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American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)



The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is a Washington-based higher education association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities and systems whose members share a learning and teaching-centered culture, a historic commitment to underserved student populations and a dedication to research and creativity that advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development. AASCU's Office of International Education supports member institutions in their efforts to prepare students for work, life and citizenship in an increasingly globalized world. Working with partners from across the globe, the Office provides an array of programming to strengthen member campuses' capacity to make international connections and engage with the global community. This programming includes professional development opportunities for administrators and faculty members, campus site visits, presidential missions to foreign countries, and the development and coordination of student exchange programs in China and other countries.

Working with partners from across the world, the Office of International Education focuses on providing quality services to members in three key areas:

- Academic & Professional Development
- AASCU/NAFSA Institute for New Senior International Officers (annually; February)
- China Studies Institute (annually; June)
- Japan Studies Institute (annually; June)
- Visiting Instructor Program – China (year-round)
- China-US Rising Star Student Study Tour (annually; January & May)
- Program Development
- Campus Site Visits (year-round)
- Presidential Missions (annually; March)

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American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ)



The American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) is an international, 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-political organization of teachers, scholars, and students of Japanese language, literature, and linguistics, which works to promote study of the Japanese language at all levels of instruction in the field and to broaden and deepen knowledge and appreciation of Japan and its culture.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Bridging Clearinghouse to promote study abroad in Japan by U.S. students. As part of the program, approximately 100 Bridging Scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduates at US colleges and universities. Program began in 1997; first scholarships awarded in 1999.

- Conferences, workshops, and training programs for Japanese language educators at all levels of instruction
- Administration of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT - 日本語入力試験) at 18 locations in the United States
- Support and advocacy for Japanese language programs in the United States, and for world language education in general in American schools
- Collaborations with the College Board's AP Japanese Language and Culture program, JET program alumni, the Japan Foundation and other organizations promoting US-Japan exchanges, and world language educators in other areas.

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American Council on Education, Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement (ACE)



ACE is a membership organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

U.S.-Japan COIL Initiative (<http://www.acenet.edu/US-Japan-COIL>) aims to expand U.S.-Japan higher education ties through collaborative online international learning (COIL). The initiative is a two-year (2017-19) pilot supported through a grant from the U.S. Embassy Tokyo, and coordinated in partnership with Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), designed to test the idea that students who participate in COIL courses will increase their understanding of the partner country, sharpen their cultural competency skills, and become better prepared for in-person education exchange. To date, USJPCOIL has provided training and support to thirteen U.S. higher education institutions as well as their Japanese partners. To learn more, follow the conversation at #USJPCOIL.

a) U.S.-Japan Higher Education Engagement Study

ACE in collaboration with the Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE), a committee composed of members from the Japan Association of National Universities (JANU), the Japan Association of Public Universities (JAPU), and the Federation of Japanese Private Colleges and Universities Associations (FJPCUA), are conducting a two-year comprehensive study on U.S. and Japanese higher education institution engagement. With support from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, ACE and JACUIE will produce an online searchable and multilingual database and interactive analytical report about existing forms of collaboration taking place between U.S. and Japanese higher education institutions.

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American Councils for International Education (ACIE)



American Councils for International Education empowers individuals and institutions to address challenges in a diverse and interconnected world. We work to strengthen international ties and mutual understanding through excellence in academic, professional and cultural exchange, language acquisition, educational development, and research. For more information, visit <https://www.americancouncils.org/>.

Critical Language Scholarship Program (June-August 2019, June-August 2020)

American Councils works closely with Okayama University on the implementation of the Critical Language Scholarship Program, a program of the U.S. Department of State that selects 26 American college and universities students each year to study Japanese language and culture intensively over the course of each summer. More information can be found at www.clscholarship.org.

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Asia Policy Point



Asia Policy Point is a membership nonprofit organization studying Japan and Northeast Asia. One focus of our work is the intersection of history with Indo-Pacific security. APP publishes two weekly newsletters: **The Asia Policy Calendar** - a preview of the week's news, events, and conferences relevant to an Asia policy professional. Includes links to critical policy documents and news. **The Japan Brief** - a weekly review of Japanese news. APP also publishes occasional papers, *Japan*

Points on Japanese politics, foreign policy, and politicians. Our latest publication is a 107-page report and directory of Shinzo Abe's Current Cabinet and Administration. It is a deep dive into Abe's 4th Cabinet, 2nd Reshuffle. Detailed biographies of all 83 appointed members of the current Abe Administration are organized by ministry and name. Identifies and describes each member's known affiliations with eight prominent conservative nationalist parliamentary leagues, caucuses, and issue groups. Ten pages of charts, tables, and graphs outlining ideology, factions, and wealth. APP holds public and private meetings featuring new books and scholarship on East Asia. We assist independent and international scholars present their research to Washington audiences.

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Carnegie Endowment for International Peace – Japan Program 2018-19



Carnegie established its Japan Program in September 2012 under the leadership of James L. Schoff (Program Director and Asia Program Senior Fellow), who works in collaboration with experts across Carnegie's global network. The Japan Program informs current policy debate by looking broadly at developments in Japan, the U.S.-Japan alliance, and the United States and Japan in a dynamic Asia. Through research and publishing, as well as by convening private and public intellectual exchange regarding politics, trade and economics, foreign policy, security, and technology innovation, the program explores the potential of the alliance to promote their national interests by collaborating in support of regional peace and security, sustainable and equitable economic development, and multilateral cooperation.

Schoff completed a book-length report in 2017 covering many of these issues in *Uncommon Alliance for the Common Good: The United States and Japan After the Cold War* (Carnegie, 2017) available for free download at <http://carnegieendowment.org/2017/01/23/uncommon-alliance-for-common-good-united-states-and-japan-after-cold-war-pub-67742>.

Other Japan Program publications can be found at <http://carnegieendowment.org/experts/745>.

Major events planned for 2019-2020 include:

- September 26-27 2019: U.S.-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Workshop on Regional Diplomatic and Security Cooperation, Washington, DC (in collaboration with Japan Institute for International Affairs, the Korean National Diplomatic Academy, and the Daniel Morgan Graduate School)
- September 2019-March 2020: Japan-U.S. Strategic Science, Technology & Innovation Initiative (JUSSTII) roundtable series, Washington, DC (*alliance cooperation on AI, Quantum Computing, Space, etc.*)
- October 23, 2019: “China Risk/China Opportunity for the United States and Japan” (*public seminar convened in collaboration with the Japan Forum on International Relations*), Washington, DC
- January 2020: “Japan in 2020” (*day-long conference organized in collaboration with the Japan Society of Washington, DC*)
- February 2020: “Putting “Moonshots” on Target: Strategies for National Technology Investment Programs” (a half-day conference organized in collaboration with Carnegie's Technology and International Affairs Program), Washington, DC.

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Cultural Vistas



Cultural Vistas is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to enrich minds, advance global skills, build careers, and connect lives through international exchange. For more than 60 years, Cultural Vistas has developed and implemented experience-based international exchange programs in order to empower people to drive positive change in themselves, their organizations, and society. Designated by the U.S. Department of State as an Exchange Visitor Program (Intern/Trainee, Teacher, Korea WEST, and IAESTE categories), the organization works with students and professionals in internships and training programs for Americans and international visitors. In addition, it manages a variety of short-term programs in the United States and overseas that provide individuals the opportunities to network and learn about the international perspective on the issues on which they are working and studying.

Japanese Programs

- Internship and Trainee Exchanges (J-1 visa)
- TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program (TMWLP)
- Currently implementing an event for alumni of US government programs in Tokyo.

Train USA J-1 Internships and Training

- The J-1 Exchange Visitor Program provides countless ways for individuals around the world to gain hands-on professional experience in their chosen academic or occupational field while deepening their understanding of American culture.
- Annually, more than 4,500 individuals from over 100 countries and over 900 U.S. businesses, companies, and NGOs turn to Cultural Vistas as their trusted solution for J-1 Visa sponsorship for internship and training programs

TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Entrepreneurship and Leadership: March 2019

- Since 2013, the TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program (TMWLP), launched by the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the TOMODACHI initiative and sponsored and supported by MetLife Inc., has paired highly-motivated female university students with mid-career professionals to build a network of Japanese women who show promise as the nation's next generation of leaders. As part of this 10-month mentorship program, Cultural Vistas, in conjunction with the U.S.-Japan Council, has organized a weeklong professional tour for Japanese university students focused on how women achieve success in the modern economy. To date, over 200 students have participated in the program.

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East-West Center



The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue.

U.S.-Japan-Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia Fellowship

The East-West Center in Washington (EWCW), in collaboration the Center for Rule-making Strategies (CRS) at Tama University, is launching the second year of the [U.S.-Japan—Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia Fellowship](#). This program provides analysts and scholars with an opportunity to conduct interviews, research, publish, and present work while in residence at EWCW and CRS. This project is generously funded by The Japan Foundation and the U.S. Embassy Tokyo. **Application Deadline: September 20, 2019**
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Japan Matters for America (JMA/AMJ)

This project maps the trade, investment, employment, business, diplomacy, security, education, tourism, and people-to-people connections between the United States and Japan at the national, state, and local levels. Part of the Asia Matters for America initiative, this publication, the one-page summaries for states and congressional districts, and the AsiaMattersforAmerica.org website are resources for understanding the robust and dynamic US-Japan relationship.
Most Recent Publication: [Japan Matters for America \(2019\)](#)

Capitol Hill Launch of JMA: Date TBD

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Congressional Staff Program on Asia (CSPA)

The [Congressional Staff Program on Asia](#) is a bipartisan educational certificate program provides Capitol Hill staff members with an opportunity to engage U.S. officials and leading experts on a range of contemporary, policy-relevant topics in U.S.-Indo-Pacific relations, and expand their network of congressional colleagues, officials, and experts. This program is generously supported by Sasakawa USA.

Fall 2019 CSPA: September-October 2019

Application Deadline: August 16, 2019

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Globalize DC

globalizeDC Our mission is to leverage DC’s wealth of global resources to increase access for DC public school students to global education, world language learning, and study abroad opportunities. We promote a strategic, systemic, and equitable approach, working collaboratively with partners and school officials. We are particularly committed to creating solutions that will reduce barriers to access for underserved students and schools, and that will support sustainable pathways to college and careers in global fields.

- “Japanese Plus” is an afterschool Japanese language, culture, and career exposure program open at no cost to students from any DC Public Schools (DCPS) or DC charter high school. Students meet twice a week (one weekday afternoon and Saturday mornings) from mid-September to mid-May. Students are eligible to earn academic credit that can be used towards high school graduation. Japanese Plus Level 2 will be offered in SY2019-20. We expect to recruit students for a new Japanese Plus Level 1 cohort in SY2020-21.
- “Japan in DC” is a free summer program, open to DCPS and DC charter high school students, which explores people, places, and organizations in the city with a connection to Japan. We plan to offer this program again in summer 2020. We will be releasing our “Japan in DC” publication, based on student writing and art, this coming fall or winter. Revenue from book sales will be used to help support our Japan programs.
- During SY2019-20, we plan to introduce one-day “Japan in DC” field trips for more DC students, and student-led tours for visitors to DC.
- Globalize DC offers support as a partner to Columbia Heights Education Campus, which is launching the only Japanese language program in a DC public school as part of the regular school day. (Globalize DC’s Japanese Plus program is an afterschool program.)
- Not a program, but a priority for SY2019-20: We are advocating for a DC education policy that will allow students to earn academic credit by exam (competency-based credit) for world languages learned outside the traditional classroom. We believe this will open up new ways to make less commonly taught languages, like Japanese, more accessible to students.

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Embassy of Japan



The Embassy of Japan in the United States is committed to deepening bilateral ties between Japan and the United States through people-to-people exchange opportunities cultural activities.

KAKEHASHI Project

The KAKEHASHI Project is a Ministry of Foreign Affairs funded grassroots exchange program that brings Americans to Japan with the goal of creating future bridges of cooperation and friendship between Japan and the United States. For more information, please contact publicaffairs@ws.mofa.go.jp

Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Programme

The JET Programme is the most reputable and largest exchange program in Japan. Going on its 33rd year, the JET Programme fosters internationalization at the grassroots level by dispatching young American professionals to Japanese schools as assistant language teachers (ALT) and at government offices as coordinators of international relations (CIR). For more information, please contact jetprogram@ws.mofa.go.jp

Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC)

Located in downtown DC, JICC has provided the residents of the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland with an exciting artistic, educational, and cultural dialogue, often in partnership with local institutions. JICC Homepage: <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/index.html>

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Institute of International Education (IIE) – IIE Programs with Japan



The Institute of International Education (IIE) has helped to welcome Japanese students to the United States since our founding in 1919, with over 500 Japanese students reported on U.S. campuses in our 1921 annual report. IIE began collaborating with Japan in 1952 to implement the Fulbright Program to promote mutual understanding between the United States and the rest of the world. The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) joined IIE's Generation Study Abroad (GSA) initiative launched in 2014, as one of 20 Country Partners committed to increasing and diversifying the number of U.S. students studying abroad. IIE and JASSO also assist CULCON to track progress in bilateral student mobility by providing annual data updates to its Education Review Committee. We remain dedicated to growing the number of cross-cultural exchanges with Japan by working with partners to design and administer multilateral programs including educational and cultural exchanges, training and internship programs, workshops and seminars, and study tours and site visits.

IIE works closely with our partners to design, manage, and implement customized scholarship programs. Our programs with Japan include:

- **Fulbright Student and Scholars Program**

Since 1946, over 370,000 of the world's most talented college graduates, scholars and young professionals have shared their skills and expanded their knowledge in over 110 countries through the U.S. Department of State's Fulbright Student and Scholar Programs. IIE works closely with the U.S. Department of State and Japan-US Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) to facilitate exchanges between the U.S. and Japan. Almost 100 U.S. and Japanese students and scholars participate annually.

- **Japan-U.S. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher Exchange Program**

The Japan-U.S. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher Exchange Program provides the opportunity for 15 U.S. grades 7-12 teachers to participate along with 15 Japanese teachers in a five-day conference in Hawaii in August 2019. For 2019, the theme is Space and Earth - utilizing ICT in the classroom.. The ICT Program is administered by Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) and jointly funded by the U.S. Embassy Japan and the Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Sports, Science, Culture and Technology (MEXT). IIE is an implementation partner of this program.

- **Japanese Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Program (FLTA)**

Since 1968, with support from the U.S. Department of State, the FLTA Program has aimed to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. educational institutions by establishing a native speaker presence in the classroom. Administered by IIE, the FLTA Program provides an opportunity for young, international teachers to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States. The Fulbright FLTA Program with Japan began in 2007–2008. This coming year, IIE will place six Japanese student-teachers on U.S. campuses to provide native speaker expertise in the classroom and share Japanese culture with American students, while giving Japanese student teachers the chance to improve their spoken English and audit courses at the host campus.

- **The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables American undergraduates with limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness. The program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduates who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide. IIE manages outreach and recruitment, screening and selection, alumni activities, participant monitoring, follow-on activities, and evaluation and reporting for this program, which includes annually sending close to 250 U.S. students to study in Japan.

- **Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA)**

With support from the Freeman Foundation, IIE has helped fund study in East and Southeast Asia for close to 5,000 U.S. undergraduates. Freeman Awards for Study in Asia provide American students with the information and financial assistance required to spend a summer, semester, or academic year in a credit-bearing program in East or Southeast Asia. Upon returning home, awardees share their experiences with their peers through outreach projects on campus and in the wider community to promote study abroad and deepen interest in Asia in their home communities. Japan is the top host destination for Freeman awardees spending a semester or academic year abroad.

- **Global Engineering Education Exchange (Global E3)**

Started in 1998, this IIE-managed consortium of 34 U.S. engineering schools and 38 universities outside the U.S. facilitates the exchange of engineering students at participating universities to study for a semester or academic year in another country on a tuition-swap basis. In Japan, U.S. students from Global E3 member campuses study at Tohoku University. Reciprocal opportunities are available for Japanese students from Tohoku to enroll in engineering programs for a semester or year at any other member institution in the consortium, either in the U.S. or in over 20 other countries.

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International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC)



ISC's mission is to promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship and trust through international student interchange. The 72nd Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) will take place in the United States in Summer 2020. During the course of 3-4 weeks, 72 selected U.S. and Japanese university students will travel through the U.S. for an educational and cultural student interchange. JASC is the first and oldest student exchange program between the U.S. and Japan. If you know someone or are interested in learning more, please visit iscdc.org - applications open October 1, 2019!

- 71st Japan-America Student Conference (JASC): August 1-23, 2019
- U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Forum: January 2020
- 72nd Japan-America Student Conference (JASC): Summer 2020, Exact Dates TBD
- 13th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC): Summer 2020, Exact Dates TBD

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International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) Study Abroad



International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a non-profit educational community dedicated to helping students overcome the financial and academic barriers to study abroad. ISEP connects higher education students to high-quality academic programs at more than 300 member higher learning institutions in over 50 countries. ISEP celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year with a new Alumni Network for its over 56,000 alumni, and has recently realigned its organization to strengthen its relationship with its member institutions. It has grown its membership to nine members in Japan, including new members University of the Ryukyus and Musashi University. ISEP currently offers programs exclusively to its ISEP members and Affiliates on a rolling basis for Spring, Summer and Fall semester and full year programs worldwide.

To learn more about becoming an ISEP member or Affiliate, please visit:

isepstudyabroad.org/join-isep.

If you are an organization interested in partnering with ISEP, please visit:

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The Japan-America Society of Washington DC



Drawing on the unique resources of the nation's capital and our long history, the JASWDC promotes friendship and understanding between Americans and Japanese through diverse programming that spans the educational, cultural, business, and policy spheres.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

Annual Dinner, November 20th;
Japan in the Year, Jan 21 2019 (notional)
Japan Bowl, April 2-3;
Sakura Matsuri 60th Anniversary, April 4

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Japan Commerce Association of Washington, D.C., Inc. (JCAW)



The Japan Commerce Association of Washington, D.C. (JCAW) was founded in November 1988, formally establishing the organization that began almost 50 years ago. JCAW consists of 101 corporate member companies/organizations, 121 individual members, and about 500 members total (as of April 30th, 2014). JCAW is operated according to the decisions of the Board of Directors, who are selected based on the recommendation of our members or the Board of Directors.

JCAW was established to create cooperation and friendship within the Washington, DC business community, and promoting exchange and understanding with American society through education, sports, and social activities. The focus of JCAW activities are as follows: 1) Members Networking Events, 2) Seminar Events, 3) Cultural Exchange Activities, 4) Community Relations Activities, and 5) Public Relations. Please see JCAW's website: <http://jcaw.org/main/>

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Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA)



JCIE/USA strengthens US-Japan relations and deepens international cooperation on global challenges facing our two countries. A NY-based nonprofit organization, it organizes leadership exchanges, sponsors policy dialogues, and builds ties among nonprofit organizations in the two countries. More than 1,000 Diet members, Congressional members, and other political leaders have traveled on its US-Japan exchanges, and JCIE also catalyzes international cooperation on issues such as global health, democracy support, and humanitarian responses. It works in close partnership with JCIE/Japan in Tokyo, one of the country's top international affairs institutes.

Ongoing and Future Programs:

US-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program

- September 17-21—Joint Diet member/policy expert visit to Washington DC on US-Japan cooperation on democracy support

US Congressional Staff Exchange Program in Japan

- May 2020—Congressional Staff delegation to Japan (tbc)

US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program

- November 16-26—US state & local legislator delegation to Japan

Expanding Support for Democratic Governance

Study and dialogue program that explores how Japan can work with the US and others to support democratic institutions and norms.

- February 2019—Democracy for the Future Launch Conference (Tokyo)

Friends of the Global Fund, Japan (FGFJ)

Initiative encouraging support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including activities leveraging US-Japan ties.

- August 28—FGFJ Diet Task Force Meeting w/ Global Fund Executive Director (Tokyo)

Global Health and Human Security Program

High-level dialogue and conference program that elevates global health in Japan's foreign policy and broadens international cooperation.

- August 28—Diet Member Global Health Roundtable with Global Financing Facility (GFF) Director Muhammad Pate (Tokyo)
- August 29 —TICAD Side Event: “Achieving Sustainable Financing for Health in Africa” w/ Rwandan President Kagame & others (Tokyo)
- September 24—High-Level Roundtable (tbc)--Next steps on UHC: Moving forward from the G20 and UHC-HLM (New York)

Healthy and Active Aging in Asia

Initiative to promote regional cooperation on aging-related challenges in Asia, identify innovative approaches and share policy lessons. (www.ahwin.org)

- August 29—TICAD Side Event: Toward Population Aging in Africa (Tokyo)
- February 2020—1st AHWIN Forum

Other Programs:

US-Japan Philanthropy Program, US-Japan Journalism Fellowship, US-Japan Women Leaders Program

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The Japan Foundation, New York; The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP)



CGP's mission is to promote international cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and other countries, by providing assistance for Arts & Cultural Exchange; Japanese Studies; Intellectual Exchange; and Grassroots Exchange & Education programs in the U.S.

Ongoing Grant Programs

1. CGP Grassroots Exchange & Education

- **Regular Grant Grassroots Program:** Supports non-profit organizations in the U.S. to establish national and/or regional networks, capacity building, and innovative program development for U.S.-Japan exchange and outreach. Grants are capped at \$30,000/yr. Application deadline: (tentative) **December 1** (annually).
- **Grassroots Exchange Discretionary Grant:** Aims to create new networks and strengthen existing networks between non-profit organizations and citizens groups in the U.S. and Japan around common social issues. Up to \$10,000/yr. **Rolling deadline.**
- **Education Grant:** Supports teacher training, curriculum development and community outreach efforts on Japan addressing the needs of K-12 students, teachers and the larger community. Up to \$5,000/yr. **Rolling deadline.**
- **Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI):** Fosters a grassroots understanding about Japan by dispatching Japanese nationals to volunteer in communities (primarily in the South and Midwest) in the U.S. as cultural exchange coordinators. Please visit the Laurasian Institution website (www.laurasian.org) for information on the application process to become a U.S. host organization.

2. Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

- **JFNY Grant for Japanese Studies:** Supports projects that will enhance and deepen an understanding of Japan through academic exploration in the fields of humanities and social sciences. Up to \$5,000/yr. **Rolling deadline.**
- **Japanese Studies Institutional Project Support (IPS) – Small Program:** Helps academic institutions maintain and advance the infrastructural scale of Japanese Studies in the U.S. Up to \$25,000/yr. Application deadline: **November 1** (annually).
- **CGP: Regular Grant Intellectual Exchange Program:** Supports institutions conducting Japan-U.S. collaborative projects that explore policy issues of concern to Japan and the U.S. Grants are capped at \$30,000/yr. Application Deadline: (tentative) **December 1** (annually).
- **CGP: Intellectual Exchange Discretionary Grant:** Supports one-time conferences, workshops, etc. that explore policy issues relevant to Japan and the U.S. Up to \$10,000/yr. **Rolling deadline.**

3. Arts and Cultural Exchange

- Supports are provided for projects that will further understanding of Japanese arts and culture, or Japan-U.S. collaborative projects through arts and culture.

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Featured Programs

- **GEN-J:** Established in 2018, the purpose of this program is to deepen understanding about Japan and Japanese-language on the grassroots level in Southern and Midwestern states with limited opportunities for cultural exchange with Japan. It will be accomplished by strengthening collaboration between Japanese companies operating in the U.S. and these local communities. The program consists of three parts: 1) The dispatch of Grassroots Exchange Facilitators/Japanese Language Supporters to key organizations where they will work to deepen the understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship, 2) The invitation of local community delegations and teacher/student groups to Japan, 3) Grants for Japanese-language related projects.
- **Abe Fellowship:** Support individual, policy-relevant, comparative and transnational research projects, co-organized with Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Application deadline: September 1 (annually).
- **U.S.-Japan Network for the Future:** Identify and support professionals who demonstrate an interest in and potential for becoming japan specialists and policy experts based in US through a two-year program of workshops and study tours, co-organized with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation since 2009.

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)



日本学術振興会
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities by disbursing research grants, fostering the next generation of scientists, promoting international scientific collaboration, and advancing university reform.

