## Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) – fellowship of Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research

Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) was founded in 1987 to support student of humanities and social sciences. Until these days, more than 1 million USD has been donated to 69 universities and syndicates in 44 countries worldwide. The aim of SYLFF is to identify and raise leaders that will be able to overcome variance of nationalities, languages, ethnicity, religion and political background while dealing with global problems. About 16.000 students have already participated in SYLFF and many of them have become leaders in different fields.

SYLFF is connected to Nippon Foundation, the donor of the fellowship, and Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, the administrator of the program. It was inspired by vision of Riochi Sasakawa, philanthropist and founding president of Nippon Foundation, who noted that “the world is one family and all humans are brothers and sisters”. At the university level worldwide, the foundation serves as sustainable source of fellowship for education of excellent students with high potential for leadership.

Terms of fellowship

* Student of humanities or social science on the doctoral level
* Participating faculties: Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Humanities, Law Faculty, Faculty of Education
* Fellowship is for 1 year, but can be prolonged up to 2 years in total
* Student has to finish his or her thesis or write a significant part of it
* Full-time student at Charles University
* Annually 2 new fellowships + possibility of prolongation for 2 current fellowships

Process

Charles University signed agreement with Tokyo Foundation that is valid for 5 years. It enables students to apply for fellowship. Deadline for the application is 30 March 2019 and applications should be submitted to faculties.

Applications are considered by the Steering Committee. CU Coordinator nominates approved candidates to Tokyo Foundation that does the final selection. All applicants are informed about results by Tokyo Foundation. The agreement, with specific terms of fellowship, is then signed between Tokyo Foundation and students. All the communication is in English. The amount of the fellowship is 12.500 USD per year.

Students are obliged to present brief report to the CU coordinator during the mobility at the end of each semester. Each student works out final report for Tokyo Foundation, in accordance with [Operational Manual](https://www.cuni.cz/UK-8933-version1-operation_manual_final_2016_08_updated_final.pdf), and submits it to Tokyo Foundation within 30 days after the end of mobility, or send the interim report until the end of October.

To promote the fellowship, each student is obliged to mention that the thesis came to existence thanks to SYLFF fellowship.

Required documents

* [Application](https://www.cuni.cz/UK-8933-version1-application_for_sylff_fellowship.doc)
* CV with all publications, research and/or exhibitions
* Motivation letter with plans after finishing studies
* Project of the thesis
* Recommendation from supervisor and agreement of the Head of the department
* Plan of research activities for next 2 years (possible period for the fellowship, after the 1st year it serves for the evaluation and possible prolongation of the fellowship)
* In case of planned mobility, acceptation letter from the foreign university
* Solemn declaration that student currently does not receive any other fellowship (except standard doctoral fellowship)
* [Bank](https://www.cuni.cz/UK-8933-version1-bank_account_information_sheet.docx) account data

Documents are submitted in English and in printed as well as in .pdf no later than 30th March 2019 to faculty.

Schedule for academic year 2019/2020

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| 7. 1. 2019  | Announcement of fellowship for the next year by Vice-rector for International Affairs and Mobility and president of the Steering Committee Prof. Škrha  |
| 30. 3. 2019 | Deadline for submitting application to faculties |
| 30. 4. 2019 | Nomination of candidates from particular faculties to Vice-rector for International Affairs and Mobility + submitting interim report of current fellows |
| 1. 6. 2019 | Selection of candidates and sending of proposal to Tokyo Foundation |
| 1. 7. 2019 | Tokyo Foundation selects final candidates for the next academic year |
| Aug – Sep | Agreement between students and Tokyo Foundation |
| 30. 9. 2019 | Fellowship transfer |
| 31l. 10. 2019 | Final and interim reports submitted to the CU coordinator |
| 21. 12. 2019 | CU sends final report to Tokyo Foundation |

Steering Committee

President:

prof. MUDr. Jan Škrha, DrSc., MBA – Vice-rector for International Affairs and Mobility

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