Mission
Japan Society aims to foster and develop a rising cohort of future leaders in Japan and the United States who have a lifelong interest in and understanding about both countries. Drawing upon the Society’s strong network across multiple fields, the Japan Society Junior Fellows Leadership Program provides students with first-hand experiences in Japan and the United States, with particular attention to cultural understanding and leadership with the expressed purpose of developing a sustainable network of talented leaders on both sides of the Pacific.

Program Overview
In 2016, a cohort of ten high school-aged Japanese Junior Fellows spent 13 of 21 days living with host families. Fellows experienced American family and school life as they carried out an independent project providing them with the opportunity to interact with the local community. Fellows also visited Washington, D.C. to deepen their understanding of U.S. history and met with business leaders in various fields. Later that summer, ten U.S. Junior Fellows underwent a similar experience, staying with host families, attending school and embarking on a study tour that included Hiroshima, Kyoto and Nara.

In both New York and Japan, Fellows met with leaders in various industries. The aim of these visits was to listen and learn from the experiences of seasoned professionals who serve as role models. Fellows gained valuable advice, encouragement and insight to assist them as they continue to develop and prepare for their future careers. Fellows presented their independent research projects to leaders and their cohort during leader luncheons. U.S. Junior Fellows, upon returning to their schools, also presented their project to other students and faculty.

2016 Program Dates
Japanese Junior Fellows Leadership Program
Spring:
March 12—April 1, 2016 (21 days)

U.S. Junior Fellows Leadership Program
Summer:
July 5—26, 2016 (22 days)
1. Company Visits & Leader Meetings
The program provided Fellows with opportunities to visit leaders in various fields and industries. The aim of these visits was to listen and learn from the experiences of active professionals first hand. Fellows gained valuable career advice, encouragement and insights to aid them as they develop and take on more leadership roles and responsibilities.

Spring 2016
During the spring 2016 program, Japanese Fellows traveled to Washington, D.C. and met with Senator John “Jay” Rockefeller IV and Peter Kelley, President, National Association of Japan-America Societies. Upon their return to New York, they met with two United Nations officials, Kei Tagawa, Programme Officer, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and Hisae Kawamori, Associate Information Officer, Strategic Communications Division, and Dr. Robert Yanagisawa, Prof. and Program Director, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Summer 2016
During pre-departure orientation, U.S. Fellows traveled to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and met with Christopher Calabia, Vice President and Debra Saito, Supervising Examiner. They also enjoyed lunch with David Janes, Director of Foundation Grants/Assistant to the President, U.S.-Japan Foundation. While in Japan they met with Shoyo Nishikawa, Service Planner, Service and Operations Sect., SONY; Takahito Ito, architect; John Robinson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, IBM Japan, Ltd.; Yui Gentaro, President of Sweet Treat/MORIUMUS; and Ernest Higa, Chairman and CEO, Higa Industries. During their study tour, they also had the chance to meet Sadao Yamamoto, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

“Hearing from so many leaders really expanded my horizons. Through these meetings, I learned the importance of: listening to others, instead of acting in a self-centered way; possessing curiosity in various fields and the ability to take action proactively; and finding inspiration from various schools of thought. These lessons will serve as a base as I grow to be the person I want to become.”
—Sae Koyama, Ochanomizu University Senior High School, Tokyo
2. Home Stay & School Experience

Deep cultural understanding and rich relationships were built during the Fellows' stay with local host families. Japanese Fellows stayed in NY, CT and NJ while U.S. Fellows stayed in the Tokyo-Kanagawa metropolitan area for 9 to 13 days. During the homestay, each Fellow attended high school and experienced school life while making connections within the school with both students and teachers alike.

**Japanese Junior Fellows** were hosted by Bethel High School, Bethel CT; Newtown High School, Newtown, CT; Northern Valley-Old Tappan High School, Old Tappan, NJ; Bellville High School, Belleville, NJ; and Smithtown High School East, St. James, NY.

3. Independent Projects

Each student developed and conducted an independent project that required them to engage with the local community and helped to strengthen their understanding of their hosts and host country. Fellows presented their projects to their host families, program cohorts, alumni and special guests at a luncheon held at the end of the program. Fellows also presented their projects at their home school following their return. Examples of projects conducted this year include a study of work ethics among Japanese teachers, IT education in the U.S. and Japan, a comparative study of crime, and cultural differences in visual expression and perceptions.
4. Study Tour
Fellows participated in a brief study tour of historical sites in each of the host countries. Japanese Fellows traveled to Washington, D.C., visiting the White House, the WWII Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and several Smithsonian Museums. U.S. Fellows traveled to Hiroshima to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and attended a talk by an atomic bomb survivor. They also visited Kyoto and Nara to learn more about Japanese history and tradition.

