



**Sylff**

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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 Japanese calligraphy, consisting of four characters: 笹川 陽平 (Sasakawa Yohei).

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 four categories.

## **Sylff Research Abroad (SRA)**

Up to US\$5,000 to support research in a foreign country for a doctoral dissertation.

## **Sylff Leadership Initiatives (SLI)**

Up to US\$10,000 for social action projects and forums initiated by fellows.

## **Local Association Networking Support (LANS)**

Support for activities organized by local Sylff associations.

## **Sylff Project Grant (SPG)**

Large-scale grants for projects with potential for substantial social impact.

## **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:

**Leaders workshop:** Opportunities for intercultural group learning and leadership enhancement.

**Support for post-doctoral fellows:** Stipends for recent doctoral recipients seeking a career in academia or public policy.

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.

A call for applications for each program and the latest information on new support programs can be found on the renewed Sylff website ([www.sylff.org](http://www.sylff.org)). The site has new features to encourage networking among Sylff stakeholders and to facilitate the sharing of insights, knowledge, and experiences with fellows in countries around the world.

## 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.



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.



**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.



**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\*
- Viet Nam National University*  
*Ho Chi Minh City*

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

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