

**COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN JAPAN
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Purpose

Hitachi, Ltd. and the Council on Foreign Relations established the International Affairs Fellowship in Japan in 1996 to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between the rising generation of leaders and thinkers in the United States and Japan. The Fellowship will enable a number of outstanding young Americans to expand their professional horizons and enhance their understanding of Japan by spending a period of policy oriented research or related professional activity in Japan.

Fellowship

The program provides for Fellows to spend from three to twelve months conducting research while affiliated with a cooperating institution in Japan. See illustrative list of cooperating institutions. Fellowships will cover living expenses in Japan plus international transportation, health and travel insurance, and necessary research expenses.

Application Information

Application will be primarily by invitation, on the recommendation of individuals in academic, government, and other institutions who have occasion to know candidates particularly well suited for the experience offered by this fellowship. Others who inquire directly and who meet preliminary requirements may also be invited to apply without formal nomination. Application materials will be forwarded to those invited to apply. Following a preliminary screening by the Selection Committee, those candidates who are selected as finalists will be interviewed and may be asked to furnish additional material.

Eligibility

International Affairs Fellows in Japan must be American citizens between the ages of 27 and 45. It is intended primarily for those without prior significant experience in Japan, though the Selection Committee has made exceptions where it considered that the fellowship would allow an individual to add a significant new dimension to his or her relationship to Japan. Fellows will be drawn from academia (including think tanks), government institutions (including the executive and legislative branches at the federal, state, and local levels), the business community, the media, and religious and congregational communities. The program does not fund pre or postdoctoral scholarly research, work toward a degree, nor the completion of projects on which substantial progress has been made prior to the fellowship period. Knowledge of the Japanese language is not a requirement.

Selection Criteria

Fellows will be selected on the basis of their academic and professional accomplishments and promise and on the merits of the specific research or action projects that they propose for their stays in Japan.

Review & Selection Schedule

- ◆ Deadline for Nominations: **September 19, 2007**
- ◆ Applications Distributed: **September–October 2007**
- ◆ Applications Due: **October 24, 2007**
- ◆ Letters of Support Solicited: **November 2007**
- ◆ Initial Selection Committee Meeting: **January 2008**
- ◆ Announcement of Finalists: **Late January 2008**
- ◆ Finalists Interviewed: **February–March 2008**
- ◆ Final Selection Committee Meeting: **March 2008**
- ◆ Announcement of Award: **Late March 2008**

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List of Cooperating Japanese Institutions

- ◆ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ The Ministry of Finance Policy Research Institute
- ◆ The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- ◆ The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- ◆ National Institute for Defense Studies
- ◆ National Institute for Research Advancement
- ◆ National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
- ◆ Federation of Japanese Economic Organizations-Keidanren
- ◆ The Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- ◆ The Japan Center for International Exchange
- ◆ The Japan Center for International Finance
- ◆ The Japan Institute for International Affairs
- ◆ The International House of Japan
- ◆ Institute for International Policy Studies
- ◆ Institute for International Monetary Affairs
- ◆ Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo
- ◆ Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo
- ◆ Nomura Research Institute
- ◆ Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry
- ◆ Research Institute for Peace and Security

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Weston S. Konishi

Director of Programs

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

Project:

“Japan’s Values-Oriented Diplomacy: Can Tokyo Lead Asia by Example?”

David S. Law

Associate Professor of Law; Assistant Adjunct

Professor of Political Science

University of San Diego School of Law; University of California, San Diego

Project:

“Decision-Making in a Democracy: The Japanese Supreme Court as a National Policymaker?”

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