an idea whose time has come.
The YIF vision...

To develop committed change agents for India through a multi-disciplinary programme guided by eminent leaders and scholars of our time.
The Young India Fellowship is a one-year, funded, multi-disciplinary course for exceptionally gifted young men and women. They represent India’s diversity – geographically and across academic disciplines. The YIF grooms young people to become change agents for tomorrow by instilling in them the requisite skills, knowledge and experience. It exposes them to a rich set of subjects and perspectives, delivered by some of the highest-calibre teachers from around the world.

Fellows are mentored by pre-eminent individuals, respected captains of industry, academics, policy makers and proven change agents within India and globally. To complement the role modelling, they undertake a unique “learning-by-doing” programme, the Experiential Learning Module (ELM), which creates an opportunity to gain real experience in their area of interest.

Whether students graduated in the arts, science, engineering or commerce, the Fellowship’s commitment is to provide momentum to their leadership journey.
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Today, the University of Pennsylvania is a world leader in higher education, ranked fifth among American universities. Its 10,000 undergraduates are drawn from all 50 U.S. states and numerous foreign countries. It has also produced 23 Nobel Laureates.

The School of Engineering and Applied Science (Penn Engineering) is one of the oldest schools of engineering in the US and was established in 1852. Penn Engineering offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degrees, and is particularly distinguished by its interdisciplinary, cross-school programmes such as Management and Technology, Digital Media Design, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Robotics and the Singh Programme in Market and Social Systems Engineering, putting Penn at the forefront of intellectual and entrepreneurial activity. Penn Engineering includes approximately 1,600 undergraduates, 1,000 graduate students, four research institutes, and 10 research centres.
Carleton College

Ranked among top ten liberal arts colleges in the U.S., Carleton College is a premier undergraduate institution promoting excellence at academics and extra-curricular engagements for its students.

Founded in 1866 in Northfield, Minnesota, Carleton College is a non-sectarian institution devoted to providing an education 'for a lifetime' in the true liberal arts tradition. Its curriculum promotes 'broad learning and deep thinking' and prepares its students to excel in any field. The College offers a host of subjects in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences taught by a set of inspirational faculty that is committed to bringing the best out in each student. Carleton boasts of a student body that is very diverse – 90 percent of them live on campus and contribute to a rich, collaborative community life that adds yet another dimension to their lifetime learning at Carleton.

The Shape of Things to Come – Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a long cherished dream to create a new standard in Indian higher education. It will offer world-class liberal education in a four-year undergraduate programme. Students will get a broad-based foundation across disciplines for the first two years before choosing an area of specialisation. Ashoka hopes to produce leaders with a multi-disciplinary
Sciences Po

The Institute d’études politque de Paris, popularly known as Sciences Po, is a world-renowned institution for research and higher education in the social sciences.

Founded in 1872, as an institute to train French diplomats and politicians in politics, economics and international relations, Sciences Po has continued the tradition of providing quality education and research opportunities to students from across the world in the fields of political science, sociology, history, economics, law, finance, social and urban policy, business, management and journalism.

In order to create a rich and a global context of learning, Sciences Po has a thriving student exchange programme and has built partnership with many significant institutions across the world. Some of its partner institutions include London School of Economics, King's College, London, the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

Ashoka is being set up in collaboration with University of Pennsylvania, Sciences Po and Carleton College besides other reputed institutions from across the world. The University campus is being constructed at Rajiv Gandhi Education City in Kundli, Sonepat and is expected to welcome its first batch of students in August 2014.
In search of excellence
The YIF selection process

Eligibility
The YIF programme is open to all Indian citizens with:
• A recognised undergraduate or postgraduate degree
• No more than two years of work experience

The Fellowship promotes diversity and applicants from all areas of specialisation are encouraged to apply. While applicants who have been educated with a vernacular language as their medium of instruction are welcome, it is expected that they will be able to converse, read and write in English.

Selection criteria
Young India Fellowship applicants will be evaluated on a combination of demonstrated talent in the domain of their interest and a passion for learning beyond the prescribed curriculum. An above-average academic record, both at the school and college level, and involvement and achievement in extra-curricular activities is essential. The evaluation process will include personal interviews, group discussions and team activities.

