



## JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION SUMMER INSTITUTE

### 2023 PROGRAM

The Japan-United States Friendship Commission (JUSFC) announces an inaugural Summer Institute designed to promote diversity and inclusion in U.S.-Japan relations. We invite American undergraduate students to join us for an intensive summer study experience in Japan. Those who identify as a racial or ethnic minority and/or who are a first-generation college student who have an interest in Japan are particularly encouraged to apply.

The mission of the JUSFC, a United States federal agency, is to develop the next generation of leaders for the U.S.-Japan partnership. The U.S.-Japan partnership encompasses many fields, and students from the natural and social sciences, humanities, and arts, as well as those with professional interests in policymaking, diplomacy, business, and nonprofit sectors should apply.

The JUSFC Summer Institute aims to deepen and sustain student interest in Japan. Academic training and mentorship opportunities will expose students to myriad professions where their knowledge and expertise will be valued. The program will be open to students who have completed at least their freshman year of college.

#### **Program Funding: Student participation will be fully funded.**

The program covers costs including passport applications, visa applications, local and international travel, housing, field trips and entry fees to museums. Additionally, it provides a stipend of \$2,500 per student to cover meals and incidentals.

#### **Program Details:**

- Up to 15 students will be selected.
- Participants must be eligible to travel to Japan. Please find important guidelines here: <https://jp.usembassy.gov/services/welcomebacktojapan/>
- The 2023 JUSFC Summer Institute program will take place May 24, 2023, through June 10, 2023, including a two-week faculty and facilitator-led immersive program in Japan preceded by four to six 90-minute online academic and preparatory sessions. At the conclusion of the JUSFC Summer Institute, selected participants are expected to:

- submit a 1-2-page statement about their experience in Japan and on the program, including how it has affected their personal, professional, and academic goals. (Once submitted, excerpts may be used in any/all JUSFC electronic and printed publications).
- share their program experience broadly, including through JUSFC's NichiBei Connect website, an online mentorship resource.

**Eligibility:**

- Students who identify as historically underrepresented in Japan Studies and/or U.S.-Japan relations are encouraged to apply.
- Current undergraduate students in good standing at an accredited college or university in the United States, majoring in any field of study with a demonstrable interest in Japan. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.
- Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

**Application Process:**

- Application Deadline: **11:59p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2022**
- Application Form and Instructions: <https://forms.gle/NHoBPwpUyQYjLbYk9>

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