



# EMPOWER YOUTH TO LEAD



The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Public Health Institute have partnered to launch a second cohort of [Youth Champions Initiative](#) – an exciting initiative to advance innovation and quality in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights globally. The Youth Champions Initiative (YCI) invests in visionary young champions who lead the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) movement now and for the next generation. Following a competitive selection process, YCI will select 18 visionary young people working in Packard Foundation priority geographies – India (Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi), Ethiopia (Oromiya and Addis Ababa), Pakistan (Karachi), and the United States (Louisiana and Mississippi). YCI has developed an innovative incubator-style model that integrates intensive capacity building, leadership development, mentoring, project funding, and technical assistance to enable the Youth Champions to launch creative new initiatives to improve SRHR in their countries. YCI’s specific strategies include the following:

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 15, 2017

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## INVESTING IN YOUTH CHAMPIONS

From April 30- May 6, 2017, the Youth Champions will participate in the YCI Incubator in the San Francisco Bay Area of California, USA. This intensive Incubator workshop will integrate hands on capacity building in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights, leadership, innovation, advocacy, and project development. The Incubator will provide Youth Champions with the opportunity to strengthen their skills and leadership, learn from internationally-recognized SRHR experts, develop their own SRHR projects, and share their vision for SRHR. YCI will also pair each Youth Champion with a mentor to work with them to strengthen their leadership and impact. YCI will cover all costs related to program participation, including passport and visa application fees, round-trip travel costs, food, and lodging during the week-long Incubator workshop in Los Altos, California, USA.

## SEEDING YOUTH INNOVATION

Seeding Youth Innovation During the Incubator, Youth Champions will receive coaching and technical assistance from SRHR experts in the development of innovative initiatives to increase access to quality SRHR services and information. Each participant will leave the Incubator with a draft project proposal, which they will finalize with their host organizations following the Incubator. YCI will competitively award project seed grants to participating Youth Champions and their organizations to launch the SRHR projects they developed during the Incubator. YCI will also provide on-going technical assistance to enable the Youth Champions and their organizations to most effectively implement their innovative SRHR projects.