THE JAIN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (JYEP)
USA to India
(July 21st – August 10th, 2016)

JAINA, Federation of Jain Associations in North America, in collaboration with JITO, Jain International Trade Organization, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) is proud to present the second phase of the Jain Youth Exchange Program [JYEP].

JAINA (www.jaina.org) is the largest organizations of Jains in North America. JITO (www.jitoahmedabad.org) is the largest organization of Jain businessmen, industrialists, and professionals in India.

The Jain Youth Exchange Program (JYEP) offers exposure to different cultures and ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote both the Indian culture and Jain way of life. JYEP intends to provide hundreds of young adult college students with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience new cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding. The program plans to offer numerous benefits to its young participants and their hosts and mentors, Jain leaders and to the Jain community at large both in North American and India.

Through the Jain Youth Exchange Program, students experience firsthand about many aspects of life in another country. As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Immersion in another country’s value system enhances their academic, professional, social, and personal growth. Host Jain Centers, families and entire communities are enriched through daily interactions with someone from a different family/culture.

The Jain students (applicants) go through a rigorous testing and selection process before they are selected to be a JYEP candidate. Applicants must follow the Jain Way of Life, be enrolled as students, pass written tests and personal interviews before getting selected.
The JYEP Program will take ten young adult followers of the Jain Way of Life (ages 18 - 25) from North America to India for approximately three weeks from July 21st, 2016 through August 10th, 2016 (dates may change based on airline availability).

Cities are Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, and Jaipur. You will have unique opportunities to meet successful entrepreneurs and industrialists.

- Students from North American will be responsible for all airfare (both international and domestic) health insurance, and additional expenses (for example, souvenirs)
- Host families (in India) will arrange local transportation, lodging and boarding in each city. The local Jain Center or host families may sponsor additional events, or cultural activities, or programs at their discretion.

**Dates:**
Application deadline: **April 29, 2016**
Selection notification: May 6, 2016
Travel to India: July 21st, 2016 through August 10, 2016

For applications and more information, please visit [www.jaina.org/jyep](http://www.jaina.org/jyep) or e-mail [jyep@jaina.org](mailto:jyep@jaina.org)