



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 and we will connect you with YCAPS alumni of that program. In some cases you will apply via YCAPS. In others, we can endorse the applications of active members. In all cases, our active membership include alumni of these programs who can assist with providing information and coaching applications.

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. Past YCAPS Vice-President Jenne Lindeke Heavenrich studied in Japan under a Boren Award.

<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. YCAPS Special Advisor Annette Bradford completed a CFR International Affairs Fellowship. A nonexclusive list of cooperating institutions in Japan can be found below.

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

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program

Eligibility: Mid-level career U.S. government employees (includes uniformed service-members); must be able to return for at least 2 years of government service following the fellowship

The Mansfield Fellowship is a prestigious, one-year fellowship offering unmatched access to the learning opportunities within the Japanese government. Fellows begin the program with a seven-week home-stay in Kanzawa, Ishikawa prefecture, where they take daily language lessons and experience cultural immersion prior to beginning placements within Japanese government offices. Placements usually range from one-week to six months, totaling for about 10.5 months of work in the Japanese government. Language capability is not required but is preferred. Applicants should have a clear vision of where they want to work in the Japanese government and why.

Applications open in the Summer. There is an initial cut of applicants down to about 15 who are invited to the Mansfield Foundation's D.C. office (transportation provided) for an interview and group performance evaluation. Successful applicants are usually announced in December. Applicants must also apply through their home organization and YCAPS can help Navy candidates find the proper points of contact. For more information on the fellowship, visit the website here: <https://mansfieldfellows.org/>

Next Generation Roundtable in Tokyo

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

The Next Generation Roundtable in Tokyo (NGRT) is a program sponsored 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 meets 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 was privileged to have arranged for Joseph Le and Thomas Lattazanio to named as “YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows” for the 2017-2019 cohort. YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows will have their participation fully funded by AJS and YCAPS. Fellows are expected to attend all 12 meetings, or, when they must be absent, send a qualified representative in their place.

The 2018-2020 NGRT cohort will be selected in late summer/early autumn 2018. YCAPS anticipates being able to fund one new “YCAPS Tokyo Next Generation Fellows” so interested individuals should contact YCAPS via info@YCAPS.org.

Olmsted Scholarship

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. YCAPS President John Bradford was an Olmsted Scholar studying in Southeast Asia.

<http://www.olmstedfoundation.org>

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. Several YCAPS members have experience with this fellowship.

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

U.S.-Japan Council Emerging Leaders Program

Eligibility: Japanese-Americans age 24-35 (at the time of the Conference); must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

The U.S.-Japan Council (USJC) is an organization dedicated to bridging ties between the United States and Japan, while maintaining a strong focus on Japanese-American community. The USJC's Emerging Leaders Program is an annual program that invites 12 young Japanese-American professionals to attend the USJC's annual conference (typically in November) and enjoy private mentorship and networking sessions. Travel, meals, lodging, conference fees, and USJC membership are all provided. YCAPS Special Advisor Mike Bosack attended the program in 2015 and found it to be invaluable for professional development and for expanding a network of contacts. The mentorship sessions and conference offered a broad perspective on various subject areas in the public and private sectors including Silicon Valley tech, Governance, Business, the Entertainment industry, and International Relations, among others.

The Deadline for applying is 15 July 2018. Additional information about the program and the online application form can be found [here](#).

U.S.-Japan Leadership Program

Eligibility: U.S. and Japanese citizens ages 28-42

The [U.S.-Japan Leadership Program](#) (USJLP) seeks to create a network of talented and diverse young American and Japanese leaders brought together to foster dialogue, friendship and understanding between the two countries. All members hold US or Japanese citizenship, enter the Program between the ages of 28-42 and have demonstrated leadership in their respective fields. Membership requires a commitment to participate in two consecutive summer conferences as a Delegate (2018 in Seattle and 2019 in Japan), and the intent to remain active in the Program as a Fellow (alumnus). Several YCAPS members have participated in this program in the past and found it to be an invaluable experience. More information is available on the program website. Members seeking a YCAPS endorsement of their application should send a current resume or CV (no more than 2 pages) and a personal statement of two to three pages by the candidate explaining the following: 1) how you have been, are, or will be a leader in your field; 2) your reasons for wanting to participate in USJLP; 3) how you might contribute as a Delegate (participant) and as a Fellow (an alumnus) to info@YCAPS.org by 10 Dec. [Applications are typically due to the USJLP](#) in early January each year.

Young Leaders Program, 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. YCAPS Special Advisor Annette Bradford and Mike Bosack were both Young Leaders.

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

Young Strategists Forum, German Marshall Fund

Eligibility: Age 25-40

The [German Marshall Fund \(GMF\) Young Strategists Forum](#) was held in Tokyo 28 Jan-1 Feb 2018 and the next is anticipated for early 2019. The Young Strategists Forum assembles annually seeks to develop a new generation of strategic thinkers for an age of constrained resources and mounting international challenges. Since the inaugural Young Strategists Forum, held in Japan in March 2012, GMF has built 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 policymakers, diplomats, senior journalists and leading academics in Tokyo,

and a study tour to a military facility. In 2017, YCAPS Treasurer Christina Wong was selected for the program and can attest to the exceptional value of this program.

YCAPS will nominate 1 or 2 members for participation in the 2019 Young Strategist. Members seeking a YCAPS endorsement of their application should send their current resume or CV and a personal statement of no more than 750 words explaining the reasons for [their application](#) and how they will contribute to and benefit from the Forum to info@YCAPS.org no later than 20 Oct 2018. More information check: <http://www.gmfus.org/forum/young-strategists-forum>

Note: YCAPS typically cannot guarantee admission into any of these programs. Our members stand ready to answer questions; offer advice; and, when appropriate endorse applications. The YCAPS endorsement and assistance program has a very high success rate (nearly 100% thus far) when sponsoring members' applications for these and other professional development programs.