Cost and scholarship details
The Fellowship covers, in full or in part, the following:
• Tuition fees and all material including text books towards all academic instruction
• Boarding and fully furnished lodging
MEET THE FELLOWS 2013

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Aaron Basaiawmoit, 24, Shillong, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra; Worked as Deputy Director Administration at Bansara Eye Care Centre; Organised the first Tele-ophthalmology project in the state of Meghalaya connecting rural areas to city-based hospitals.

Aarushi Uboweja, 22, New Delhi, BE, Civil Engineering, Delhi College of Engineering; Published six articles in the National Business Daily Hindustan Times-Mint; Co-authored a paper on ‘Low Cost Materials for Housing Construction and Earthquake Engineering’ that was presented at the eighth Asian Seismological Commission General Assembly held in Vietnam.

Abhishek Choudhary, 23, Jamshedpur, BA, English Literature, Hans Raj College, University of Delhi; As a Gandhi Fellow, increased parent's participation in schools and institutionalised an efficient planning and review based staff meeting process; Organised a workshop on menstrual taboo, ‘Awareness, Acceptance and Care’, amongst the tribal community at Belkadi, Maharashtra.

Adityaraman Sriraman, 25, Bangalore, BE, BMS College of Engineering; a Teach For India Fellow; Led a group of 7 kids to exceptional academic results in grade 6.

Aishwarya Muralidhar, 21, Hyderabad, BSc, St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad; Worked with an NGO Sukuki Exnora on Solid Waste Management; Represented the state at the illustrious Frank Anthony Debate and the ICSE/ISC Golden Year Celebrations.

Akanksha Banerjee, 20, Bangalore, BA (Hons) History, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; Member, Golden Key International Society, a global student body which identifies the top 15% of academic institutions across the world.

Akshi Chawla, 21, Mohali, BA, Psychology, M.C.M.D.A.V. College for Women, Chandigarh; Won College Colour for Debating; Taught children of construction site workers in Chandigarh.

Alok Arunam, 24, Munger, Dual degree BTech, MTech, IIT Madras; Won the NOTT Award by General Electric for outstanding project work during six months internship; Represented IIT Madras at ‘Made In Brunel’ design show 2009, London.

Aman Kaleem, 24, Aligarh, BA (Hons), English, MA, Mass Communication, AJKMCRC, Jamia Millia Islamia; Worked as a Programmer at the International Film Festival of India; Directed the Award winning film ‘Eidiyaan’.

Ann Abraham, 21, Chengannur, BTech, Civil
Our Fellows represent 27 states of India

Anuja Tarini Mishra, 23, Bhubaneswar, BSc, Zoology, College of Basic Science & Humanities, OUAT; MSc, Zoology, UTKAL University; Awarded Senior National Scholarship by Ministry of Culture, Govt of India; Acquired a Masters in Odissi Vocals

Apoorva Jain, 22, Delhi, BTech, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak; Worked at Infosys Limited as a Systems Engineer Trainee; Worked for All India Confederation of the Blind, recorded books for and taught differently abled children using interactive media, a project that was ranked one of the best essays in CSR

Ashish Agrawal, 23, Dalsinghsarai, BTech, IIT Roorkee; LAMP Fellow at PRS Legislative Research; Designed a Teachers’ Manual for the government school teachers in Punjab while working at Pratham; Created Math Content for a start-up called Unlearn Formulae

Ashish Kumar, 22, Patna, BTech, Biotechnology, IIT Madras; Worked at NCBS, Bangalore and Energy Alternatives India, Chennai; Won the 1st prize for the best paper and presentation there on SWOT Analysis of UID Cards in India

Ashweetha Shetty, 20, Mukkudal, Tirunelveli, BBA, CSI Jeyaraj Annapackiam College, Nallur; Essay selected as

It has been a privilege and a pleasure interacting with the Young India Fellows. They are bright, eager and as a pleasing change from the jaded professional student, do not shy away from taking intellectual risks. I know that this is a hand-selected group but if this is the face of the new India then we are in good hands.

