Are you curious about other countries and cultures?

YFU VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

Share your cultural experience and gain new global perspective as a digital diplomat through a virtual exchange. Engage online with international peers to develop new skills and knowledge to open your mind and help you discover whether we are truly more similar or more different!

Connect to and build relationships with new friends from all around the world!

REQUIREMENTS
Candidates for virtual exchange are self-motivated individuals who have a sense of social responsibility and are culturally curious about peers of different backgrounds than their own.

- Age: 14-35
- Basic English proficiency
- Access to a mobile device or computer
- Commit 2 - 3 hours per week for 15 week program

PROGRAM DATES
Fall Semester: September - December
Spring Semester: January - April

PROGRAM COST
Full program tuition will be waived for all accepted applicants for the semester program. A $25 non-refundable application fee is required to be considered for acceptance.

APPLY ONLINE
To apply, and for additional program details and eligibility, please visit yfuusa.org/virtual-exchange
Deadlines: September 15th & January 15th

5 Reasons to Join Virtual Exchange

1. Marketable Skills: explore and develop global competencies and 21st century skills necessary in a global community
2. Leadership: enhance future prospects for education; grow as thought leaders and cultural ambassadors; become inspired to take action within your community
3. Communications: expand writing, listening and speaking skills; practice effectively communicating with speakers of other languages and backgrounds
4. Cultural Exposure: share interests and fun cultural traditions, gain awareness of your own values and learn about others; build tolerance for other ways of thinking; consider embarking on a physical exchange experience
5. Relationships: build connections with new friends from foreign locations in a safe and open forum

THE THIRD SPACE SEMESTER PROGRAM
Students and young professionals are enrolled into multi-country virtual classrooms. Guided by trained facilitators, participants engage in discussion boards, make presentations, videos, photo collages, and other creations that contribute to building global perspectives.

It's fun and rewarding, too!
Challenge stereotypes and increase empathy while developing your own global competencies and soft skills. Increase your capacity for civic engagement and earn a certificate of Cross-Cultural Competence!

American youth who earn the certificate are eligible for a $1000 YFU Community Grant applicable towards a YFU study abroad program!

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs