

	CULCON	JUSFC
	U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange	Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
Mission Statement	<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">1. Arts and Culture2. Education and Public Affairs3. Exchanges and Scholarship4. Global Challenges
Legal Status	<p>Binational advisory panel to U.S. and Japanese governments; U.S. CULCON Secretariat staffed and administered by JUSFC; Japan CULCON Secretariat staffed and administered by the Japan Foundation.</p>	<p>Independent U.S. federal agency</p>
Foundational Basis	<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)</p> <p>22 USC §2901-2909</p>
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Membership	<p>U.S. CULCON Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 private sector members• 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) (Total: 12 members) <p>Japan CULCON Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 private sector members• 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) (Total: 12 members)	<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">• Senators (2)• Members of House of Representatives (2)• Chair, National Endowment for the Arts• Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities (Total: 18 members)
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-annual U.S. CULCON Panel meetings coincide with JUSFC business meetings• Japan CULCON Panel meetings 2-3 times/year (no set schedule)• Plenary sessions on biannual basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual grant-making meeting in September• Semi-annual business meetings in April and September
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