

Application Information for the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) (AY2026)

I. PURPOSE

Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) has been established at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University thanks to the kindness of The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research's The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff). This scholarship aims to cultivate future leaders who will be active both domestically and internationally by providing a scholarship to postgraduate students in APU whose research fits with the basic principle of "Issues and Opportunities Facing the Asia-Pacific Region: Rapid Transformation amid Accelerating Globalization," and is related to the Sylff policy of taking a cross-disciplinary approach to tackle global issues and overcoming differences of nationality, language, religion and political systems.

<APU requires Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) scholars to possess the following leadership qualities.>

A person who holds the principles of freedom, peace, and humanity; who connects the Asia-Pacific region and the world to address global scale social issues; and who can become a person who will change the world with inclusive and sustainable solutions.

II. OVERVIEW

1. Scholarship amount: ¥1,500,000*

* Payment: ¥125,000 per month from October 2026 to September 2027.

* Cancelled if the candidate takes a leave of absence or loses their registration at APU (withdrawal, expulsion, etc.)

2. Number of Awardees: A few awardees *2 awardees were selected in the previous year

III. Application Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following conditions to be eligible for this scholarship.

1. APU Graduate School students enrolling in AY2026 Fall Semester.
2. Students who will clearly demonstrate below:
 - ① Take a cross-disciplinary approach to tackle global issues and the overcoming differences of nationality, language, religion and political systems.
 - ② Propose research content that is consistent with the basic theme of "Issues and Opportunities Facing the Asia-Pacific Region: Rapid Transformation amid Accelerating Globalization".
 - ③ Conduct research that is for the benefit of the general public and contributes to social development, freedom, peace, humanity and international mutual understanding.
 - ④ Have a strong sense of initiative towards their chosen issue or problem, and have the determination and potential to take a leading role on the domestic and/or international stage.
3. Students who have not been receiving or have not been recommended for any external scholarships*
* APU funded scholarships such as the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship are not classified as external scholarships.
*You are not eligible to receive Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (JASSO) or any external scholarships which is more than ¥48,000 for monthly stipend if selected for this scholarship.

IV. About The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) Program

Please visit websites for more information about the scholarship.

- Sylff official website <https://www.sylff.org/about/#ancNav-anc02>
- APU Student Office website https://en.apu.ac.jp/studentsupport/scholarship_tuition/young_leaders/

V. SCREENING SCHEDULE

1. Request to be considered as a Sylff scholarship candidate in the APU Online Application System and submit the application to APU by March 25, 2026.
2. APU reviews application documents and selects suitable candidates.
3. Finals results will be announced by APU in June. (Recipients will be notified by email.)

* Recipients will be officially hired after completing the designated procedures.

* Inquiries regarding the selection process or results will not be accepted.

NOTE: Cases involving false applications or other circumstances deemed unsuitable for receiving the award will result in the application being revoked.

V. Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

- 1 React promptly when you receive a message regarding the scholarship.
- 2 Meet the requirement of Fellow Development Programs such as attending orientation for new fellows, submitting quarterly reports, giving research presentations, etc.
- 3 Pursue academic opportunities related to your research, such as presentations and publications.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

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