

## ***Sasakawa Young Leaders Foundation Fellowship (SYLFF) Program***

### ***for 2020-2021 Academic Year***

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The Sasakawa Young Leaders Foundation Fellowship (SYLFF) is designed to provide full financial support to outstanding Ph.D. students admitted to candidacy in the Social Science Division with a research concentration in international affairs and/or world peace. The SYLFF fellowship is a merit-based and competitive fellowship offered upon recommendation by the SYLFF Advisory Committee at Howard University.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates must be advanced to Ph.D. candidacy in the Social Sciences Division with research and career interest in international affairs and/or world peace. Students must be enrolled full-time with a minimum GPA of 3.5.

#### **TERMS**

Full tuition and fees and a stipend of \$25,000 for one academic year, renewable for no more than two years. The fellowship also includes a research award of up to \$2,000 over the two-year period (\$500 of the research award may be used for educational supplies, and \$1,500 for dissertation research related travel expenses).

#### **APPLICATION**

**Candidate:** One (1) copy of the materials listed below must be submitted to your department chair by Monday, February 10, 2020.

1. **Cover Letter** from the candidate's Department Chair or the Director of Graduate Studies endorsing the application
2. **SYLFF Application Form (Use pages 2-5)**
3. **Curriculum Vitae**
4. **Approved Candidacy Form**
5. **Approved Dissertation Proposal:** No more than 10 single-spaced pages. If longer than 10 pages, excerpt or summarize to convey the essential points.
6. **Statement** addressing the candidate's research contribution to international affairs and/or world peace and how it makes a difference to society. No more than 3 single-spaced pages.
7. **Two Letters of Recommendation (Use pages 6-9):** One from the candidate's major advisor and one from a faculty member at Howard University in the candidate's research area.

**Department Chair:** Chair must submit the complete application packet to the SYLFF office, Suite 200, Graduate School, Annex III, no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Late applications will not be considered.

All inquires are to be addressed to Dr. Mika Kato at [mkato@howard.edu](mailto:mkato@howard.edu).



#### 4. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Organization and Location	Degree	Year Conferred	Discipline

#### 5. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Present Position: (if applicable)</b>	<b>Length of Employment:</b>
<b>Place of Employment:</b>	
<b>Business Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Nature of Job Responsibility:</b>	
<b>Previous Position:</b>	<b>Length of Employment:</b>
<b>Place of Employment:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Nature of Job Responsibility:</b>	

**6. PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

(Begin with most recent activity)


**7. HONORS AND AWARDS**


**8. MEMBERSHIP IN LEARNED AND HONOR SOCIETIES**




HOWARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL  
SASAKAWA YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP FUND (SYLFF) AWARD

**Appraisal of Application Form**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME
FIRST
MIDDLE

Notes to Recommendation Writer:

- Please use this form; you may, however, submit a separate letter of recommendation attached to this form.
- Please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope – please sign across the back flap after sealing it.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE'S MAJOR DISSERTATION ADVISOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant on the following scales in comparison to other doctoral candidates you have known.

	<i>No Basis for Judgment</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
		<i>Lowest 35%</i>	<i>Middle 20%</i>	<i>Next 20%</i>	<i>Next 15%</i>	<i>Highest 10%</i>
<i>Intellectual Capability:</i> <i>Analytical Power</i> <i>Rigor of Thought</i> <i>Critical Facility</i> <i>Reasoning Ability</i>						
<i>Independence of Thought:</i> <i>Originality</i> <i>Imagination</i> <i>Creative Intelligence</i>						
<i>Effectiveness of Communication: Oral</i>						
<i>Effectiveness of Communication: Written</i>						
<i>Industry and Motivation:</i> <i>Persistence</i> <i>Self-Discipline</i> <i>Study Techniques</i>						
<i>Judgment and Maturity:</i> <i>Conscientiousness</i> <i>Common Sense</i>						
<i>Research Skills and Ability</i>						

**CERTIFICATION OF RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:**

**Provide a brief statement of the applicant's research progress to date:**

**Based on this summary, in your estimation, will the applicant complete this dissertation by the end of the next academic year?**      **Yes**      **No**

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**Signature**

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**Department**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and Title**  
**(Please Print or Type)**

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**Date**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL  
SASAKAWA YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP FUND (SYLFF) AWARD**

**Appraisal of Application Form**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME
FIRST
MIDDLE

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY A FACULTY MEMBER AT HOWARD OTHER THAN THE STUDENT'S MAJOR ADVISOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Specify relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>Research Skills and Ability</i>						

**In the space provided below, please make comments regarding the applicant's special interests, motivations, personal qualities, academic background, accomplishments and promise as a professional and a scholar.**

**OVERALL RECOMMENDATION:**

**Below Average Recommendation**

**Average Recommendation**

**Good Recommendation**

**Very Good Recommendation**

**Outstanding Recommendation**

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**Signature**

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**Department**

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**Name and Title  
(Please Print or Type)**

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**Date**