Santosh Venkatesh, Faculty, ‘Statistics and its Application in the Modern World’, Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania
Ayush Prasad, 23, Ranchi, BE, Manipal Institute of Technology; **Worked** as an Analyst at TCS; Passionate about technology, filed for 5 patents

Bano Fatima, 21, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; **Co-founder**, Weaver's Hut; **Listed** as a Successful Young Social Entrepreneur by HP Life

Bhava Vijay Rajpal, 23, Ulhasnagar, BA (Hons), Political Science, St. Xavier's College; MA, English Literature, The University of Leeds; Research paper **published** in Ithaka, the annual journal of the Department of English, St. Xavier's College; was **elected** the secretary for the MA Research Conference held at The University of Leeds

Bhavya Sharma, 24, New Delhi, BCom (Hons), Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi; Chartered Accountancy, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI); **Worked** as Senior Executive at KPMG in the Corporate Tax advisory division; **Awarded** the Super Team Employee while at KPMG

Bhawana Upadhyay, 24, Bhopal, BTech, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Madras; **Worked** at Make A Difference; **Felicitated** by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh for her work with National Commission for Women; Co-founded the first dance club in IIT Madras which **won** 1st position in Saarang Choreo Nite from among 25 national teams; Represented IIT Madras and won a **gold medal** at the Inter IIT sports meet

Cheistha Kocchar, 22, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi; **Worked** at McKinsey; JN Tata **Scholar** and **Recipient** of LSE's Modu Timblu Scholarship (Awarded to one Indian) for MSc Public Management & Governance at The London School of Economics; **Founder President**, PROSOcc Pvt Ltd

Debabrata Halder, 25, Kolkata, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; **Worked** for Coal India as Software Developer in Cognizant Technology Solutions, Kolkata; **Worked** as an Architect at Auberge India Pvt. Ltd; **Published** two articles, written in collaboration, in an anthology of architectural journalism

Chaitanya Kanuri, 25, Bangalore, BArch, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology; **Worked** as an Architect at Auberge India Pvt. Ltd;
economic development organisation in 24 Parganas (South), West Bengal

Debanshu Roy, 25, Jamshedpur, MBBS, Grant Medical College & Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai; Worked as a Casualty Medical Officer at St Georges' Hospital, Department of Emergency Medicine, Accident and Trauma Care; Developing health plans for the internally displaced people in areas of civil unrest in India

Devika, 22, Jabalpur, BE (Hons), Computer Science, MSc (Hons), Economics, Birla Institute of Technology & Science Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus; Worked as an Associate at Samhita Social Ventures; researched on 25 NGOs across 8 states in India in 40 days to study their organisational structure

Garima Shekhar, 21, Lucknow, BA (Hons), Economics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi; Research Associate at Infraline Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Academic Excellence Award by Dehradun Council of Schools' Association for securing the highest aggregate in school

Hardika Dayalani, 25, Porbandar, BTech (Hons), Ocean Engineering & Naval Architecture, IIT Kharagpur; Worked as a Naval Architect at Corporated Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata; Published a paper titled “Side Launching of Catamaran in Restricted Waters” in the proceedings of International Conference on Ship and Offshore Technology, India, 2011

Harsh Mani Tripathi, 23, Lucknow, BTech, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, SRM University, Chennai; Co-Founded, Vilikh Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Recognised as one of the best student entrepreneurs in the country and was awarded the IBM-NEN first dot award by the National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN); Trained around 350 budding engineers in novel technologies and worked in a multinational environment with partner companies from USA, Korea and Italy

Honey Pamnani, 24, Indore, BE (Electronics & Instrumentation), IET-DAVV, Indore; LLB, Hons in Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur; Won Hindustan Times Pace Outstanding Scholar's Award

Jasmine Luthra, 22, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi; Awarded the ‘CA of the Year’ award for her work with Teach for India (TFI) and was the event coordinator for 'Redraw India', a TFI event

Jayesh Ganesh, 25, Pune, BArch, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur; MArch, Center for Environmental Planning & Technology, Ahmedabad; Worked as Lecturer, Padmabhusan Dr. Vasant Dada Patil College of Architecture, Pune; Awarded Third Place at the Les Ateliers International Workshop on Urban Planning at
The young India Fellowship Programme embodies the best values in higher education. These values transcend nationalities and transcend fields. I wish I could be enrolled here myself! I regret I can't. I will enjoy it vicariously through these wonderful young people.

