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**MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION  
AND  
THE JAPAN FOUNDATION CENTER FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP  
RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE  
NEW U.S.-JAPAN NETWORK**

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership are pleased to announce that they are now recruiting participants for a new program intended to foster a network of “New Generation” Japan specialists. The program provides an excellent opportunity for emerging Japan specialists to build their knowledge of Japan, their policy expertise, and their contacts in Japan-related policy circles.

**Purpose of the Program**

The purpose of the “U.S.-Japan Network for the Future” program is to identify and support the next generation of American public policy intellectuals interested in Japan. The network will include Japan specialists from all regions of the U.S. with diverse expertise and perspectives and the ability to participate constructively in the bilateral policymaking process and to contribute to U.S.-Japan understanding. The program seeks to nurture a new generation of scholars working on the following policy areas: security relations between the U.S. and Japan; economic relations between the U.S. and Japan; issues where the two countries confront common domestic challenges (such as aging societies or income inequality); and issues where the two countries have opportunities to work together to resolve global challenges (such as global warming or food security).

Selected specialists will participate in a series of meetings, workshops, and a study trip to Japan beginning in January 2010. They also will prepare brief policy papers and will present their findings at a public Policy Brief Session in Washington, D.C.

## **Eligibility and Terms**

Applicants must be American citizens or permanent residents who are currently and actively involved in the Japan-U.S. dialogue and have a working knowledge of the Japanese language. The program is targeted at scholars in the social sciences who focus on Japan in their work, but others who have a strong professional engagement with Japan, and who have at least two years of professional experience in policy-relevant fields, may also apply. Because we are seeking to identify a future generation of leaders, our preference is for candidates in the early to mid-career stages. In the academic context, normally this translates into scholars at the advanced assistant or early associate professor levels.

Applicants should be prepared to commit to participation in a series of short-term activities over a two-year period, [at least four meetings and a study trip], including a two-day meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 2010; a week-long workshop in Washington, D.C. in June 2010; a two-day retreat in Montana in the autumn of 2010; and a week-long Japan study trip in June 2011.

Those selected will be expected to: engage with other network members; prepare for and participate actively in the program's meetings, workshops, and study trip; conduct independent research on key issues of particular interest to them; and produce and seek to publish or otherwise disseminate a brief policy paper or op-ed piece on an important policy issue in U.S.-Japan relations.

Financial support for those selected is limited to coverage of travel, accommodations, and meal expenses associated with participation in program meetings and study trips. Program participants may be eligible to compete for cash awards contingent upon publication of their pieces.

## **Applications**

For an application and application instructions, please go to:

<http://www.mansfieldfdn.org/programs/networkforthefuture.htm>.

Applications are due October 1, 2009 and can be submitted electronically to

[admin@mansfieldfdn.org](mailto:admin@mansfieldfdn.org) or by mail to The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, 1401 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 740, Washington, D.C. 20005. Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee and participants will be announced by November 1, 2009.

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## **Organizers**

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.

The Center for Global Partnership (CGP) is a part of the Japan Foundation which is a Japanese Independent Administrative Institution (*Dokuritsu Gyosei Hojin*). To enhance dialogue and interchange between Japanese and U.S. citizens on a wide range of issues, CGP operates grant programs as well as self-initiated projects and fellowships. CGP has offices in Tokyo, Japan and New York, New York.