

YOUTH CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE APPLICATION

SELECTION CRITERIA

Rise Up is launching the third cohort of the Youth Champions Initiative, in partnership with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. The Youth Champions Initiative (YCI) is an exciting initiative that is advancing innovation and quality in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights globally. Through YCI, Rise Up invests in young champions who are leading the sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ) movement now and for the next generation.

Following a competitive selection process, Rise Up will select 22 visionary young people working in Packard Foundation priority geographies – India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and the United States (Louisiana and Mississippi). YCI integrates intensive capacity building, leadership development, mentoring, project funding, and technical assistance to enable young leaders to launch creative new initiatives to improve SRHRJ in their countries.

The submission deadline for the Youth Champions Initiative application is March 15, 2019.

Eligible candidates must meet the following selection criteria:

1. Young persons between the ages of 18-29
2. Residents of:
 - India
 - Pakistan
 - Ethiopia
 - Rwanda
 - Louisiana and Mississippi, USA
3. Personal dedication to improving sexual and reproductive health and rights
4. Commitment to social change and experience in one or more of the following areas: youth development, education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, innovation and/or related fields
5. Support of the applicant's organization and ability to participate in a workshop in Los Altos, California, USA in June or July, 2019.
6. **To be eligible for a grant in association with this project, Rise Up requires organizations to hold tax exempt status, and in India to be registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).** Entities that are not registered can be sponsored by a legally registered entity.
7. Proficient in oral and written English

For more information, please visit www.riseuptogether.org and contact Youth Champions Initiative Program Coordinator, Patzia Martinez at pmartinez@riseuptogether.org, with a copy to Program Manager Claudia Romeu at clromeu@riseuptogether.org.

APPLICATION

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SECTION I. CONTACT INFORMATION			
Personal Information			
First name:		Last name:	
Complete mailing address:		Telephone Area/Country code:	Mobile phone number:
			Skype username:
Email address (work):		Gender:	Nationality:
			Country of residence:
Date of birth: (DD/MM/YY)	Age:	Email address (personal):	Language (s) spoken:
Name of your organization, network, community group or host organization:			
Physical mailing address:			

City: _____ State: _____ Postal code: _____			
Country: _____			
Your relationship with the above mentioned host organization (for example employee, volunteer, student intern):			

Dates of involvement: From _____ to _____			
Supervisor's name: _____			
Email & telephone number of supervisor:			

INDIA APPLICANTS ONLY:

Legal /Registration status: To be eligible for a grant in association with this project, Rise Up requires entities to hold tax exempt status and to be registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). Without FCRA approval, grantee organizations in India may not legally receive foreign contributions and therefore will not be able to receive funds associated with this project. Entities that are not registered can be sponsored by a legally registered entity. Please mark the option that applies below.

- My organization holds current registration. Our registration number is _____.
- My organization is fiscally sponsored by an organization that holds current legal registration. The registration number is _____.
- My organization does not hold current registration and is not fiscally sponsored by an organization that holds registration. This option requires the applicant identify a FCRA registered fiscal sponsor before grant funding can be awarded.

SHORT ANSWER

How did you hear about this program?

Are there any professional or personal reasons that would make participation in this week-long workshop in the United States in June or July 2019 difficult for you?

Please share the names and contact information of two people who can serve as references:

- 1.
- 2.

LEADERSHIP & SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

Please limit your responses to the space provided.

1. Why are you interested in youth sexual and reproductive health? What do you hope to obtain or gain from your participating in the Youth Champions Initiative?

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2. What are the greatest SRHR challenges facing young people in your community? What are the greatest opportunities to improve youth SRHR?
 3. How could innovation or technology be used to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in your community?
 4. A key component of the Youth Champions Initiative is to foster the development of new projects that include innovation in the areas of comprehensive sexuality education, access to quality SRHR services and abortion, and SRHR advocacy. Please describe an example of an innovative project you would like to develop to improve youth SRHR in your country.

5. Describe a project in which you have played a leadership role. What were your goals for this project? What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?

6. Do you currently work on a project focused on youth development, education, and/or sexual and reproductive health and rights? If yes, please describe the project and your involvement.

If no, why are you interested in working on youth SRHR, and how will you apply what you learn in the Youth Champions Initiative in your current or future work?

CHALLENGE QUESTION

We are excited to meet and learn about the candidates applying for the Youth Champions Initiative. Please answer the question below by creating one of the following: a short video (2 minutes or less), writing a short essay on the blank page that follows, or some other creative way that shares who you are. If you choose to do a short video, please share the link below.

Why do you want to be a leader in the field of sexual and reproductive health? What inspires you to do this work and how do you hope to improve the lives of young people?

Please submit this completed application form along with your resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) on or before **MARCH 15, 2019**.

Applications may be submitted by email to pmartinez@riseuptogether.org with a copy to clromeu@riseuptogether.org

Applicants will be notified of selection results by May 1, 2019.

Thank you for your interest in Rise Up!

GIRLS, YOUTH, AND WOMEN HAVE THE POWER TO TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES, COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES.

Rise Up activates girls, youth, and women to drive exponential change by strengthening leadership, investing in local solutions, and building movements. The Youth Champions Initiative (YCI) is an exciting initiative that is advancing innovation and quality in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights globally. Through YCI, Rise Up invests in young champions who are leading the sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ) movement now and for the next generation.