

FAQ

# 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM

in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM11)  
*“20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity”*

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## ESSENTIALS

**When and where does the conference take place?**

Wednesday, 6 July – Sunday, 10 July 2016

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**How can I apply?**

Please fill in the online application form [here](#).

Please ensure that your application form is fully completed, including uploading relevant documents.

Once you have submitted your application, you will automatically receive a confirmation email. In case you do not get the email, please check your Spam folder.

**When is the deadline?**

We accept applications until Friday, 13 May 2016, GMT 23:59 hours.

**Who can apply?**

Citizens (passport holders) of any of the [51 Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\) countries](#).

University students between the age of 18-30.

We welcome applications from students with a sincere interest in international relations, from all levels (undergraduate, graduate and doctoral) and all disciplines.

The conference will be conducted in English only, and therefore requires strong verbal and written command of English by all participants.

**Can I apply if I am an ASEM country national studying in a non-ASEM country?**

Yes. If you are an ASEM country national, you may apply regardless of your current country of residence.

**Can I apply if I am a non-ASEM country national studying in an ASEM country?**

No, only nationals of the 51 ASEM countries are eligible to apply.

## Which are the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries?

Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Viet Nam.

For further information, please visit [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org).

## I am a student younger than 18 years/older than 30 years. Am I still eligible to apply?

If you believe that you meet all other criteria and have a suitable profile, you may still apply and your application might be considered on an exceptional basis. However, those who fulfil all application requirements will be prioritise.

## I am currently taking a gap year from studying. Am I still eligible to apply?

If you are taking a gap year from studying, for example doing an internship between your bachelor's and master's degree, you can still apply to the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM.

## I have not been directly involved in ASEM topics before. Can I still apply?

We always seek to gather a diverse group, including “unusual suspects”. Our experience is that a multicultural and cross-disciplinary conference group enjoys and benefits the most from our educational projects. For the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM we seek people with fresh and open perspectives!

## What is the selection process?

The independent screening committee consists out of ASEF and its partners. The committee follows the principles of equality, non-discrimination and equal opportunity and look for a good balance of participants. All applicants will be screened fairly regardless of sex, race, marital status, and disability.

The selection follows a two-step approach. The first selection of short-listed candidates will be made based on individual merits. The second selection ensures the diversity of the group of participants, through e.g. gender balance, a representation of various academic disciplines and other relevant experiences.

Once selected, we ask you to register and show us a copy of your student ID card, or for proof that you are only taking a gap year.

## When do you release the final results?

We intend to notify all the applicants about their application status by the beginning of June latest.

Results may come out per country and will be also posted on the [ASEF Education Facebook page](#).

## PROGRAMME

**Do I need to make any preparations prior to the event in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM includes a 3-week online preparatory phase, which kick-starts the discussions and reflections prior to the on-site gathering. The preparatory phase includes case studies, e-lectures and team work.

**How does the programme of the conference look like?**

Being a simulation of the **11<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM11) Summit**, the programme follows closely the actual structure and proceedings of the ASEM11 Summit agenda, which will be set by the ASEM partners in the coming months.

As a reference, please take a look at the **Programme of the Model ASEM 2014**.

**Will I get to meet the Head of State of my country?**

Based on the final programme of the ASEM11 Summit, 4 students might also present the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM Chair's Statement at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM11 Summit.

We will closely work with the relevant ASEM Governments on the possibility of direct interactions between the participants of the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM and their respective Heads of States.

**Are there any commitments after the project?**

We are keen to know how you experienced the conference and what you gained through participating in it. We will therefore evaluate the conference afterwards and we will request you to participate in a short impact assessment. The feedback will also be needed for the travel reimbursement, as it is part of our participants' responsibilities and commitments to the project.

## FEES

**Is there an application or participation fee for the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM?**

Application to and participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM is free.

## LODGING & MEALS

**Are accommodation and food provided during the event?**

The organisers will provide accommodation for the selected participants travelling from abroad during the Conference programme.

Food is catered for during and as stated in the Conference programme. For participants who have special dietary requirements, meals will be adjusted accordingly within the given possibilities.

## TRAVEL, VISA & INSURANCE

### Will travel costs be reimbursed?

ASEF supports students based abroad with a travel subsidy for the most direct travel connection (return economy flight and/or train/bus ride).

The amount will be announced to the selected participants in due course.

The travel subsidy includes local transportation (home – airport/train station/bus station - home), return flight/train/bus costs (home country – Ulaanbaatar – home country), and local transportation in Mongolia, where needed.

The travel costs will be reimbursed to the participants after the Conference, upon receiving all the required, original travel claims.

### How about visa fees and insurance?

Yes, insurance and visa fee, if applicable, will be covered within the capped travel subsidy.

### Can ASEF give me a support letter for the visa?

Together with the Mongolian Youth Federation, we will issue visa support letters.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### What is the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM?

**Model ASEM** is a 3-day youth conference and political simulation of the actual **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit**. It is a platform for political debate and negotiation with over 150 participants from the 51 **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries**.

During the conference you will be able to interact and engage with peers from Asia and Europe, get an insight into the **ASEM process** as well as have the opportunity to meet ASEM leaders and officials, as well as academia and inter-governmental organisation representatives.

Watch the video of the past Model ASEM 2014 [here](#).

### What is the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM11)?

The 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit (ASEM11) will gather all ASEM leaders, including 51 Heads of States, the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council and the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat.

The Summit is themed “20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity” and it will take place on Friday, 15 and Saturday, 16 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

## What is the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)?

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern.

For further information, please visit [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org).

## What is the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)?

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

For more information visit [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org).

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