

2016 Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Program

Purpose of the program

The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (the Sylff) Program is intended for graduate students of major universities around the world. It aims to nurture leaders who possess global as well as local perspectives.

The Sylff Program is a joint effort by The Nippon Foundation and the Tokyo Foundation; the former presents the fellowship endowments and the latter operates the Program. The Program is unique in that each Sylff endowed institution utilizes annual proceeds from its endowment and establishes its own steering committee to decide on the implementation of the fellowship program, rather than having the Foundation award the fellowship directly to each student. Currently there are 69 Sylff endowed universities and consortia in 44 countries, with about 15,000 Sylff fellowships awarded. Moreover, there are additional programs for the Sylff fellows who are particularly enthusiastic in research, highly motivated, and willing to participate in activities contributing to society. These include, for example, an award to visit other Sylff institutions abroad for short-term research, an award to support social action projects or forums/conferences/workshops, and opportunities for networking through Sylff-exclusive social networking site.

For more details, please refer to the Sylff website: <http://www.sylff.org/>.

Application eligibility

- 1) Regular students who are enrolled in a master's, professional or doctoral program at Waseda University and who will be continuously enrolled at Waseda during the period of the Sylff program.
- 2) Those who intend to proactively deal with issues in the Asia Pacific region, such as economic development, social systems, human rights, environment, information and cross-cultural understanding, and those who have the qualifications to be leaders in



such fields in the future.

- 3) Students who will be studying abroad during the period of the fellowship are NOT eligible.
- 4) Combining the Sylff fund with some other research fund which is applied and adopted on the basis of same research subject is not permissible in principle.
- 5) Applicants under 36 years old as of April 1, 2016 are given priority in principle.

Period of research: from June 2016 to November 2017 (from June 2016 to March 2017 for students whose last year will be fiscal 2016)

Amount of supply: 10,000 US dollars per person in principle (in one lump sum payment).

Planned number of fellows: One to two graduate students.

Selection method: Documentation examination and subsequent interview (for those who passed the documentation examination) in June.

Application documentation: Applicants must prepare the documents listed below and submit them to their graduate school administrative office:

- 1) Resume
- 2) Research plan outline (must be provided in a prescribed form which can be downloaded from the Research Promotion Division website)
- 3) Research plan (including use of funds, approx. 2,000 words on A4 paper in horizontal format, using MS word processor)
- 4) Research achievement list (must be provided in a prescribed form which can be downloaded from the Research Promotion Division website)
- 5) Transcripts from undergraduate and graduate schools
- 6) A letter of recommendation from a supervisor (on a prescribed form in a SEALED envelope)
- 7) An essay on an issue in the Asia Pacific region, including economic development, social systems, human rights, environment, information and cross-cultural understanding (a Master's degree thesis might be acceptable).



Note 1: All applicants must submit 1) to 6). Applicants who submit 7) shall also submit the essay.

Note 2: Information on the Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Program in the Research Promotion Division website: <http://www.waseda.jp/rps/yl/sinsei.html>

Submission deadline: not later than Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (strictly observed)

Decision: Early June 2016 (planned)

Fellowship awarding ceremony: Mid June 2016 (planned)

Accomplishment report: Those who have been selected for the program are required to present their research outcomes twice (interim and final) and submit a research report.

Destination of the submission of application documents:

The office of the Graduate School of Political Science/Economics (10th Fl., Bldg. No.3)

Inquiries to:

Graduate School of Political Science (gsps-office@list.waseda.jp)

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