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## Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

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<b>Mission Statement</b>	<p>The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) is a binational advisory panel that serves to elevate and strengthen the vital cultural and educational foundations of the U.S.-Japan relationship, and to strengthen connections between U.S. and Japan leadership in those fields. It works to ensure that the best of new ideas for cultural, educational and intellectual activity and exchange are implemented as operational programs.</p>	<p>The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) is an independent federal agency established by Congress in 1975 to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through educational, cultural, and intellectual exchange. Its mission is to support reciprocal people-to-people understanding, and promote partnerships that advance common interests between Japan and the United States.</p> <p>JUSFC accepts grant applications in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arts and Culture</li> <li>2. Education and Public Affairs</li> <li>3. Exchanges and Scholarship</li> <li>4. Global Challenges</li> </ol>	<p>The U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation (USJBF) aims to expand the opportunities for study abroad in Japan by granting incentive scholarships to American undergraduate students to help prepare America's young people to assume future global leadership roles.</p> <p>USJBF also engages in other program areas which strengthen the educational and cultural ties between the U.S. and Japan, including public-private partnerships.</p>
<b>Legal Status</b>	<p><b>Binational advisory panel</b> to U.S. and Japanese governments; U.S. CULCON Secretariat staffed and administered by JUSFC; Japan CULCON Secretariat staffed and administered by Center for Global Partnership (CGP)</p>	<p><b>Independent U.S. federal agency</b></p>	<p><b>Nonprofit charitable organization 501(c)(3)</b></p>
<b>Foundational Basis</b>	<p>Exchange of note between U.S. Department of State and Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 11/8/68 and amended 2/25/77</p>	<p>The Japan-United States Friendship Commission Trust Fund (PL 94-118) 22 USC §2901-2909</p>	<p>Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in the District of Columbia 1998</p>
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<b>Membership</b>	<p><b>U.S. CULCON Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 private sector members</li> <li>• 3 U.S. government <i>ex-officio</i> members (Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Assistant Secretary of Education for Post-Secondary Education)</li> </ul> <p>(Total: 12 members)</p> <p><b>Japan CULCON Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 private sector members</li> <li>• 3 <i>ex-officio</i> members (Director-General, Public Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Executive Vice President, The Japan Foundation)</li> </ul> <p>(Total: 12 members)</p>	<p>After appointment to U.S. CULCON Panel, all twelve CULCON members serve <i>ex-officio</i> as JUSFC Commissioners. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senators (2)</li> <li>• Members of House of Representatives (2)</li> <li>• Chair, National Endowment for the Arts</li> <li>• Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities</li> </ul> <p>(Total: 18 members)</p>	<p>JUSFC commissioners, except for those from the Executive Branch, may serve on the USJBF board. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair (private sector)</li> <li>• Other board members as elected (up to 9 appointments independent of the JUSFC board)</li> </ul> <p>(Total: up to 25 members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tokyo Advisory Board</li> </ul>
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-annual U.S. CULCON Panel meetings coincide with JUSFC business meetings</li> <li>• Japan CULCON Panel meetings 2-3 times/year (no set schedule)</li> <li>• Plenary sessions on biannual basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual grant-making meeting in September</li> <li>• Semi-annual business meetings in April and September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-annual meetings coinciding with JUSFC business meetings</li> </ul>
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<b>Website</b>	<p><b>U.S. CULCON:</b> <a href="http://culcon.jusfc.gov">culcon.jusfc.gov</a> <b>JAPAN CULCON:</b> <a href="http://www.jpff.go.jp/culcon">www.jpff.go.jp/culcon</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jusfc.gov">www.jusfc.gov</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.bridgingfoundation.org">www.bridgingfoundation.org</a></p>
<b>Social Media</b>	<p><b>FACEBOOK:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/U.S.CULCON">www.facebook.com/U.S.CULCON</a> <b>TWITTER:</b> @USCULCONPanel <b>YOUTUBE:</b> U.S. CULCON Panel</p>	<p><b>FACEBOOK:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JUSFC">www.facebook.com/JUSFC</a></p>	<p><b>FACEBOOK:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/US-Japan-Bridging-Foundation">www.facebook.com/US-Japan-Bridging-Foundation</a> <b>TWITTER:</b> @USJBF</p>