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**Announce Recruitment for the Fourth Group of Participants for the  
U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Program**

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is pleased to announce the recruitment of a new group of participants for the “U.S.-Japan Network for the Future” program. This program was launched in 2009 to foster a new generation of Japan specialists. The three existing cohorts of Network for the Future participants have met regularly over the program’s six-year history to build their knowledge of Japan and policy expertise as well as to deepen and expand their network amongst themselves and their contacts in Japan-related policy and academic circles. The Foundation is pleased to make this opportunity available to a fourth group of emerging Japan specialists.

**Purpose of the Program**

The purpose of the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future program is to identify U.S.-based professionals who demonstrate an interest in and potential for becoming Japan specialists and policy intellectuals and to support them in this effort. The network will include Japan specialists from all regions of the United States and with diverse expertise and perspectives. Participants should be able to participate constructively in the bilateral policymaking process and to contribute to better understanding of U.S.-Japan relations. The program seeks to nurture a new generation of scholars and professionals working on the following policy areas: U.S.-Japan security relations; U.S.-Japan economic relations; regional cooperation; 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 climate change or food security).

**Eligibility and Terms**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are currently and actively involved in the U.S.-Japan dialogue and have a working knowledge of the Japanese language. The program is targeted at scholars with a professional interest in Japan and at professionals with a strong engagement with Japan and work experience in policy-relevant fields. In addition to having an interest in public policy, successful applicants will be able to demonstrate their interest in and potential for becoming future leaders in the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Because we are seeking to identify a future generation of leaders, our preference is for candidates in the early- to mid-career stage. In the academic context, normally this translates into scholars at the advanced assistant- or early associate-professor levels. Policy professionals should have a Master’s degree and at least five years of Japan experience.



Participants must be fully dedicated to the two-year program and able to participate in all scheduled meetings. Network participants will be expected to participate in: a two-day workshop in Washington, D.C. (June 2016); a two-day retreat in Montana (September 2016); a week-long meeting in Washington, D.C. (January 2017); a week-long Japan study trip (June 2017); and the June 2018 public symposium and current issues panel discussions.

Throughout the two-year program, participants will be expected to: develop their network of contacts; engage with other Network members; engage others in the academic and policy fields with what they have learned about Japan; prepare for and actively participate in the program's meetings, workshops, and study trip; participate in group activities and support the program's larger goals and objectives; conduct independent research on key issues of particular interest to them; produce op-ed pieces and commentary/blog posts on important policy issues in U.S.-Japan relations; and produce and seek to publish or otherwise disseminate a brief policy paper. Network participants will present their papers and discuss current issues in the region during the last meeting, the June 2018 public symposium in Washington, D.C.

The program will cover the costs of travel, accommodations, and meal expenses associated with participation in program meetings and study trips.

### **Applications and Selection**

For an application and application instructions, please go to:

<http://mansfieldfdn.org/program/dialogues/u-s-japan-network-for-the-future/>

Applications are due February 2, 2016 and can be submitted electronically to [jarcher@mansfieldfdn.org](mailto:jarcher@mansfieldfdn.org) or by mail no sooner than September 28, 2015 to: The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, 1156 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 1105, Washington, D.C. 20005. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and participants will be announced at the end of March 2016. The Foundation will select up to twelve participants for this Network cohort.

For further information, please contact Joshua Archer, Associate Director of Programs, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation at [jarcher@mansfieldfdn.org](mailto:jarcher@mansfieldfdn.org).

### **Organizer**

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.

**Sponsor**

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), founded in April 1991, is dedicated to strengthening the global U.S.-Japan partnership and cultivating the next generation of public intellectuals necessary to sustain this partnership.

To achieve these ends, CGP supports the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future program in addition to other grant programs, self-initiated projects and fellowships. It is also consistent with the Sheila Smith AC. CGP has offices in Tokyo, Japan and New York, New York. Please visit the website at <http://www.cgp.org>.