Expanding and enhancing international collaboration is one of the most important elements in JSPS's effect to advance science. From this point of view, JSPS has established a total of 10 overseas offices in 9 countries. JSPS Washington Office was founded in 1990 to promote international scientific collaboration mainly with the U.S. and Canada.

Research Fellowships

- Support to JSPS-US alumni activities – JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan

Other Programs

- 25th Science in Japan Forum (June 2020)
- Summer Program for the U.S. graduate students

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Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC)



The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission was established as an independent federal government agency by the United States Congress in 1975 (P.L. 94-118) to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through educational, cultural, and intellectual exchange. It administers a U.S. government trust fund that originated in connection with the return to the Japanese government of certain U.S. facilities in Okinawa and for postwar U.S. assistance to Japan.

As a grant-making agency, the Commission supports research, education, public affairs and exchange with Japan. Its mission is to support reciprocal people-to-people understanding, and promote partnerships that advance common interests between Japan and the United States.

Institutional Grants

The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission is the chief instrument of the United States Government for maintaining expertise on Japan throughout U.S. academic and professional institutions. In this capacity, the Commission serves to make grants, and operates its institutional grant-making activities in four areas: **Exchanges and Scholarship, Global Challenges, Arts and Culture,** and **Education and Public Affairs.** Applications are open to organizations with projects that address U.S.-Japan relations, Japan studies, undergraduate or graduate student/faculty exchanges with Japan, professional exchanges, public affairs, global challenges, or the arts. The Commission's next grant deadline is July 1, 2020.

U.S.-Japan Creative Artists Fellowships

The Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) have worked with the Agency for Cultural Affairs in Japan and the International House of Japan (I-House) to organize the United States-Japan Creative Artists' Program. Each year five leading U.S.-based artists, representing all genres, are selected from the United States and are provided funding to spend three to five months in Japan. Since 1978, 160 U.S. artists, representing a diverse range of disciplines, have been selected to travel to Japan for this residency. Artists go as seekers, as cultural visionaries, and as living liaisons to the traditional and contemporary cultural life of Japan. They also go as connectors who share knowledge and bring back knowledge. Their interaction with the Japanese public and the outlook they bring home provide exceptional opportunities to promote cultural understanding between the United States and Japan.

JUSFC-NEH Social Science Fellowships

The Fellowship Program for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan is a joint activity of the Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Awards support research on modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and U.S.-Japan relations. The program encourages innovative research that puts these subjects in wider regional and global contexts and is comparative and contemporary in nature. The research contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of issues of concern to Japan and the United States from a variety of disciplines such as: anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology.

Arts Japan 2020



As we approach the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, Arts Japan 2020 will be a recognizable, developed and strategic effort to highlight Japanese arts and culture in the United States. This program will encompass four functions: 1) Collect information on Japan-related cultural programming across the United States; 2) Brand programming with the campaign name and logo; 3) Disseminate information about the branded Japan-related cultural programming via social and traditional media, including a dedicated website; and 4) Encourage organizations across the United States to develop Japan-related programming to include in the campaign. Arts Japan 2020 <https://www.artsjapan.us/>

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Kizuna Across Cultures (KAC)



We seek to make a long-term impact at a grassroots level to inspire youth to become global citizens who go beyond their communities to contribute to world peace and prosperity, as well as help solve global issues. We do this by fostering mutual understanding of the differences in cultures and values and helping them learn to express themselves and their own culture using the existing ICT systems in schools.

- **Global Classmates** (every September – February) is the virtual cultural & language exchange program that pairs high school Japanese and English language classes from around the U.S. and Japan. For the 2019-20 program, 70 schools (35 schools from each country) with an estimated 1,800 students in total will participate. On a weekly basis, students will exchange comments, photos and videos on various topics on a Facebook-like platform.
- **Global Classmates Summit** (every late July – early August) selects a handful of outstanding students who participated in the previous year's Global Classmates program (above) and brings them together in Washington, DC for in-person dialogue and collaboration. During the ten-day Summit, the students live under the same roof and participate in various activities ranging from teambuilding exercises to meeting international leaders and experts. At the end of the program, participants reflect on what they have learned, and as young leaders share their thoughts on building a positive future for US-Japan relations and the broader international community.

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The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation



The Mansfield Foundation promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals, and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, and publications, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia.

- **Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program**

(The 24th group of Mansfield Fellows is currently completing their language immersion program and will begin placements in Tokyo in September. Recruitment deadline for the 25th group is October 28.)

- **Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Thomas S. Foley Legislative Exchange** (The Foundation hosted legislators from Japan, Korea, and the United States in Washington in July, and plans to bring a delegation of U.S. House of Representatives members to Japan in early 2020.)
- **U.S.-Japan Network for the Future** (Cohort 5 of the Network for the Future will hold a retreat in Montana September 28-30, be in Washington January 6-10 2020, and conduct a study trip to Japan June 7-13, 2020.)
- **Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars Program** (The seventh group of Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars will visit the U.S. in September 8-21.)

Informing and Engaging Opinion Leaders and the Public

- Capitol Hill Asia Policy Dialogues
- Policy Roundtables

Advancing Policy through Working Groups

- Korea-U.S.-Japan Dialogue on Nuclear Spent Fuel Strategies (Recommendations will be published in early 2020.)
- Mansfield- CIIS Forum on Northeast Asia Peace, Security and Cooperation (Third meeting of the forum is scheduled to take place in Tokyo in spring 2020.)
- U.S.-Japan Space Forum (Next meeting will be in Washington September 24.)

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NAFSA: Association of International Educators



NAFSA is the largest and most comprehensive association of professionals committed to advancing international higher education. Based in the United States, we provide programs, products, services, and a physical and virtual meeting space for the worldwide community of international educators. The association provides leadership to its varied constituencies through establishing principles of good practice and providing professional development opportunities. NAFSA encourages networking among professionals, convenes conferences and collaborative dialogues, and promotes research and knowledge creation to strengthen and serve the field. We lead the way in advocating for a better world through international education. NAFSA aspires to an environment in which every student and scholar seeking the benefits of international education finds a path, and every institution of higher education integrates international perspectives into its teaching, research, and service missions. We aspire to enlightened international relations, a globally engaged citizenry, and a more peaceful world.