“[This program] gave me confidence and has forced me to advance. Thanks to my participation in this program, I have made decisions on my future career. These were the three most inspiring weeks of my life.”
—Rina Toyama, Ueda High School, Nagano

Spring 2016 Study Tour Sites
United Nations, Columbia University, former Senator John “Jay” Rockefeller residence, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the WWII Memorial, Smithsonian Museums, the National Mall, and several sites within New York City.

Summer 2016 Study Tour Sites
5. Junior Fellows Alumni Network (JFAN)

During their stay in their host country, Fellows connected with JFAN—meeting program alumni, many of whom are now attending top universities. Alumni also served on panels during orientations and accompanied the Fellows during company and leader visits. As JFAN expands and increases in number, Japan Society remains committed to supporting alumni and helping them grow as leaders through leadership workshops, conferences and networking events in the U.S. and Japan.

JFAN membership now includes 68 participants.

“This trip changed who I am as a person and gave me a whole new thought process. Japan Society helped me create lasting connections across the world, grow as a leader, and change the course of my entire future. My life will never be the same after being a Junior Fellow.”
—Logan Garr, Douglas High School, SD

“Meeting with leaders gave me an opportunity to think about my future and expand my personal network. This program served as a great opportunity to decide the direction of my life. I am very proud and grateful to be a participant in this wonderful program. I look forward to the alumni activities and doing my best to become a leader.”
—Naoki Matsushima, Jiyu Gakuen, Tokyo

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NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Japan Society offers need-based scholarships to provide support for students facing financial barriers from participating in the Junior Fellows Leadership Program. Awards are based on a family’s demonstrated need.

2016 Partial Scholarship Recipients in Japan
Considering cultural differences and Japanese attitudes towards financial aid, all Japanese Junior Fellows received a scholarship through subsidized participation fees. Each Fellow paid a reduced fee of ¥150,000 (approx. $1,500).

2016 Scholarship Recipients in the U.S.
Each year, need-based scholarships are available for U.S. Junior Fellow participants. Once a student is selected, Japan Society is committed to supporting the Fellows who are in need. Scholarship recipient schools in the U.S. included: Smithtown High School East, NY; High School of Math, Science, and Engineering, NY; The Masters School, NY; Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School, NY; Hunter College High School, NY; Eaton High School, CO; Douglas High School, SD

Total scholarship amount provided to Fellows: $21,700

“I really appreciate that Japan Society doesn’t choose its Junior Fellows based on their ability to pay in full. The financial aid is extremely helpful and this opportunity is given to the people who most deserve it.”
—Scholarship recipient, 2016
SPRING 2016 JAPANESE JUNIOR FELLOWS

Saki Inoue, National Institute of Technology, Kure College, Hiroshima. Independent and diligent, Saki studies at Kosen, a six-year-specialty school, far away from home. Her future goal is to be an architect who focuses on community and the environment in her work. She would also like to incorporate Japan’s unique design aesthetic and values into her future projects.

Reimi Kaneko, Tokyo Metropolitan Kokusai High School, Tokyo. Having lived in Kuwait and the U.S., Reimi possesses outstanding communication skills in English as well as Japanese. Due to her international background, she is aware of social and geopolitical issues around the world. She aims to pursue a career in the medical field and to assist people with their general well-being. Reimi’s family also served as a host family for a U.S. Junior Fellow in the summer of 2016.

Shiori Konno, Furukawa Reimei Senior High School, Miyagi. Growing up in Tohoku, Shiori wants to dedicate herself to the economic recovery of the tsunami affected area in the region. She is aware of the importance of local communities and their traditions, and plans to study business marketing in college. She hopes to introduce local products to the global market in an effort to support and revitalize the Tohoku region.

Sae Koyama, Ochanomizu University Senior High School, Tokyo. Sae’s career aspiration is to work in the field of media and communications, connecting Japan to the world. Her thoughtful and gregarious nature has helped her become a leader in her school and as a volunteer in a group focused on Afghanistan as well as the badminton club. Sae’s family also served as a host family for a U.S. Junior Fellow in the summer of 2015.

