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MANSFIELD FOUNDATION

Visiting Fellows Program

About the Program

The Mansfield Foundation's new Visiting Fellows Program offers a unique advantage to those interested in expanding their networks and their understanding of Washington.

Each year the Foundation will host up to five Visiting Fellows from the private and public sector for a period of ninety days. Using the Foundation's Washington office as a base, Visiting Fellows will have access to the Foundation's programs, networks, resources, and other benefits.

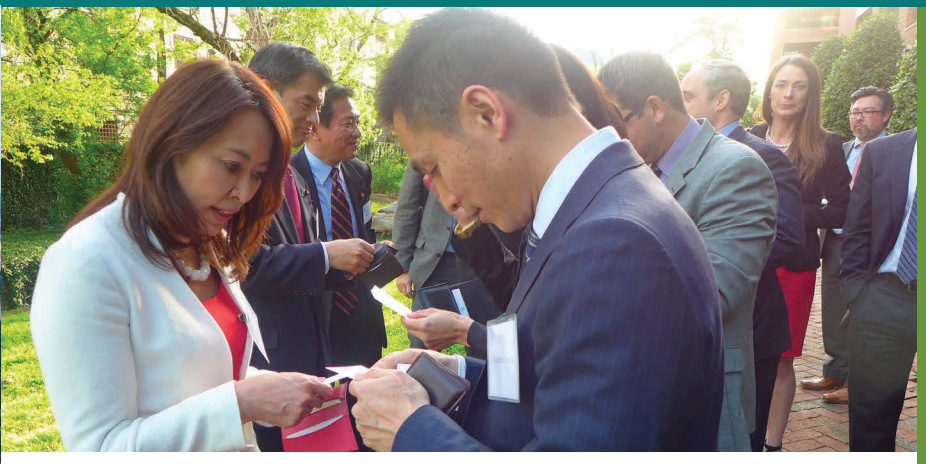
About the Mansfield Foundation

Washington Policymaking and Policy Expertise

Few other organizations are as fully integrated into the fabric of Washington policymaking and policy expertise as the Mansfield Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1983 with an appropriation from Congress to honor the life, work and career of Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), U.S. congressman from Montana, Senate majority leader, and U.S. ambassador to Japan. Our International Advisory Board is chaired by former Vice President Walter Mondale, and our Board of Directors includes former U.S. ambassadors and senior U.S. diplomats. Our senior staff also have deep ties to the U.S. government, having served a combined total of nearly thirty years in positions with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and U.S. Department of State.

Programs with the U.S. Government

Our programs also tie the Foundation closely to the U.S. government. The U.S. Department of State has supported the Foundation's centerpiece program, the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, since it was established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. federal government employees with Japan expertise. The Mansfield Fellowship alumni network now totals 140 individuals, many of whom are prominent leaders in the federal government promoting U.S. interests in Asia. Our other exchanges regularly bring leaders to Washington to meet with members of Congress as well as representatives of the executive branch and policy community.



Extensive Networks

The Foundation frequently collaborates with policy and research institutions including the Brookings Institution, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Council on Foreign Relations, the East-West Center in Washington, and the Korea Economic Institute. The Foundation's Washington office is within walking distance of these and many other influential policy and business organizations, including the Cato Institute, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Keidanren USA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Foundation's programs also have benefited from our partnerships with the Japan Commerce Association of Washington, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, all of which have an active Washington presence. Visiting Fellows will have access to a wide range of events -- including symposia, panel discussions, and receptions -- hosted by these and other Washington institutions.

Academic Relationships

In the Washington, D.C., academic community, Foundation staff have served as adjunct professors at Georgetown University, George Washington University, and American University. However, the Foundation's strongest academic relationship is with the University of Montana. The Foundation's historic ties to the University of Montana have long facilitated close cooperation between our organizations, and especially to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the university, which receives support from the Foundation. The Foundation is exploring ways to make University of Montana resources and programs available to Visiting Fellows.

Specific Program Benefits

Visiting Fellows will benefit from the Foundation's networks, expertise, and collaborative relationships in Washington and throughout Asia. Specific benefits will include:

- Informal welcome lunch and orientation with MMMF staff
- Introductions to policy experts, U.S. government officials and others
- Mentoring opportunities with Board members
- Guidance on how D.C. policy community works and how to give D.C.-style presentations
- Exclusive networking opportunities with participants in MMMF programs, including Network for the Future scholars and Mansfield Fellows
- Monthly private meetings with senior staff
- Business cards, e-mail account, Internet access, use of office facilities
- Shared office space
- Access to MMMF conference room
- Participation in weekly MMMF staff meetings
- Attendance at MMMF events, including roundtables, Capitol Hill Asia Policy Dialogues, and other MMMF events
- Opportunities to attend outside events
- Opportunity to publish research paper on MMMF website and to present research at roundtable hosted at MMMF
- Editing and administrative assistance

Fees and Eligibility

The Visiting Fellows Program will be available to employees of corporations that are Corporate Friends of Mansfield (CFM) as well as government officials and scholars. Fees for CFM, government, and academic Visiting Fellows will be $5,000 for a ninety-day stay.

Visiting Fellows ideally will be mid-career employees, scholars or government officials who: have a professional interest in U.S. policymaking and U.S. relations with their country; will benefit from the program's networking and learning opportunities; and will be in a position to leverage the experience and networks gained during their fellowship.

All applicants will be asked to provide a CV and complete an application form and a cover letter briefly summarizing their objectives for their fellowship. Applicants should be highly motivated, self-starters with a strong interest or background in U.S.-Japan or U.S.-Korea issues/studies. During their fellowship they will be required to:

- Be able to work independently, but also be open to collaboration and to exchanging information and ideas with MMMF staff and program participants
- Have a working knowledge of spoken and written English
- Meet all requirements to travel to the United States using the Visa Waiver Program
- Maintain a regular presence in the MMMF office

Applicants will be encouraged, but not required, to write research papers, commentary pieces, and blog posts, and will be given an opportunity to present their papers at a Foundation roundtable or other event.

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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, policy dialogues, research and education, 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.

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