Eduardo D. Glandt
Professor and Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania

Jery Althaf P K, 22, Kannur, BTech, Applied Electronics and Instrumentation, College of Engineering, Trivandrum; IEEE President and the technical lead of project ‘Electrification of Villages in Kerala’; Published two papers Intelligent Industrial Robotic Arm (ASME) and Low Cost Electrification using Solar Energy in IEEE GHTC 2012, which were accepted at international conferences

Jit Shankar Banerjee, 21, Kolkata, BA, English Literature, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Member, Academic Council, Department of English, Hindu College; Worked as Editor-in-Chief of Hindu College annual magazine

Kaavya Gupta, 21, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Guest Speaker and Panelist at the Indian Education Congress in April 2011 as an Executive Body member of AIESEC in Delhi University; Co-founder, vocalist and flautist of Cobbled Street, a jazz/ funk Delhi-based band

Kailash Chandra, 25, Sikar, BSc (Ag), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi & Agri Business Management, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad; Received National Talent Scholarship by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi; Received awards from Agricultural Technology Management Agency & Department of Horticulture for helping the farmers adopt better farming technology; Selected as Reserve Bank of India Young Scholar

Karthik Purushothaman, 21, Chennai, BTech, Aerospace Engg, IIT Madras; Gold streak at the Inter-IIT Table Tennis tournaments by winning it in all four years of his academic tenure; Won the Saarang Online Playwright award for writing 'The Patricide' which he also directed for the stage at IIT Madras

Kartikey Shukla, 21, Siswa Bazar, UP, BSW, Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; PG, Lund University, Sweden; Received President's Award in Scouting for social work in
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Maharajganj; Selected for Erasmus Mundus Europe Asia; Awarded Gandhi Fellowship – 2012

Krishna Chaitanya Demera, 23, Karimnagar, AP; BE (Hons), Chemical Engineering, MSc (Hons) Economics, BITS, Pilani; Won awards for stand-up comedy, video-editing and folk music

Kshiti Jayant Gala, 21, Mumbai, BA, Economics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai; participated in the India Leadership Exchange Program at Stern School of Business, New York University

Kunal Joshi, 21, Allahabad, BSc (Hons), Physics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi; Co-ordinated and taught at the Evening Class programme for the children of the college karamcharis at St. Stephen's College

Lokesh Anand, 21, Ludhiana, BCom (Hons), Hans Raj College, University of Delhi; Headed Colloquium, the MUN & Group Discussion Forum of Hans Raj College

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Mallika Sridhar, 24, Noida, BE Electronics & Telecommunication, MKSSS's Cummins College Of Engineering for Women, Pune University; Worked as a Service Engineer at Network Integration Center at Ericsson India Global Services Pvt. Ltd; Choir member of the annual Christmas celebrations at Rashtrapati Bhawan for four years during high school

Manish Meena, 23, Jaipur, BTech, MTech, Chemical Engg, IIT Kharagpur, Awarded Best Project Thesis in MTech

Maria Merchant, 23, Baroda, Bachelors in Product Design, NID, Ahmedabad; Worked as Product Designer at Primus Design, Mumbai; Awarded Gold Medal in Shankar's International Painting Competition; Won DAAD Scholarship for 6-month study in Pforzheim School of Design, Germany

Meesha R Arora, 23, New Delhi, BA, Economics, St Stephens College, University of Delhi; MA, Economics, TERI School of Advanced Studies; Won 20 medals in swimming at national,
Priyanka Ahuja, 26, Bhilai, BE, Information Science, BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore; Worked as a Business Analyst at MindTree Limited

Radhika MV, 23, Shoranur, MSc (Integrated) Pondicherry University; Worked as a subject expert in Pupilbay; Awarded SURGE-2010 By IIT Kanpur, Awarded Summer Research Fellowship, Indian Academy of Sciences; Presented a research paper titled 'Mathematical Modeling of Opiate Drug Users' at MMIP-2011 in NIT Calicut; performed Carnatic Music in various festivals and concerts

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Amit Bhatiani
Sponsor
Partner, CX Partners

