



## A Transatlantic Dialogue on Entrepreneurship & Innovation

The Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) Fellowship is a flagship young European leaders program of the U.S. Department of State that is supported in its implementation by the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF).

During this year-long fellowship, young European entrepreneurs from 45 countries will participate in a series of activities designed to strengthen their businesses and create a transatlantic innovation network.

YTILI fellows are young entrepreneurs between the ages of 24-35 with either commercial or social ventures that they are seeking to scale in their home countries. The YTILI experience is a professional development opportunity for innovators to become change makers by developing the skills to be successful entrepreneurs. YTILI Fellows are given access to a network of professionals, mentors, and resources aligned to support the growth of their venture during the fellowship experience. By exploring entrepreneurship in the transatlantic context, YTILI fellows will also develop the expertise to better engage in policy conversations in their home countries, across Europe, and in the transatlantic sphere.



## Major Activities & Timeline

**Opening Transatlantic Innovation Summit.** The fellowship program will commence with a summit in the Netherlands the first week of June 2019. The summit will bring together the YTILI fellows, their U.S. mentors, and key leaders from GMF's transatlantic network representing different levels of government and the private sector. The purpose of the orientation summit will be to: orient the full cohort and city teams to each other and the YTILI fellowship; plan for the U.S. experience; deliver core content modules for the fellowship.

### U.S. Experience.

The cornerstone of the fellowship is a week long immersion experience in the U.S. including a placement as an entrepreneur-in-residence in a U.S. city. The placement will support the development of the fellow's venture by enhancing their skills and networks. Further, the experience will expose fellows to how innovation ecosystems function in the U.S. and how this compares to their home countries. The fellowship will conclude with a closing conference in Washington, DC led by experts in innovation, business, and policy.

### Online Engagement.

Through an interactive community platform, fellows will have access to each other, experts, and mentors as well as customized learning content.

### Key Dates

- April 1, 2019: Fellowship Year Begins
- June 1-6, 2019: Opening Summit in The Netherlands
- September 7-14, 2019: U.S. Experience
- September 15-18, 2019: DC Closing Conference
- April 2019– October 2019: Online engagement
- October 31, 2019: Conclusion of the Fellowship

More information: <https://share.america.gov/ytili/#fellowship>



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