

YIPA-BritCham Associates Membership
Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the YIPA-BritCham Associates Membership?

The YIPA-BritCham Associates Membership is a programme jointly run by Young Indonesian Professionals in the UK (YIPA UK) and The British Chamber of Commerce (BritCham) in Indonesia for Indonesian students currently studying in the UK. The scheme aims to provide students with the resources and opportunities to boost their employability and career prospects in the UK and back home in Indonesia.

2. Who is YIPA UK?

Started in 2015, YIPA UK is a community organisation that aims to foster business, investment and social links between the UK and Indonesia through a community of future leaders. YIPA UK organises monthly events that promote UK-Indonesia bilateral relationship and community growth amongst our members, who are primarily Indonesian professionals spanning the UK's public and private sector. At the core of everything we do is the desire to stay connected and contribute to Indonesia, despite being based abroad.

Although YIPA membership is only open to working professionals, YIPA engages closely with Indonesian student communities in the UK and runs a few initiatives for them, namely the [annual Indonesia Career Evening](#) and this YIPA-BritCham Associates Membership.

3. Who is BritCham?

BritCham is the British Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia, an association responsible for facilitating trade and investment between Indonesia and Britain. BritCham works with the British Embassy and British Council in Jakarta to develop services infrastructure that support the entry and development of British businesses in Indonesia and vice versa.

4. What are the benefits of becoming a YIPA-BritCham Associate?

There are four primary benefits (two UK-based benefits, two Indonesia-based benefits) you are entitled to as a YIPA-BritCham Associate.

Whilst in the UK:

- Access to the YIPA mentorship programme, which allows you to get career guidance from mentors of your choice that will suit your future career goals.
- Invitations to selected YIPA events and opportunities to get involved as well as network with others in the organization.

Upon your return to Indonesia, BritCham will offer you:

- A free BritCham membership (excluding voting rights) for two years upon your return to Indonesia. An individual BritCham membership normally costs 2,500,000 IDR annually.
- The opportunity to have your CV sent to selected corporate members of BritCham. These are mainly large, multi-national British companies who operate in Indonesia and partner with BritCham to source top talents.

5. How much does the membership cost?

The YIPA-BritCham Associates Membership is completely free for Indonesian students who are currently studying in the United Kingdom.

6. How can I join the membership?

Register yourself at <https://yipa.org.uk/yipa-britcham-associates/>.

7. When is the deadline for membership registration?

For the 2020/2021 cycle (Cycle 3), registration will close at **midnight on Wednesday, 21st October 2020**.

8. How does the mentorship programme work?

At YIPA, we are proud to represent many Indonesian professionals working across various industries in the UK. We have asked many of these professionals to become mentors, and as Associates, you will be able to choose which mentor(s) suits your career interests best.

9. How much contact time will I have with my mentor?

Just like any mentorship arrangement, how often and through what method you interact with your mentor is to be agreed separately between you and your mentor. However, due to the current situation, we recommend you arrange video calls every 2-3 months with your mentor in order to update them with your progress. You could also have more frequent communication over text or email, especially during application season.

10. What kind of career guidance will my mentor provide me with?

This is highly dependant on your mentor. However, as a rough idea, you can expect guidance on how to narrow down your interests, build a CV, write cover letters, pass online assessments, answer common interview questions, stand out in assessment centres, and generally how to navigate into/network within the career sector you are interested in. A lot of the advice will be based on your mentors' experience, so every mentor will have a different story.

11. Do I have to register as an Associate every year?

No, your membership will continue to run until you finish your University degree. However, with the new UK post-study work (PSW) visa, you will continue to be an Associate for the duration of your PSW visa. After your expected course end date, YIPA will be in contact periodically to check whether you are still in the UK or have returned to Indonesia. This is so that we can notify BritCham of your return to enable you to access your Indonesia-based benefits.

12. What kind of support is available to me as part of the mentorship programme?

We have created a booklet that contains all the information explaining the mentorship programme. This will be made available to you after registration for the 2020/2021 cycle (Cycle 3) closes. Furthermore, YIPA has a dedicated Mentorship Director who you can contact at any point with questions/concerns on the YIPA-BritCham Associates membership – please feel free to reach out to AUFAR LAKSANA at aufar.laksana@yipa.org.uk.