students are exposed to different disciplines through faculty led academic presentations, discussion sessions and writing. In addition, the programme includes a range of activities, creative workshops and guest speakers all in a virtual mode. The student cohort in YSP is diverse with a good blend of regional, local and international participants for vibrant interactions.



It is a high quality programme for talented high school students who are in grades 9 to 12. Now in its fifth year, YSP successfully prepares high-school students for the academic and cultural life of university.

Dates: December 26-30, 2020
Location: Online

Programme Highlights



➡ **Interactive classroom:** Sessions on a range of academic disciplines like Economics, International Relations, History, Math, Psychology, Law and Society, Media studies and more. Classes are taught by eminent Ashoka faculty including Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Madhavi Menon, Jonathan Gil Harris and Ashwini Deshpande amongst others.

➡ **YSP Atelier:** Workshops designed for enhancing experiential learning, to develop innovative thinkers and creative problem solvers.

➡ **Writing Sessions:** Communication and writing classes to help develop academic writing as well as presentation skills.

➡ **Discussion Sessions:** Small group discussions, using the Socratic method, where students are expected to ask questions, think critically, debate varied perspectives and build arguments.

➡ **YSP Unwind:** Online social events to provide ample opportunity to interact with motivated peers and make lifelong friends.

➡ **Guest Sessions:** Inspirational speakers to introduce the students to Ashoka founders, distinguished scholars and practitioners in a wide range of fields, including public service, innovation and entrepreneurship.



Apply

High School Students from all over India are eligible to apply. Students should be in grades 9 to 12 while they are attending the programme in December 2020. Students who are applying for the programme will need to fill an online application form giving high school marks, and submit an essay. They should demonstrate intellectual curiosity and have the ability to explore ideas.

YSP is a five day online programme wherein students will be engaged with educational content on virtual platforms during the December school break.

"I think the YSP is a great programme for school kids because there is nothing like this in India; it gives high school children in India a first exposure to what a great liberal arts education is really about. I think it will be transformational for students who come for the programme."

Pramath Raj Sinha, Founder of Ashoka University

Links:

Find the online application here:
<https://highschool.ashoka.edu.in/Login.aspx>

For more information please visit:
<https://ashoka.edu.in/ysp>

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Testimonials

YSP has made me rethink everything I have learned in my 12 years of schooling. After each session, I wanted to learn more about what was discussed.... It was a lifetime experience!

Amrita Singh, Class 12
Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan



I would highly recommend all my friends to this programme. It has been a stepping stone for expanding my intellectual capabilities, and taught me the value of being inquisitive.

Arjun Sethi, Class 11
The Shriram Millennium School

"I am glad we went ahead with the online option. It gave her an insight into the real world, topics chosen were current and relevant, and the speakers were the best in the field....My daughter is all geared up to do her best this year because there is no way she wants to miss out going to Ashoka!"

Sheenu Malhotra
Parent of Young Scholar, 2020

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