Naoki Matsushima, Jiyu Gakuen Senior High School, Tokyo. Naoki serves as Vice President in student government as well as captain of his school’s soccer team. His motto as a young leader is “respect individual uniqueness.” He is particularly interested in international social issues such as the refugee crises and the level of education in developing countries. He would like to work for the UN to improve the living situation of those in need so they can make change and improve their situation through their own choices and efforts.

Tatsuyuki Meguro, Konko Gakuen Senior High School, Okayama. Sincere and earnest, Tatsuyuki has served as a trusted leader in his school, especially in activities related to international relations. His career goal is to become a diplomat and support Japan so the nation can play a more effective role in the international community. He has conducted research on female education in Pakistan and is dedicated to raising further awareness on this topic.

Takuto Okamoto, Seijo Senior High School, Tokyo. Takuto is a creative young man who has constantly pushed himself in the fields of graphic design and music production. He aims to be a leader in the design field and work on international projects. He was recently selected to receive the top award in an information and media competition and manages multiple personal design projects outside of school.

Yasunari Onodera, Yokohama High School of International Studies, Kanagawa. Yasunari has a strong sense of justice; since junior high school his passion has been to promote social justice. He has demonstrated his leadership abilities in his local community, school committees and classroom. He plans to study criminal justice at university and serve in law enforcement.

Yuki Ozawa, Waseda University Senior High School, Tokyo. Yuki’s global mind set was fostered during his early years while living in Singapore and the U.S. As President of the English Club, he has been active in various international activities in and outside of school. Harnessing his international background and familiarity with foreign cultures, Yuki aims to be a global leader in international business.

Rina Toyama, Ueda Senior High School, Nagano. Positive, curious and highly communicative, Rina has been an active leader in her school’s international activities. She interests focus on poverty, education and medical care in developing countries. She hopes to work in developing countries as a social entrepreneur.
Samantha Cheng, Smithtown High School East, NY. Keenly aware of social injustice in the world, Sam is interested in a career in photojournalism. She strives to be an initiator and proactive problem-solver by connecting and communicating with others through her photography.

Hannah Cooper, Eaton High School, CO. A passionate advocate for others, Hannah aims to work in international business. Hannah presently serves President of the Art Club and Secretary of the Key Club. In addition to her high school classes, she is also enrolled in Japanese courses at the University of Northern Colorado.

Jamison Engels, Rye Country Day School, NY. Jamison (Jack)’s career goal is to work in international business. As a captain of his JV Soccer team, a 1st place winner of the Technology Fair and a volunteer in his local community group, he demonstrates his leadership ability in various capacities. At school, Jack studies Japanese and Japanese culture and plans to incorporate his Junior Fellow experience into his senior year independent study.

Logan Garr, Douglas High School, SD. Calling upon his strong dedication and diligence, Logan plans to pursue a career as a pediatric surgeon. Logan was the youngest participant in the 2016 cohort; however, that has not hindered him from demonstrating his impressive leadership qualities both on the program and in his community. Logan is an active and responsible volunteer and young leader in his school, serving on the Student Council and in the Northern Hills Honors Band.

Anastasia Gracheva, Stanford University Online High School, IL. Anastasia is a Stanford University Reischauer Student Scholar and is recognized for her advanced Japanese studies. She has a strong interest in sustainability and environmental issues. Understanding the importance of international collaboration, her goal is to become a leader who inspires others to contribute to the progress of global initiatives.

Anand Karmaker, High School of Math, Science, and Engineering, NY. Anand demonstrates his intellectual curiosity and leadership qualities by taking on new challenges in order to improve himself. His life goal is to make the world a better place by contributing to progress as an entrepreneur in the software business with a focus on the energy sector.

Fatomata Konteh, The Masters School, NY. Having a strong interest in and respect for diversity, Fatomata leads the Committee on East and South East Asia and also serves as co-president of the religious diversity club at her school. She plans to pursue a career in business with a focus on the field of engineering.

Claudia Motley, Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School, NY. With her strong interest in writing and current affairs, Claudia intends to pursue a career in journalism or anthropology. She is also studying Japanese in a pre-college program at Stony Brook University. Claudia was inspired to study Japanese culture by one of her teachers, who is an alumna of Japan Society’s Educators’ Study Tour (EST).

