

## Fellowship, Scholarship and Conferences Advising



In order to support the professional and educational development of our members, the Yokosuka Council on Asia Pacific Studies would like to highlight several fellowships and professional development programs that some of our members have experience with. If you have questions about any of these programs or would like advice on applying to a particular fellowship, please contact [info@ycaps.org](mailto:info@ycaps.org) and we will connect you with YCAPS alumni of that program.

### **Boren Awards**

Eligibility: American citizens; current graduate and undergraduate students

The Boren Awards provide up to \$24,000 for 12 weeks to 1 year of overseas study, during which time students study languages critical to US interests and topics related to US national security. In exchange for funding, Boren Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. In return, Boren alumni are given hiring priority in federal hiring processes.

<https://www.borenawards.org/>

### **Council on Foreign Relations, International Affairs Fellow in Japan**

Eligibility: U.S. citizen; mid-career professional with strong record of professional achievement, bachelor's degree.

The International Affairs Fellowship (IAF) in Japan, sponsored by Hitachi, Ltd., seeks to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between the rising generations of leaders in the United States and Japan. The program provides a select group of mid-career professionals the opportunity to carry out research while affiliated with appropriate institutions in Japan, and to establish long-term professional and personal ties through their activities. Fellows are drawn from academia, business, government, media, NGOs, and think tanks. In cooperation with CFR, the program's sponsor, Hitachi, Ltd., assists fellows in finding suitable host organizations in Japan. A nonexclusive list of cooperating institutions in Japan can be found below.

<https://www.cfr.org/fellowships/international-affairs-fellowship-japan>

### **Next Generation Roundtable in Tokyo**

Eligibility: U.S. and Japanese citizens under 40.

The Next Generation Roundtable in Tokyo (NGRT) is a new program developed by the America-Japan Society (AJS) to create opportunities for young Japanese and Americans to meet, discuss issues of interest in English, and advance their professional

networks.

The NGRT will meet once a month (first meeting will be 25 Oct 2017) at the Roppongi Hills Club on a weeknight from 19:30 to 21:00. Each meeting will involve recognized experts and the off-the-record discussions will address issues such as politics, diplomacy, security, economics, environmental issues, and cultural relations. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. NGRT participation cost 10,000 yen per year, with 5,000 YEN covered by AJS.

YCAPS is privileged to nominate participants to NGRT. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that one or two YCAPS members will be named “YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows” for the 2016-2017 cohort. YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows will have their participation fully funded by AJS and YCAPS. Fellows will be expected to attend all 12 meetings, or, when they must be absent, send a representative in their place.

To be considered for the to be a YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows or NGRT participant, please send a 1-2 page c.v. and short statement (no more than 400 words) describing why you would like to join these events to [info@ycaps.org](mailto:info@ycaps.org) before 31 August 2017.

### **Rotary Peace Fellowship**

Eligibility: English language proficiency; at least 3-5 years of professional experience

Rotary Peace Fellows pursue master’s degree programs or professional development certificate programs at one of the Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world. This fellowship aims to foster leaders for peace and conflict prevention through sponsoring tuition, room and board, travel, and other related expenses for fellows’ graduate studies.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

### **Olmsted Scholars**

Eligibility: Active-duty US military officers with 3-11 years of active service

The Olmsted Scholar Program is a fully-funded, two-and-a-half to three-year graduate study program for military officers at a foreign university and taught in a foreign language. The program encourages cultural immersion and extensive travel for scholars.

<http://www.olmstedfoundation.org>

### **Young Leaders Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies Pacific Forum**

Eligibility: Age 25-35; bachelor’s degree and work experience, or masters/PhD experience

The Young Leaders Program provides individuals with access to the 25+ conferences that the Pacific Forum CSIS conducts each year, and gives Young Leaders opportunities to publish to the Pacific Forum’s distribution list. Through the program, Young Leaders have

opportunities to build networks, observe the foreign policy making process for the Asia-Pacific region, and voice their opinions.

<https://www.csis.org/programs/pacific-forum-csis/programs/young-leaders-program>

### **Young Strategists Forum, German Marshall Fund**

Eligibility: Age 25-40

The Young Strategists Forum, held annually in Tokyo, seeks to develop a new generation of strategic thinkers for an age of constrained resources and mounting international challenges. It is a vibrant program centered on the theme of the U.S.-Japan alliance and security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific. The program involves a seminar on Asian geopolitics, a 36-hour simulation exercise, meetings with policy makers, diplomats, senior journalists and leading academics in Tokyo, and a study tour to a military facility.

<http://www.gmfus.org/forum/young-strategists-forum>

Note: YCAPS cannot guarantee admission into any of these programs. However, members are happy to answer questions and offer advice on the application process.