[Japan Specific Interest Group](#) (est. 1988) – Year-round

[Learning and Training](#) – Year-round

[Publications](#) – Year-round

[NAFSA 2019 Regional Conferences](#) – Fall 2019

[NAFSA Research Symposium](#) – November 22, 2019

[Advocacy Day](#) – March 16-17, 2020

[NAFSA 2020 Annual Conference & Expo](#) – May 24-29, 2020

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Join us for the [NAFSA 2020 Annual Conference & Expo](#) in St. Louis, MO on May 24-29, 2020.

The theme of the conference is *Innovate, Influence, Impact*. The call for session and workshop proposals is open till August 21, 2019. The call for poster proposals is open till December 11, 2019.

National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS)



The mission of the National Association of Japan-America Societies is to strengthen cooperation and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States by providing programs, services, and information to and

facilitating cooperation among its member societies throughout North America.

NAJAS Function: NAJAS provide support and Japan-related programming to 38 Japan-America Societies located in the U.S. and Canada. Locally funded and managed, our members promote mutual understanding between Japan and the United States in their home areas.

Current Programs & Events:

- Richard J. Wood Art Curator Series: 5 programs featuring talks by curators of Japanese art collections at major America museums, organized by Japan-America Societies.
- Japan Currents series: 4 public affairs programs focusing on the U.S.-Japan relationship to be held at Japan-America Societies.
- Geostrategy in the Grassroots series: 5 programs focusing on the strategic challenge faced by Japan and the U.S. in East Asia
- NAJAS/KKC Business Speaker Series: 5 programs focusing on investments by Japanese companies in the U.S., to be hosted by Japan-America Societies.
- TOMODACHI/NAJAS Youth Exchange Programs; 2 high school age exchange programs, organized by Japan- America Societies and partners in Japan.
- Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP): 8 events honoring the service of Americans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, held at Japan-America Societies.

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North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC)



The North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) works to expand and improve access to library resources and other forms of information about Japan within the existing framework of North American library collections, through grant programs, and by working with collaborating organizations in North America, Japan and elsewhere. The overarching goal of the NCC is to mobilize the resources of information providers, information users, and funding organizations in order to collaboratively develop comprehensive access to Japanese information in as wide a range of fields as possible - in the humanities, social sciences, and throughout the professional fields - for all current and potential users.

The NCC serves as a strong representative voice for institutions and individuals (including those with limited or no direct library access to Japanese materials) and its activities are carried out by the pro bono efforts of representatives of a range of libraries and institutions in the field of Japanese studies. The NCC works to provide two-way coordination between North American libraries and funding agencies; and to develop closer collaborations between North American and Japanese libraries, their staffs, and their users.

All of NCC's programming is ongoing and is accessible on our website: www.nccjapan.org
We are currently putting particular efforts into digitization and discoverability of Japanese collections in the United States and making information about Japan accessible to researchers and Japan scholars throughout North America.

Comprehensive Digitization and Discoverability Pilot Program:

<https://guides.nccjapan.org/mvs/newproject>

Outreach Working Group: <https://guides.nccjapan.org/outreach>

But we also offer many other resources for researchers, such as our Research Access Guides, Image Use Protocol, and (coming soon!) our Digital Resources Database.

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Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA



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Sasakawa USA is dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations through education, programs, and research.

- The **Sasakawa USA/USJETAA Mini-Grant Program** is a competitive mini-grant program supporting the JET Alumni Associations (JETAAs) chapters and subchapters within the United States to organize activities that contribute to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations. The program is intended to help chapters strengthen the JET alumni network and elevate their leadership role in their local U.S.-Japan community. This year's first application cycle has closed with selected chapters expected to hold their events between **August - December 2019**. Contact jchampaloux@spfusa.org
- The **Japan U.S. Military Program (JUMP)** connects past and present service members, families, and government civilians who have served in Japan. JUMP is a collaborative effort between Sasakawa USA, the *Embassy of Japan in the United States*, and the *National Association of Japan-America Societies*. The next JUMP event will be held in Seattle on **September 8, 2019**. Contact crodeaman@spfusa.org
- The **Alliance Working in America (TAWA) Program** is held outside of Washington, D.C. to connect with U.S. regional leaders on the importance of the U.S.-Japan relations to U.S. national and regional interests. The program consists of a series of activities including public forums, private discussions with local government, media, and businesses, and visits to local universities. The next program will be organized in **Minneapolis, MN** from **September 16-19** with *Global Minnesota* and *the World Affairs Councils of America*. Contact kkato@spfusa.org
- The **Congressional Staff Program on Asia (CSPA)**, administered by the East-West Center in Washington, is a bipartisan educational certificate program for a group of Congressional staffers to equip them with greater knowledge U.S. Asia policy and implications that will directly engage Congress. This semester-long certificate program consists of a weekly series of up to ten sessions on Capitol Hill from **September - October 2019**. Contact sdivakaruni@spfusa.org.
- The **Sasakawa USA In-Depth Alumni Research/Reporting Trip** provides selected alumni of Sasakawa USA programs with an opportunity to return to Japan to conduct research/reporting for a deeper understanding of common challenges in the U.S.-Japan relationship. This year's application will close on August 16, and the selected alumni will travel to Japan in **October or November 2019**. Contact jdoscher@spfusa.org.

- The **Sasakawa USA Emerging Experts Delegation (SEED) Program** invites a group of emerging U.S. policy experts in a selected field to improve their understanding of Japan and U.S.-Japan relations. The program consists of a week-long study trip to Japan combined with pre-trip briefings and post-trip publication, presentation, and networking opportunities. The next trip will be in **early December 2019** for experts at institutions strengthening democracy around the world, including National Endowment for Democracy, International Republican Institute, etc. Contact kkato@spfusa.org.