Rupesh Jhabak, 21, Bhopal, BA (Hons), English, The EFL University, Hyderabad; Worked as a content writer for three web based companies; Taught English at 'Make A Difference'; National Winner of Classmate Young Author Contest 2007; Book 'The Shadow Behind Me and Other
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Natasha Zarine, 25, Mumbai, BA, Psychology, Jai Hind College, Mumbai University, LLB, Government Law College; Worked as

a Programme Researcher and Fund Raising Manager – Tamarind Tree Trust, Mumbai

Neelakshi Tewari, 22, Delhi, BA (Hons), English, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Worked as an Account Planner, Google India Pvt Ltd; President of the Debating Society in college; Organised the Premchand Memorial Parliamentary Debate, one of India’s most prestigious debates

Nicky Lama, 22, Darjeeling, Triple Major BA, St. Joseph’s College, Bangalore; Worked as a VJ (Nepal 1 channel), Nepal; Elected President, Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum, Bangalore

Nikita D’cruz, 22, Mumbai, BA, St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai; Awarded ICICI Fellowship; Worked with Samarthan, Madhya Pradesh, an NGO working on rural governance in the District of Sehore to bring about transparency and accountability in the implementation of the MNREGA

Pavithra Srinivasan, 21, Chennai, BA (Hons), English, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; Post-graduate Diploma in Print Journalism, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai; Received CBSE scholarship for consistent meritorious performance; Trained Bharatnatyam dancer

Poornima Sardana, 24, Meerut, BDes, NIFT, Delhi; Awarded for research projects on education, storytelling and design for children

Pramod Emjay, 22, Chennai, BTech, Instrumentation & Control Engineering, NIT, Tiruchirappalli; Worked as an Associate Analyst with HSBC EDPI; Won the Shaastra Main Quiz at Shaastra, the tech-fest of IIT Madras

Prashant Gautam, 22, Amritsar, BE, Gwalior Engineering College, Gwalior; Worked as an Associate at the Indian Traditions & Heritage Society (ITIHAAS); Shortlisted for the semi-finals of Habitat Young Visionary Award 2009 & 2010

Prashast Srivastava 25, Lucknow, BE (Hons), Electronics & Instrumentation, BITS-Pilani, PGDM, IIM Ahmedabad; Founder, Public Policy SIG, IIM Ahmedabad National Finalist, Ranniti (Top 5 teams from all over the country), IIFT Delhi
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Safa Mohsin Khan, 23, Meerut, BA, Economics, Middlebury College, Vermont, USA; Received a scholarship to study at Middlebury College, USA; Helped start a student organisation called ‘Friends for Burma’ at Middlebury College that focused on mentoring recently resettled refugee children; Represented the organisation at the Clinton Global Initiative University; Awarded Middlebury College’s ‘Academic Endowment Grant’ to conduct qualitative research on Madrasas in India

Sanaa Sohel Degani, 24, Mumbai, Professional Education Diploma in Exhibition & Spatial Design, NID, Ahmedabad; Worked at JOSMO Studio, designing a range of furniture inspired by the city of Mumbai called ‘Mumbai Meri Jaan’; Won a 6 month scholarship to study at RMIT Australia for a semester

Saransh Vaswani, 23, Jhansi, BSc (Hons), Computer Science, Hansraj College, University of Delhi; Working with Kaivalya Education Foundation as a Gandhi Fellow engaged in transforming school headmasters into school leaders; Designed and executed campaigns such as Disha, a cloth distribution act across Mumbai local railway stations, during the Gandhi Fellowship programme

Shanti Swaroop Kandala, 25, Hyderabad, BTech, Mechanical Engineering, Vignan Institute of Technology and Science, Hyderabad; MS, Aerospace Engineering, KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea; Worked as an advisor, Student Satellite Project, STUSAT, a student pico-agriculture and defence come together as Fellows for 2013

Saumya Mehrotra, 22, Delhi, Bachelor in Fashion Technology, NIFT, Gandhinagar; Founder, battigul.org, an exclusive social network created to bring together people, causes and resources related to the field of environment from across the world on one single platform; Started a website for promotion of independent artists from India and Pakistan