Alana Tang, Hunter College High School, NY. Alana has demonstrated her leadership qualities through her participation in the Model U.N., Science Research Program at the Natural History Museum and Columbia University’s Science Honors Program. She is interested in international affairs and aims to be a global citizen who works in the field of international relations.
SPRING 2016 PROGRAM SUMMARY
Program Dates: March 12—April 1, 2016

During their 13-day homestay/school experience each Fellow conducted research on an independent project, along with building strong social contacts within the community. Additionally, Fellows were able to network with other JFAN members. Fellows visited Washington, DC and NYC sites and exchanged ideas with such organizations and leaders as the National Association of Japan-America Societies; Former Senator John “Jay” Rockefeller; Columbia University; United Nations; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Koichi Ai, Consulate General of Japan in New York; Osamu Honda, The Japan Foundation, New York; Takaaki Nakajima, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; Tomohiro Sano, ITOCHU International Inc.; Kenichi Sugita, Norinchukin Bank; Yutaka Takiura, Pratt Institute; Rona Tison, ITO EN (North America) Inc.; Akinori Yokosawa, Delta Air Lines; Minoru Yoshinaga, and Toray Industries (America), Inc.

“Each leader we met gave us new information that not only benefited the entire group, but many leaders had a personal impact on the Fellows. I plan to take the advice and lessons of each of the leaders and put it into my daily and professional life.”
—Hannah Cooper, Eaton High School, CO

SUMMER 2016 PROGRAM SUMMARY
Program Dates: July 5—26, 2016

The New York orientation kicked off with program training, a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to discuss U.S.-Japan economics with field experts, a leadership workshop with Prof. Mathew Feely, PhD., Captain U.S. Navy (Ret.), at Columbia University Business School and a visit to the National September 11 Memorial Plaza.

During their homestay/school experience (8 nights/9 days) Fellows conducted research on an independent project and met with leaders at such companies as IBM Japan, Ltd., Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Sweet Treat/MORIUMUS and Higa Industries Co., LTD. Fellows also visited historic Hiroshima to speak with an atomic bomb survivor and network with Japanese JFAN members. At a post-program luncheon in New York, Fellows were able visit with and exchange ideas with such industry leaders as Christopher Calabia, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Tomoko Hamada-Dougan; Kevin Hogan, AIG; Osamu Honda, The Japan Foundation, New York; Yosuke Honjo, ITO EN (North America) INC.; Yoshimi Kambe, KPMG LLP; Robert Karr, Joho Capital, LLC; Fred Katayama, Anchor, Thomson Reuters; Kenji Matsumoto, The Japan Foundation, New York; Meito Mochizuki, ITO EN (North America) INC.; Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Chairman, Japan Society, Chairman & CEO, WL Ross & Co. LLC; Tricia Rumola, Delta Air Lines; Motoatsu Sakurai, Japan Society; Yasushi Takahashi, Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc.; Kayo Takahashi, KPMG LLP; Rona Tison, ITO EN (North America) Inc.; Sigurd Ulland, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Akinori Yokosawa, Delta Air Lines.
ALUMNI UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS

As JFAN alumni graduate from high school, they have enrolled in many institutions of higher learning in both the U.S. and Japan, as well as abroad. Highlights include:

**U. S.**
- Bard College (2)
- Baruch College
- Cornell University (2)
- Hunter College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Tufts University (2)
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of South Carolina
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Yale University

**England**
- Arts University Bournemouth

**Japan**
- Akita International University / 秋田国際教養大学 (2)
- Doshisha University / 同志社大学
- Hitotsubashi University / 一橋大学
- International Christian University / 国際基督教大学
- Iwate University / 岩手大学
- Sophia University / 上智大学
- Kansai University / 関西大学
- Keio University / 慶應大学 (3)
- Kobe University / 神戸大学
- Ochanomizu University / お茶の水女子大学
- Tohoku University / 東北大学
- Waseda University / 早稲田大学 (4)
- Yokohama National University / 横浜国立大学

“This program was not just an "experience" for me; rather it will stay with me throughout my life. I was immersed in many diverse ideas of local students, my host family and the various leaders I met. It also served as a great opportunity for me to reflect and think about my future. This experience will serve as a springboard as I move towards my goals.”

—Tatsuyuki Miguro, Konko Gakuen Senior High School, Okayama

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