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U.S.-Asia Institute (USAI)

US-ASIA INSTITUTE | BUILDING UNDERSTANDING SINCE 1979 | Founded in 1979 by Esther G. Kee and the late Joji Konoshima, the US-Asia Institute is a private, United-Nations associated nongovernmental organization (NGO). It is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit devoted to improving understanding and strengthening ties between the people and governments of the United States and Asia. USAI is a nonpartisan, non-advocacy organization with no policy agenda. The US-Asia Institute works directly with 14 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. Through conferences, off-the-record briefings, people-to-people exchanges, and ongoing interaction at all levels, USAI has effectively built a bond of trust and mutual respect over the past 40 years and has succeeded in keeping channels for dialogue open. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the US-Asia Institute. USAI held a celebration with friends and partners on July 18th in Washington, DC, and will follow with celebrations in Beijing (August) and Singapore (October). In just a few weeks, USAI will convene 4 Congressional delegations in Beijing for a half-day forum. This group will meet with 6 additional delegations from like-minded organizations for a banquet in the Diaoyutai State Guest House with over 100 Congressional members and staff.

- **Japan-Korea Trilateral Relations Briefing**

In this briefing, Korea expert Dennis Halpin, Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS), and Japan expert Mindy Kotler, Asia Policy Point, discussed the dynamic relationship between Japan and South Korea. It was hosted in the Senate

Hart Office Building, and was attended by over 100 Congressional advisors.

- **Podcast Series *Asia Unscripted***

Asia Unscripted features diverse experts with firsthand knowledge of Asia, who introduce key stories of the day in 20-25 minutes. The series covers issues in East Asia and the Asia Pacific, and each episode focuses on a specific country, including China, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, and the 10 countries of ASEAN. The upcoming Japan episode is planned to be recorded in the next few weeks.

- **Other USAI Summer Programming**

I.e. China 101 briefing series, Congressional delegations, Thai American National Internship Program, Impact Mongolia Program.

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U.S. Department of State



The U.S. Department of State leads America's foreign policy through diplomacy, advocacy, and assistance by advancing the interests of the American people, their safety and economic prosperity.

Tomodachi-YSEALI Conference, December 12-15, 2019

This program, implemented by Cultural Vistas, aims to build an initial cohort of international leaders equipped to engage with colleagues throughout the Indo-Pacific region on issues of mutual concern, and leverage the connections developed during the conference/workshop to sustain communications between YSEALI and TOMODACHI youth leaders on the topic of resiliency.

Trilateral Conference on Women in STEM, mid-March 2020

As part of our U.S.-Japan-Republic of Korea trilateral cooperation on global issues, this forum will further advance our shared goals to empower women and girls around the world. In this one and a half day event, leaders from the public and private sector from the three countries will come together to exchange best practices in developing and sustaining future generations of women STEM leaders, including recruiting graduates in technical roles, mentorship, fostering women leaders in technical competencies in the STEM fields, and encouraging girls to pursue STEM education from an early age.

U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation (USJBF)



Created in 1998 by the United States-Japan Friendship Commission, the U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation (USJBF) is an independently operated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, designed to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through study abroad in Japan. Through the “Bridging Scholars,” we develop global leaders and cultivate a globally competent talent pipeline of the next generation’s workforce.

Bridging Scholars

In the past 20 years, we have supported 2,025 U.S. undergraduate students’ cultural and educational exchanges, providing opportunities for a diverse cross-section of young adults to develop global leadership and workforce skills that will deepen their understanding of Japan and strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship. The Bridging Scholars program provides a total of over \$7,200,00 in scholarship grants of \$2,500 to \$7,500 to help U.S. students—with academic merit and financial need—afford to study in Japan for a semester or academic year, and well as leadership development, mentoring, internship, and volunteer opportunities for students. Bridging Scholars represent every state in the U.S. and study for a semester or academic year in over 40 Japanese institutions—in prefectures from the north to the south—such as Akita, Tohoku, Hitotsubashi, Keio, Hiroshima, and Okinawa universities and many others.

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Upcoming Opportunities:

The next scholarship application deadline is October 10, 2019.

Please help us reach as many interested undergraduates, study abroad offices, Japanese and East Asian Studies faculty as possible. The online application and additional information is available at <https://www.bridgingfoundation.org/scholarship-program>

The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)



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. The panel members' policy recommendations work to ensure that the best of new ideas for cultural, educational and intellectual activity and exchange are implemented as operational programs. Established in 1961 to build stronger people-to-people ties between our two countries, CULCON has convened stakeholders in the U.S.-Japan relationship to encourage deeper cooperation in solving shared policy challenges, to develop better business practices, and to deepen the connections between civil society in the United States and Japan.

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U.S.-Japan Council



The U.S.-Japan Council develops and connects diverse leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship. Founded by Japanese Americans, the Council brings together leaders of the United States and Japan from across backgrounds, sectors, and generations to partner for a better future for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

2019

August 15 TOMODACHI J&J Disaster Nursing Program Reception* (Washington D.C.)

August 17 TOMODACHI Honda Global Leadership Program* (Ohio & Los Angeles)

August 26 California-Japan Governors' Symposium (Silicon Valley)

Sept. 8 TOMODACHI Generation Summit* (Tokyo)

Sept. 15-22 TOMODACHI Mitsui & Co. Leadership Program* (Silicon Valley & Washington D.C.)

November 4-5 U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA)

December 6-14 Asian American Leadership Delegation (Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka)

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March Japanese American Leadership Delegation (TBD)

May 4-6 Japan-Michigan Economic Summit (TBD city in MI)

Nov. 20-21 U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference (Chicago, IL)

An asterisk () indicates TOMODACHI Initiative programs*

HIGHLIGHTS

California-Japan Governors' Symposium

As part of U.S.-Japan Council's Governors' Circle initiative, governors and business delegations from Japan will gather for a one-day symposium in Silicon Valley to discuss strategic ways to strengthen regional economic cooperation and business development between Silicon Valley and Japan.

TOMODACHI Generation Summit 2019

This yearly event brings together TOMODACHI Alumni both domestic and international, and from different industries and sectors to discuss the current status and future of U.S.-Japan relations and ways the next generation can prepare for and contribute to this future together, as well as to celebrate the impact of the TOMODACHI Initiative. Register Now: <https://tomosummit2019.peatix.com/>

US-Japan Council 2019 Annual Conference

"BOLD IDEAS, BOLDER LEADERSHIP: THE NEXT STAGE OF U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS"

Register Now! <http://bit.ly/2019USJCAC>

Speakers:

Kazuo Hirai (*Senior Advisor*, Sony Corporation)

John V. Roos (*Partner*, Geodesic Capital)

Michigan Economic Summit

Takeshi Uchiyamada (*Chairman, Toyota Motor Corporation*)

Amy Webb (*Founder & CEO, Future Today Institute*)

The Japan-Michigan Economic Summit will bring together business leaders, investors, state and local officials, and economic development organizations from across Michigan and Japan.

