

DISCOVERING SOCIAL IMPACT IN CAREERS

August 8-15, 2025 @ San Francisco & Silicon Valley



Join **Discovering Social Impact in Careers** (DSIC) to connect with peers from around the world in Silicon Valley. Whether you're looking to accelerate your career, connect with passionate leaders, or refine your purpose, this program provides the skills and connections to transform your ideas into action!

**INNOVATION
SOCIAL IMPACT
NETWORKING
COACHING SDGS
SILICON VALLEY
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



"The program really helped me get to know myself better, opened my mind and enhanced my communication skills. It also made me feel confident that I have the ability to make a social impact and opened my eyes to new possibilities of my future. And the most precious thing was becoming friends with people from diverse backgrounds!" – Participant from Japan (Feb 2024)



HANDS-ON LEARNING

- Workshops in innovation, leadership, telling your story
- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) simulation



INNOVATION IN ACTION

- Silicon Valley tech companies
- Startups & social enterprises
- Social impact organizations



EXPANDED NETWORK

- Peer & expert mentorship
- Cultural collaboration & exchange
- Networking events



PERSONAL GROWTH

- New & diverse perspectives
- Greater self-awareness
- Reflection & goal-setting

This program is offered by VIA, an educational nonprofit organization founded at Stanford in 1963.

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PARTICIPATION COSTS

VIA Program Participation Fee

- \$2,800 USD – student rate
- \$3,200 USD – professional rate
(includes two coaching sessions)

Included in Program Fee

- Accommodations (7 nights)
- Local transportation in San Francisco Bay Area (including airport pickup/drop-off)
- Site visits, guests speakers, workshops, and other activities
- Breakfasts, arrival lunch, and farewell dinner
- 24-hour on-site staff support

Additional Estimated Costs (not included in program fee)

- Passport/visa/ESTA for non-US residents (~\$130-220)
- Airfare (\$800 domestic to \$1,800 international)
- Travel health insurance (~\$100)
- Most meals, personal shopping & activities (~\$600)
- Personal health care expenses

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

University students and early-career leaders under 35 who are passionate about creating positive social change and seeking clarity, direction, or more meaning in their professional journeys.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 18 by program start date
- Connection to or interest in connecting with peers in Asia (all nationalities welcome)
- Able to travel to and enter the US
- Able to meet all public health requirements for US entry or re-entry to home country

TIMELINE (ASIA DATES)

Round 1 Application Period

- Application Deadline: May 12
- 1-Day Challenge: May 17*
- Interview Period: May 20-23
- Acceptance Notification: May 24
- Participation Confirmation: May 31

Round 2 Application Period

- Application Deadline: June 9
- Discovery Interview: June 17-20
- Acceptance Notification: June 21
- Confirmation Deadline: June 28

Program Participation

- Travel Preparations: June-July
- Online Orientation: Late July
- San Francisco Arrival: Aug 8 (AM)
- San Francisco Departure: Aug 15

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*Social Impact-Driven Career 1-Day Challenge

Individuals who participate in the 1-day challenge are eligible for a \$500 fee reduction. See website for details.

External Funding Sources

VIA can provide documentation to support applications for professional development, independent study, scholarships, and other funding.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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