IITs, BITS, NIFT, NID, LSR, Miranda House, JMC, NALSAR, ILS, St. Xavier’s, Symbiosis Law School, JNU, Hindu College, St. Stephens, Asian College of Journalism, Middlebury College, Toulouse School of Economics, University of California, St. Francis College for Women, Hans Raj, SRM, DU, NIT, Jamia Millia Islamia, St. Joseph’s College, Christ College, Mount Carmel, Women’s Christian College, Loyola College, ILS, Fergusson College, Jadavpur University, Pondicherry University, Gujarat National Law University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, School of Rural Dev, Grant Medical College, Sri Venkateswara College, IIM Ahmedabad, National Defence Academy, Government Law College, Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT University), Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics, Delhi Technological University

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Shivangi Pareek, 22, Ghaziabad, BA (Hons), English, Lady Shri Ram College; MA, English, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Awarded the certificate for meritorious contribution to Creative Writing at college; Worked with NGOs in the field of education and organic farming

Shivani Govind, 23, Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Hindu College, University of Delhi; MSc, Economics with Specialisation in Industrial Organisation, Toulouse School of Economics, France; Worked as an advisor, STUDSAT, a student pico-satellite for imaging, launched in 2010, the smallest ever satellite to be designed, fabricated and launched by India

Shreya Anne Mathai, 20, Mumbai, BA (Hons), Economics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi; Represented the country at the 8th South Asian Economics Students Meet; Worked as a research assistant for Third Eye Risk Insights (a New York based consulting firm) and independently completed a project for Citibank's Mumbai office on channel financing

Shreyas Anur Jayanth, 24, Bangalore, BBM, Christ University, Bangalore; Worked as a Specialist, Human Capital and Business Partner Associate for IT groups at D E Shaw India Software Private Limited, Hyderabad; Awarded the "Emerging Young Leader Award 2009" by Center for Innovation and Leadership, Bangalore

Shruti Kalpathy Neelakantan, 21, Chennai, BA Journalism, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai; Worked as Global Advisor, Asia-Pacific Region, UNO's Environment Programme; Selected in the research team to witness climate Change first hand in the Arctic region; Elected as the Global advisor by 119
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Institute of Technology, M.Tech, Biotechnology, NIT Durgapur; Identified genes responsible for the rare, genetic disease Fanconi Anemia, as part of her M.Tech Project; Proposed the design of a diagnostic kit for human leukaemia; **Member**, Indian Immunology Society

**Shweta Mukesh, 21, Bangalore, BA, Economics & International Studies, University of California, San Diego; Worked** as a Project Manager at Policy Innovations; **Won** the Princeton Prize in Race Relations awarded by Princeton University and UCSD Alumni **Award** given to one graduating senior for academic excellence and contributions to the community; Director of Communications at PROSPECT- journal of international affairs at UCSD & the Director for the Center on Education at the Roosevelt Institute

**Shweta Subbaraman, 21, Hyderabad, BMS, St. Francis College for Women; Performed** her Arangetram in Bharatnatyam at the age of 10; **Trained** in Carnatic and Hindustani music

**Siddharth Dixit, 25, Raibareilly, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal; Worked** as Design Engineer at John Deere, India; **Co-founded** Acacia Foundation, a Non-profit Organization (NPO) that aims at helping the underprivileged differently-abled children in the country

**Siddhartha Gupta, 22, Indore, BTech, IIT Kanpur; Part of IITK’s aquatics team; deep interest in poetry and music**

**Simeen Kaleem, 21, Aligarh, BSc (Hons), Zoology, Miranda House, Delhi University; Conducted** Workshop under Health Ministry of India for ‘Gene Cloning and Polymorphism’

**Simerpreet Kaur, 23, Pattiala, BE, Computer Science & Engineering, Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Bidar, Karnataka; Worked** at Cisco Systems; Got scholarship to pursue Engineering; Secured first place in the college for four consecutive years

**Simranpreet Singh Oberoi, 23, Agra, BE, Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Pune; Founder, SkyKpaar, an Education Start-up; Received full scholarship from MIT to participate in the World Youth Congress held at Istanbul, Turkey for his contribution to MIT’s Entrepreneurship Cell

**Soumit Saha, 21, Delhi, BE (Hons), Mechanical Engineering, BITS Pilani, Pilani; Worked** as an award winning Analytics Intern at Genpact, Gurgaon; **Selected** for the Teach For India Programme; **TEDxPilani Fellow 2010; Worked** as an Outreach Campaigner for Greenpeace, Youth Journalist & Radio Jockey

