



Sylff

Association

For Sylff fellows,

The greatest rewards are contributing to and sharing the happiness of others,

Seeing the light in people's eyes when intolerance gives way to understanding,

When the doors that had been closed open to new opportunities and a better future.

The Sylff Association supports fellows committed to taking the small steps that can make a big difference in people's lives. Make use of the networking, funding, and other benefits offered by the Association so that its resources can help you to help others. (Sylff is a joint Tokyo Foundation–Nippon Foundation program. The Association is an initiative by the Tokyo Foundation to create a more personalized program.)

A Dynamic Movement for Positive Change

Message from the Chairman



Sylff is a global fellowship program aimed at nurturing leaders who will initiate action to transcend differences and address issues confronting contemporary society. The qualities such leaders must possess will change as society changes, and forms of effective leadership will invariably differ from one region to another.

As Sylff commemorates its 30th anniversary in 2017, we have made a decision to consolidate the many Sylff stakeholders into what we are calling the Sylff Association to pool the wisdom that has been accumulated over the years and to deepen and strengthen the ties among us. The Association will bring together all current and graduated fellows, steering committee members at the 69 Sylff institutions, and the staff of the Nippon Foundation and the Tokyo Foundation together into a single, more closely identifiable community.

I hope that every one of you will give renewed thought to what leadership qualities are required in today's world to promote peaceful, sustainable, and socially inclusive development. And I hope that you will

actively share your insights, knowledge, and experience with fellow Association members.

One thing that makes Sylff unique from other global fellowship programs is the support offered to fellows throughout their careers—not just during the fellowship period. The new Sylff Association will play a key role in strengthening this distinctive quality.

The choice of what we do with our Association membership, though, is ultimately up to you. I hope you'll choose to maximize your engagement with our community and enrich your Sylff experience. I look forward to working closely with you to make the Sylff Association a truly dynamic movement that facilitates positive change in society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of four stylized characters: '佐', '川', '清', '和'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman of the Sylff Association
Chairman of the Nippon Foundation

| Sylff Support Programs

In addition to fellowships, the Sylff Association offers various support programs on a continuing basis to promote fellows' academic advancement and development as leaders, as well as to encourage networking. These programs enable fellows to fully tap the resources of the global Sylff community, facilitating the realization of the Sylff mission. Awards are currently provided in two categories.

Sylff Research Abroad (SRA)

A doctoral degree can be an important milestone in a fellow's career development. SRA is intended to contribute to the enrichment of a fellow's dissertation by providing up to US\$5,000 for academic research in a foreign country.

Sylff Leadership Initiatives (SLI)

SLI encourages fellows to initiate action that embodies the Sylff mission and leads to positive social change. Up to US\$10,000 is provided for initiatives addressing social issues at the local, regional, and global levels.

New Support Programs

Additional programs are now being developed based on the responses to a questionnaire survey conducted in November 2016. Some new ideas include the following:

Support for post-doctoral fellows: Those who recently earned doctoral degrees will be given an annual stipend to allow them to deepen and broaden their research and prepare for a career in academia or public policy.

Project grant for social impact: Conceived as an extension of SLI, it will provide support for projects with potential for substantial and long-term positive social impact.

Global workshop for a sustainable future: Fellows will be given an opportunity for global and intercultural group learning through workshops based on scenario-planning methodologies.

Your continued input is important in enriching the support provided by the Sylff Association. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us anytime.

Making the Most of SRA & SLI



Chika Ezeanya of Howard University organized a youth development workshop for 30 students in post-genocide Rwanda, promoting character building and effective leadership to enable the country to meet its goals for economic growth and social cohesion.



Carl-Emmanuel Fisbach of the Paris Conservatoire used the uplifting power of music as a tool for social edification and personal development in disadvantaged communities of Peru, artistically engaging with the local population through concerts and teaching sessions.



Using an SRA award, **Alice Beban** of Massey University conducted fieldwork examining the political, social, and ecological implications of the “leopard skin” land reforms in Cambodia, which envisaged large-scale agribusinesses and smallholders coexisting like animal spots on the landscape.



Lindsey Lim of Columbia University organized the Kasambahay Savings Project to promote financial inclusion targeting full-time domestic workers in the Philippines, enabling these workers—who are paid in cash—to open bank accounts and receive a broader range of financial services.

| List of Sylff Institutions

Sylff is a decentralized program under which each Sylff institution is responsible for identifying and nurturing future leaders capable of transcending geopolitical, religious, ethnic, cultural, and other differences to contribute to the peace and well-being of humankind. The 69 Sylff institutions are spread out over 44 countries around the world to enable the selection of students best suited to addressing the issues confronting each country and region.

About Sylff

Launched in 1987, the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund, or Sylff, is a fellowship program aimed at identifying and nurturing future leaders capable of transcending geopolitical, religious, ethnic, cultural, and other differences to contribute to the peace and well-being of humankind by supporting outstanding students pursuing graduate studies in the humanities and social sciences. The program has supported approximately 16,000 fellows to date.

Australia

- UNSW Business School

Austria

- University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna

Brazil

- University of São Paulo

Bulgaria

- Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Canada

- York University

Chile

- University of Chile

China

- Chongqing University
- Fudan University
- Inner Mongolia University
- Jilin University
- Lanzhou University
- Nanjing University
- Peking University
- Sun Yat-sen University
- Xinjiang University
- Yunnan University

Czech Republic

- Charles University

Denmark

- University of Copenhagen

Egypt

- The American University in Cairo

Fiji

- University of the South Pacific

Finland

- University of Helsinki

France

- Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris
- INSEAD

Germany

- Ruhr University Bochum
- University of Leipzig

Greece

- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Hungary

- Hungarian Academy of Sciences*
Corvinus University of Budapest
Debrecen University
Eötvös Loránd University
University of Pécs
University of Szeged

India

- Jadavpur University

- Jawaharlal Nehru University

Indonesia

- Gadjah Mada University
- University of Indonesia

Israel

- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Italy

- Institute of Political Education
"Pedro Arrupe"

Japan

- Keio University
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Waseda University

Jordan

- University of Jordan

Kenya

- University of Nairobi

Latvia

- University of Latvia

Malaysia

- University of Malaya

Mexico

- El Colegio de México

Mongolia

- National Academy of Governance

Netherlands

- Utrecht University

New Zealand

- Massey University*
- Auckland University of Technology*
- Lincoln University*
- University of Auckland*
- University of Canterbury*
- University of Otago*
- University of Waikato*
- Victoria University of Wellington*

Norway

- University of Oslo

Philippines

- Ateneo de Manila University

Poland

- Jagiellonian University

Portugal

- University of Coimbra

Serbia

- University of Belgrade

Slovakia

- Comenius University in Bratislava

South Africa

- University of the Western Cape

Spain

- University of Deusto

Sweden

- Uppsala University

Switzerland

- Graduate Institute of International
and Development Studies

Thailand

- Chiang Mai University

Turkey

- Ankara University

United Kingdom

- University of Sussex

USA

- Columbia University
- Howard University
- University of Oregon*
- Oregon State University*
- Portland State University*
- Princeton University
- The Juilliard School
- University of Texas at Austin
- The Fletcher School of Law and
Diplomacy
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Michigan
- Yale University

Vietnam

- Vietnam National University, Hanoi*
- Vietnam National University,
Hochiminh City*

* Denotes institutions that administer the Sylff program on behalf of other institutions.

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