

WSA YOUTH FOR INNOVATION

International Entrepreneurship Program for Students.

WHAT IS IT?

YOUTH FOR INNOVATION (YFI) is an international entrepreneurship program for students, conducted by WSA. It brings together students from multiple Universities to collaboratively analyze purpose-driven tech ventures from across the world, namely of former WSA winners.

THE CHALLENGE

Analyze a successful enterprise of a former WSA winner within an international and interdisciplinary team. Pitch the analysis in front of a jury and hopefully win.

THE STRUCTURE

WSA YFI consists of 2 phases, an ONLINE and ONSITE PHASE, providing participating students with the opportunity to work on two different case studies. It is also possible to enter only one program phase.

- » The **ONLINE phase** takes 6 weeks, starting in October 2022. Students work virtually and independently in interdisciplinary teams. Every team is supported by a team leader. Weekly meetings provided by WSA with opportunities for get together, team discussions, team leader talks. Webinars with specific support on team building, pitching and more every 2 weeks. At least 2 sessions per team with the enterprise founder.
- » The **ONSITE phase** takes place in Graz (AT) from **November 28 - 30, 2022**. It is embedded in the [European Young Innovators Festival](#).

Based on the evaluations of the pitch jury the best 3 student teams of each phase receive a reward.



THE BENEFITS



Students:

- » apply their skills and knowledge on successful tech ventures on the market
- » collaborate internationally and interdisciplinary
- » gain intercultural competencies and grow an international network
- » get the opportunity to talk with the enterprise founders directly
- » pitch in front of an international expert's jury
- » join online webinars to gain new and relevant skills and useful information along the way

Universities:

- » are provided with practical application examples from a renowned program, opening up new perspectives
- » the clear structure provided by WSA simplifies the effort for lecturers

PARTICIPATION COSTS

Online: € 70,- / student

Onsite at EYI Festival: € 55,- / student

Both: € 110,- / student

ABOUT WSA

The WSA is a unique awards system, selecting and promoting local digital innovation to improve society. Combining an ongoing series of international events and activities with a global network of start-ups, social entrepreneurs, mentors, jurors, speakers, experts, government leaders, academia and civil society, WSA is an international platform for cutting edge examples of how ICTs can impact society in a positive way.

[More info about WSA.](#)

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