**Sourav Poddar, 22, Raiganj, BTech, Biological Sciences & Bio-engineering, IIT Kanpur; Founder, Education Edge Initiatives Pvt. Ltd., an education sector company; Winner, ITC Classmate Ideas For India Competition; Winner, Villgro Youth Innovator Award Competition

**Souvik Lal Chakraborty, 21, Kolkata, BA, Political Science, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Worked** as a
research assistant to Prof Biswarup Sen, University of Oregon, USA; Working in a project called 'East Kolkata Wetlands-360 Degree View, a collaboration of Jadavpur University and Miami University, U.S.A.

**Tarang Chetan Doshi, 22, Mumbai**, BMS, Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics; **Founder & Director at WOW! World Of Workshops; Appointed the Vice-President of Congress Human Rights Department in Ghatkopar, Mumbai**

**Thummu Pranay Reddy, 22, Ghaziabad**, BSc, National Defence Academy, Jawaharlal Nehru University; **Trainee pilot in the Indian Air Force with ten months of flying experience**

**Tripti Manghnani, 23, Hyderabad**, BCom, St. Francis Degree College for Women, Hyderabad; **1st prize, National Level Theatre Competition**; **Associate, Financial Research, D. E. Shaw India; Joint Secretary, Shaheen Women's Welfare and Resource Association, Hyderabad**

**Varun Kashyap, 23, Chandigarh**, BE, Mechanical Engineering, PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh; **Post graduation, Open Learning Diploma in Business Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Gujarat; Post graduation, Commonwealth International Diploma in Youth in Development Work, Commonwealth Secretariat and Indira Gandhi National Open University; Chandigarh (UT) State Award for the Best NSS Volunteer in Chandigarh; Gold Medal for Best Sportsperson 2010 at PEC University of Technology**

**Vennela Gandikota, 20, Hyderabad**, BCom, St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad; **President of The Commerce Organisation for Emerging Entrepreneurs, a club aimed at building entrepreneur skills through creative workshops, competitions and extracurricular activities; Organiser of Arthashastra, one of the most popular fests in Hyderabad**

**Vijayaragavan Ramanujam, 23, Chennai**, BE, Aeronautical Engineering, Hindustan College of Engineering; **worked as Product Executive, Ramco Systems Ltd; Co-founded a private trust ‘Human Touch’ for counselling under-privileged rural youth in Chennai**
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## Other programme support

### Writing centre

Building effective communication skills is a core mandate of the YIF curriculum. A dedicated Writing Centre has been set up to deliver workshops in writing skills through individualised guidance.

### Leadership development and skill building workshops

Through the year, Fellows participate in leadership and skill building workshops which are delivered by well-known leadership trainers and experts in areas like problem-solving, public speaking, presentation skills and team building.