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, INTERNSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL INTERNSHIP (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

The U.S.-Japan Council is always looking for interns for our Washington, D.C. office. The intern provides support for programs, communications and development on a part-time or full-time basis. This is an excellent internship for those hoping to gain experience in the programmatic, digital and strategic marketing and/or nonprofit development fields. USJC's internship program offers outstanding opportunities for college students, graduate students and graduates who are interested in U.S.-Japan relations. All internships are unpaid. We seek interns who can work full-time at least three days a week for a minimum of eight (8) weeks.

For guidelines and application instructions – http://www.usjapancouncil.org/washington_dc_intern

U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL WATANABE STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

The U.S.-Japan Council's Toshizo Watanabe Endowed Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to undergraduate/ graduate students for a semester, year-long or degree-seeking, international study in either the United States or Japan. The scholarship supports up to the full cost of attendance for international study at an institution of the applicant's choice. The scholarship program grants awards to recipients in amounts determined by financial need, leadership potential as well as other qualifications. 2019-20 marks the second year supporting American students studying in Japan, and the fourth year for Japanese studying abroad in the United States. The application opens in early January and closes in mid-February annually for those planning international study in the upcoming September – May academic year.

For more information about eligibility – http://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe_scholarship

KAKEHASHI INOUE SCHOLARS PROGRAM in collaboration with the TOMODACHI Initiative

The TOMODACHI Inouye Scholars Program is a unique 10-day youth exchange that provides 150 American and Japanese university students (75 American and 75 Japanese) an opportunity to learn about each other's countries and cultures. Three selected universities in the United States will collaborate with a Japanese university to facilitate the exchanges. To honor the life and legacy of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida at the U.S.-Japan Council's Symposium in Tokyo established these exchanges in 2013. A unique feature of the TOMODACHI Inouye Scholars Program is that it offers participants an opportunity to learn about Senator Daniel K. Inouye. A portion of the activities during the exchange will introduce scholars to Senator Inouye's contributions to his state, country, heritage, and to the U.S.-Japan relationship. Participants return to their schools inspired by his commitment to public service, justice, and U.S.-Japan cooperation. ***We are currently looking for U.S. schools to participate in this year's program. If you are interested or wish to discuss this opportunity please contact Mya Fisher (mfisher@usjapancouncil.org) by Aug 31, 2019.***

TOMODACHI METLIFE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In 2013, the TOMODACHI Initiative in partnership with MetLife Japan launched the TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program (TMWLP) to develop the next generation of global female leaders. TMWLP provides Japanese female university students with over 10 months of leadership development training and one-on-one mentoring from mid-career professional women. From 2013 to 2019, a total of 538 women (269 mentors and 269 mentees) have participated in TMWLP across five cities in Japan, including Tokyo, Osaka, Naha, Fukuoka, and Sapporo. Guided by five core leadership competencies (self-awareness, collaboration, pay-it-forward, global perspective, and resilience), the participants acquire skills and the confidence to become future leaders while building broad networks through training in Japan and in the United States. For more information – http://bit.ly/TOMODACHI_MWLP

TOMODACHI SUMITOMO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Endorsing the spirit of the TOMODACHI Initiative, Sumitomo Corporation have launched a university-level scholarship program in 2014 to support exchange students between the United States and Japan. The TOMODACHI Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship Program assists high-achieving Japanese university students with financial need to enable them to study abroad for one year in the United States. Sumitomo Corporation's support is aimed at helping to develop globally-minded young leaders who will serve as active bridges between Japan and the United States. For more information – <http://usjapantomodachi.org/programs-activities/tomodachi-sumitomo-corporation-scholarship-fund/>

TOMODACHI INTERNSHIP (TOKYO)

The TOMODACHI Initiative is always in need of unpaid interns for our office in Tokyo. TOMODACHI offers an exciting environment for interns to be exposed to non-profit, corporate, and government fields. Responsibilities for past interns have included creating and drafting documents, translations, website management, social media management, newsletter distribution, public speaking, communication with program participants, designing presentations and posters, and event planning. For guidelines and application instructions – <http://usjapantomodachi.org/get-involved/opportunities/>

U.S.- Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA)



The mission of USJETAA is to strengthen the alumni network of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme in order to further U.S.-Japan relations. USJETAA provides support and resources for the 19 alumni chapters and more than 34,000 individual alumni throughout the United States, enabling alumni to contribute to the greater U.S.-Japan relationship and ‘bring Japan home’ by fostering understanding of Japanese culture in the

United States.

Annual Programs:

The Webinar Series: Ongoing

USJETAA provides monthly webinars on topics relevant to the JETAA chapters and individual alumni. Chapter webinars focus on leadership and organizational support, while alumni webinars focus on professional development. Each webinar includes one to three speakers with expertise in the topic. The Japan Foundation CGP and CLAIR fund this program.

JETAA Chapter Grant Program: May 2019 – March 2020

This program provides JETAA chapters and subchapters with funding for programs on U.S.-Japan relations. With this grant, chapters have promoted Japanese culture in local communities. These programs highlight the expertise of JET alumni. The Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA funds this program.

The Microgrant Initiative for American JET's: August 2019 – July 2020

This program provides small grants to U.S. assistant language teachers working in Japan on the JET Programme for projects that introduce American culture and English language to students in their classrooms and the local community. The U.S. Embassy Tokyo funds this program.

The Chapter Leadership Program: August 2019 – March 2020

This program funds visits from the USJETAA Executive Director and members of the USJETAA Board of Directors to JETAA chapters for leadership workshops that support chapter development and best practices. CLAIR funds this program.

Japan Matters for America Contributor Program: Applications in November and April

Articles by JET alumni contributors are posted on the *Japan Matters for America* website to highlight the importance of people to people exchange and help increase Americans' understanding of the Japanese culture, economy, language and society. The East-West Center provides authors with a stipend upon publication.

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