



## Sylff Leaders Workshop

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for 2018/2019

The Sylff Association was launched in April 2017 to commemorate Sylff's 30th anniversary with the aim of bringing closer together all the stakeholders in the Sylff community, including fellows, steering committee members of 69 Sylff institutions, and the staff of the Nippon Foundation and the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research. To promote Sylff's core mission of nurturing leadership transcending boundaries in addressing social issues, Sylff Leadership Workshop was launched by the Sylff Association Secretariat.

### 1. About Sylff Leaders Workshop

Sylff Leaders Workshop provides an opportunity for Sylff fellows to deepen their understanding of differences in peoples' values, perspectives, and opinions, allowing them to make informed decisions on important social issues and enhancing the effectiveness of well-intended actions. The participatory, capacity-building workshop aims to nurture leadership in a multicultural setting.

The workshop consists of two 8-day programs to be held in fall 2018 and spring 2019 in Japan. It will bring together Sylff fellows who have (1) substantial expertise in policy studies or policymaking and/or (2) experience addressing social issues in civil society, private companies, etc. to discuss the "Potential of Trans-border Networking in 2030" through the application of scenario planning methodologies ([please refer to the attached concept paper](#)).

Approximately 20 fellows will be selected to attend the first (start-up) workshop from September 16 to 23, 2018, and the second (wrap-up) workshop from April 7 to 14, 2019. The cost of participation (transportation, accommodations, and meals) will be covered by the Sylff Association secretariat (see "5. Financial Support" below).

The workshop will expose participating Sylff fellows to the scenario planning approach under the guidance of methodology experts and provide unique opportunities for interaction among one another. They will also meet top-tier guest speakers with expertise in areas relevant to the theme. At the end of the wrap-up session, participants will make presentations of their conclusions concerning the potential of networking in 2030.

The workshops will primarily take place outside of Tokyo to give participants an opportunity to experience the culture, nature, and history of rural areas of Japan. The site of the start-up workshop from September 17 to 19 is the city of Sasayama, a beautiful castle town with a rich natural landscape and old city charms located in the Kansai region of Japan—about an hour outside Kyoto and Osaka. Detailed information on Sasayama is available at the following websites:

- Portal site for visitors to Sasayama: <https://visit.sasayama.jp/en/about/>
- YouTube clip for Nipponia, a hotel renovated from traditional houses where fellows will stay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1OyAt0xoCQ>

Participants will also have a chance to visit Tokyo.

## 2. Activities

The program consists of two 8-day (including arrival, free, and departure days) workshops in Japan. Preparatory and follow-up work prior to the two workshops will be provided online. Preparatory work will help build a shared understanding of what workshop discussions will entail, while follow-up work will recap the key findings of the start-up workshop.

The tentative schedule for the two workshops is as follows:

### Start-up Workshop, September 2018

	9/16 Su	9/17 Mo	9/18 Tu	9/19 We	9/20 Th	9/21 Fr	9/22 Sa	9/23 Su
AM	Arrival in Osaka	Osaka to Sasayama	Workshop	Workshop	Leave for Tokyo	Workshop in Tokyo	Free time (or departure)	Departure
PM	Welcome dinner	Workshop in Sasayama		Field trip to Kyoto	Meeting with policy research experts	Lunch with Mr. Sasakawa; afternoon & evening free		

Special program in Tokyo (Sept. 20–21, 2018) includes meetings with policy research experts at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research and with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, chairman of the Sylff Association. Participants may depart on Sept. 22 or stay until Sept. 23.

### Wrap-up Workshop, April 2019

(Dates fixed, but activities subject to change)

	4/7 Su	4/8 Mo	4/9 Tu	4/10 We	4/11 Th	4/12 Fr	4/13 Sa	4/14 Su
AM	Arrival in Japan	Workshop in rural Japan			Leave for Tokyo	Presentations by fellows	Free time (or departure)	Departure
PM	Welcome dinner					Farewell lunch		

Participants may depart on April 13 or stay until April 14.

## 3. Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a past recipient of a Sylff fellowship.
- Have expertise in policy studies/policymaking or experience addressing social issues in civil society, academia, or private companies.
- Participate in two workshops (start-up workshop in September 2018 and wrap-up workshop in April 2018) in Japan and complete preparatory and follow-up work online prior to the two workshops.
- Be willing to engage in and contribute to multicultural group work.
- Have English-language proficiency (the working language will be English).
- Be able to work under self-directed conditions during group work.
- Write a report following the program to be posted on the Sylff website.

Applicants are also requested to agree to the following:

- Show understanding for cultures and lifestyles different from their own while visiting Japan.
- Dietary requests will be accommodated as much as possible, but it may not be possible to fulfill all

- requests due to the rural location of the workshop venue.
- Participants will stay at a traditional Japanese guesthouse (*ryokan*) where rooms must be shared with one roommate. Some bedrooms may not have a shower or bathtub, in which case participants can use the public bath (or hot spring).

#### 4. Application and Selection

The deadline for application is **May 31, 2018 (Japan time)**.

The Sylff Association secretariat will prescreen applicants, after which shortlisted candidates will be interviewed via videophone. Selection will be based on the application form, other submitted materials, and interview. ([application form attached](#))

#### 5. Financial Support

This program is offered and organized by the Sylff Association secretariat, which will cover the cost of participation, including roundtrip airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, meals, and such miscellaneous items as travel insurance and visa-related fees. Participants are expected to cover their own personal expenses.

#### 6. Schedule

##### 2018

February	Call for applications
May 31	Deadline for submission
June–July	Video interview after prescreening
July 13	Notification of selection outcome
July–August	Online preparatory work
September 16–23	Start-up workshop

##### 2019

March	Online follow-up work
April 7–14	Wrap-up workshop

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Inquiries and applications should be directed to:

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The Sylff Association secretariat will accept inquiries related to this program  
via email ONLY.