### Sociology of the Environment: Nature, Culture and Power with Amita Baviskar

### Fundamentals of Public Speaking with Ann Torfin Shoemake

### Arts Appreciation: Illustrative & Performing Arts with Anunaya Chaubey

### Essentials of Business with Rajiv C. Lochan

### Agricultural and Rural Economy with Arjun Uppal

### Anthropology with Mekhala Krishnamurthy

### The Political Economy of India’s Development 1947 - 2012 with Mihir Shah

### Introduction to Philosophy with Yunus Tuncel

### Governing the Indian Metropolis with Tommaso Vitale, Christophe Jaffrelot, Laurent Gayer, Gilles Verniers, Amitabh Kundu, Marie-Hélène Zérah, Pierre Jacquet, Patrick Le Gales, Kriti Kapila
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- Chintan-India
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- Development Office of Sh. Naveen Jindal
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- Earthy Goods Foundation
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- IDEA Cellular
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- ITIHAAS
- Jaipur Rugs Foundation
- Kalam Foundation
- McKinsey Global Institute
- Media for Change
- MyParichay
- National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- Natural Justice
- Observer Research Foundation
- Perfect Relations
- PRS Legislature
- Phyzok Learning Solutions
- Ritu Kumar Fashion House
- PRATHAM
- Pyoopil - Start-up by a team of Fellows
- Rajiv Gandhi Foundation
- Eric Saranovitz – Researching the Spectacle
- Senior Citizen Companion
- Madhavi Menon – Shakespeare and Queer Theory
- SHRAMIC (Ministry of Urban Development)
- Skill Kindle
- Society for Scientific Values
- Studio-X
- Sunborne Energy
- Teach For India
- The Health Trip
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- VEonl - Start-up by a team of Fellows
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Baichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS) aim at providing world-class training at the grass-roots level to every talented child in India. In one and a half years, 7 centres across Delhi and Mumbai have been set up and are coaching over 500 potential footballers. The Fellows have the opportunity to work with such a vibrant and rapidly growing organisation and to gain hands-on knowledge in developing and running a business by tackling real problems, planning and executing it’s expansion and best of all, helping India rediscover the magic of football!

Melbin Thomas Jose, Pranay Reddy and Aishwarya Muralidhar

Shakespeare and Queer Theory

The project Shakespeare and Queer Theory traces the multiple genealogies that have gone into the making of queer theory, and the multiple Shakespeares that have resulted from that theoretical variety. Queer theory has borrowed a great deal from, and contributed to, other theoretical conversations, and each has produced a differently queer Shakespeare. This is perhaps why Shakespeare has been able to keep our attention for so many centuries and why this theory is one of the most dynamic theories in circulation today. The goal of this ELM is to come up with an annotated bibliography of all the articles, books, websites, and performances that deal with queer theory and Shakespeare globally.

Karthik Purushothaman, Bhavna Rajpal, Rupesh Jhabak and Lubin Lukas

Rickshaw Sangh Programme run by the American India Foundation

In partnership with various banks and NGOs, this ELM project aims to promote asset-ownership among cycle-rickshaw drivers through micro-financing. of the programme which has already impacted about 30,000 rickshaw drivers all over India. The team will undertake a feasibility study of various areas and strategies for further development.

Rishi Iyengar, Mohini Gupta and Vennela Gandikota
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Kairos Society’s Unconference

Kairos Society is a global network of top student and global leaders which promotes entrepreneurship and innovation to solve some of world’s greatest challenges. In association with 91springboard, an upcoming incubator, it organised an “unconference” for young entrepreneurs in Delhi region, for which six Young India Fellows were selected to participate.

The theme of the event was ‘Why most student enterprises die early, and is it bad at all to fail for the first few times? What should be done to help student entrepreneurs take the leap from venture/project to business?’

Simranpreet Oberoi
Fellow

Commonwealth Youth Programme’s Asia Youth Summit

Young India Fellows Souvik Lal Chakraborty, Bhavna Rajpal and Kartikey Shukla were selected to attend the Asia Youth Summit organised by the Commonwealth Youth Programme -(CYP Asia), the British Council and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.

Held from 18th-21st September, 2012, the Summit aimed to discuss a wide range of issues involving youth engagement and participation, and to enable them to effectively advocate for the establishment of democratic youth governance structures in their respective countries.

The Fellows interacted with Youth Leaders from 13 countries, and engaged in enthusiastic and constructive discussions about the involvement of youth in democracy, governance and development processes.

Aishwarya Murlidhar
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English Instructor, 9.9 School of Convergence; BA, College of William and Mary, Virginia; MA, Linguistics, New York University

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Andre Béteille
Professor Emeritus, Delhi University; Chairman, Indian Council for Social Science Research; BA, University of Kolkata; MSc, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata; PhD, Delhi University

Vivek Bhandari
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Professor Andre Beteille
at the first YIF Convocation, 2012
I wonder whether there is any programme in the world where such a diverse group of people collaborate to think about common problems facing the world. Everyday I am inspired by the genesis of this Programme - a simple idea that as the world becomes more complex and its problems become tougher to solve, solutions will emerge only when people work together to solve those problems. Each of you as a Young India Fellow has demonstrated and been exposed to the power of collaboration. As you go out into the world, you must lead collaboration because it doesn’t happen on its own. I urge you to remember the 'collaborative leadership' that you have learnt at the YIF and 'pay it forward'...

Dean's commencement message at the first YIF Convocation, 2012
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