



Call for applications

You are a graduate student or a young professional? You are interested in progressive politics?
You are politically active or an active member of civil society?

Then you might want to apply for the next Progressive Youth Academy (PYA) taking place on the island of Spetses from Friday, April 13 until Sunday, April 15 2018.

PYA is organized by the Athens office of the [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#) (FES) in cooperation with the [Tsatsos Foundation](#). It is aimed at young Greeks who want to actively take part in and contribute to political opinion- and decision-making processes in Greece and who want to implement their own political ideas and visions. PYA will bring together young professionals and graduate students from different backgrounds: civil servants, political activists, journalists, young entrepreneurs and students.

What does PYA offer?

- **Providing political knowledge**
You will acquire knowledge on the fundamental values and principles of Social Democracy and what they mean for concrete policy formulation today. We will discuss topics that present major challenges for progressive politics in Greece, the region and Europe: the problem of rising inequalities, the emergence of right- and left-wing populist movements, and the double challenge of migration and integration.
- **Space to develop and discuss you own ideas**
Rather than just being on the receiving end, you will have the chance to develop your own perspectives and arguments on the different topics, exchange them with your peers and discuss them with our speakers. An experienced trainer will guide you through the two days of discussion and use different participatory methods in order to shape this process.
- **Forming strong networks**
Our goal is to create a strong network among the participants and the future alumni of PYA. You will have the chance to keep in touch with the experts who teach at the academy and you will also get in touch with some of the partners of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Who can apply?

Graduate students and young professionals up to 30 years who:

- Are highly interested in national, regional and European politics



- Are willing to contribute to political and social reform
- Demonstrate experience from political or civil society engagement and voluntary work
- Can work and debate in English
- Are open, respectful and tolerant towards people with different backgrounds

The FES is strongly committed to promoting gender equality in public and political life. Therefore, PYA aims at an equal share of men and women among the participants.

How to apply?

Interested? Then you have to submit a personal application in your own name. The application consists of the following documents in English:

- The application form (attached to this email/post)
- Your CV in English
- A letter of motivation in English no longer than one page, in which you explain your motives for participating in PYA and how you think PYA will help you to advance your civic engagement and professional career.

Application deadline is Monday, ~~March 5, 2018~~ THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Please send your application as a PDF-attachment to info@fes-athens.org. The subject line should read “PYA-Application 2018/1 – Surname, Name”

After we have reviewed all applications, suitable applicants will be invited for a personal interview to the FES Athens office on Thursday, March 15 2018, Friday, March 16 2018, and Monday, March 19 2018.

Please note that participation of PYA is free of charge and that FES will also cover your accommodation as well as your travel cost from Athens to Spetses and back. If you require further information on PYA or on the selection process, do not hesitate to contact us by email at info@fes-athens.org.