



**Youth
Ag
Summit
2019**

**4–6
November**

**Brasilia
Brazil**



Our planet faces the challenge of feeding an expanding population with fewer resources than ever.

To do this sustainably, new solutions are needed; ideas and innovations that take into account the day-to-day realities of farming, agricultural production, and food consumption. Ideas that can benefit the whole value chain, from farm to fork. Ideas that will transform today's challenges into tomorrow's opportunities.

We believe that, as the leaders of tomorrow, young people should be at the forefront of these efforts.

“Young leaders should apply to the Youth Ag Summit because you meet people from all over the world and you make future connections and networks which will last your whole life.”

Carla Espinós Estévez, Spain,
2017 Youth Ag Summit alumna

A platform for change

Organized by Bayer, the Youth AgVocate Summit is a unique opportunity to connect and empower the next generation of agricultural change-makers. Every two years, we bring together 100 young global leaders aged 18 to 25, to network, share experiences, gain new skills, and develop food security-focused projects.

The end goal? To equip young people to take concrete action on one of humanity's most pressing challenges: how to feed a hungry planet.

The story so far

The Youth Ag Summit is a global community of young agricultural advocates — or 'agvocates'. With every edition of the Summit, this network expands, growing to encompass young people from all walks of life, united by their passion to forge solutions for modern, sustainable agriculture.

The first edition of the Youth Ag Summit took place in Calgary, Canada in 2013, followed by the 2015 edition held in Canberra, Australia. The most recent Summit took place in Brussels, Belgium, in October 2017.

Next stop: Brazil!

The fourth edition of the Youth Ag Summit will be hosted in Brasilia, Brazil, between November 4 and 6, 2019. Despite being less than 60 years old, this purpose-built capital city has already been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to Brazil's federal government as well as over 120 foreign embassies, it is an ideal location to welcome the next crop of global advocates who will shape the future of food and agriculture.

For each edition of the Youth Ag Summit, Bayer partners with local and global youth or agricultural organizations. This offers delegates a wider set of perspectives, as well as ensuring the Summit is grounded in local know-how. In 2019 the Summit will be co-hosted by two Brazilian organizations: Nuffield Brazil and AIESEC Brazil.

Once again, 100 young delegates from across the world will be chosen to attend. However, for the first time ever, the final selection of delegates will be based on a proposed project idea submitted by each applicant.

Who can apply?

The Summit is open to applications from young people aged 18–25, who are passionate about food, agriculture, food security, environmental stewardship, world hunger, biotechnology, farming, or caring for farm animals. However, applicants do not have to be farmers — previous Summit participants have included lawyers, doctors, teachers, and business management students! We welcome applications from current students, as well as young people already working in a relevant field.

How can I apply?

To apply, eligible candidates need to submit an idea for a 'Thrive for Change' project that addresses food insecurity in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all.

The application period will open on 17 September 2018, with full guidelines and instructions available on the Youth Ag Summit website as of then. The deadline for applications is 10 January 2019 and the final selection of delegates will be announced in May 2019.

What happens if I am selected?

The Summit will function as an idea incubator: helping delegates develop their projects, turn their ideas into reality, and learn skills needed to realize their projects once the Summit concludes. Delegates will be supported through this process by mentors and Youth Ag Summit alumni.

Delegates will also participate in industry tours, hear from expert speakers, and pledge action on “3 Little Things” to improve food security – one of the most concrete outcomes from previous Summits.

Which costs are covered?

The costs for attending the Summit are covered by the Youth Ag Summit organizers. These include: flights, transportation, accommodation, and catering during the event. Any other costs unrelated to Youth Ag Summit activities will not be covered by the organizers.

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