

consequences with the active participation of the business sector, and sustainable urbanization.

**Examples of project themes**

1. Exploring future trends in multilateralism, regionalism, and bilateralism and the implications for the global economic environment;
2. Discussing the roles and responsibilities of the business sector and its contributions to the overall well-being of societies;
3. Examining issues of urban revitalization and sustainability including the injection of creativity through art and culture.

**Area III: Role of Civil Society**

Projects in the following two areas are eligible:

1. International comparisons of the role and influence civil society actors have in policy arenas. For example, in light of rapidly changing demographics, what is the role of civil society with regard to immigration and achieving balance in increasingly diverse societies;
2. Creative dialogue and networking among actors in the business sector, cultural institutions, and civil society.

**Screening Criteria**

**〈Project requirements and priorities〉**

Projects are required to have the following elements:

- Japan-based collaborative partner;
- Current topics that are policy-relevant to both the United States and Japan;
- Clear and concrete designs that articulate the ideas, participants and goals of the project;
- Ideas or participants that comprise a breadth of viewpoints;
- Event, such as a symposium, conference or workshop-- a minimum of one;
- Dissemination plans, such as a publication or academic paper;
- A minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the total project budget must be secured from non-CGP sources such as the applying institution or other foundations.

Priority is given to projects with:

- Results that are shared and widely disseminated, and that contribute effectively to the existing body of knowledge and/or shape policy;
- Long-term commitment to the issues;
- Innovative concepts or approaches to engaging the project topic;
- Participants that reflect diversity in ethnicity, gender, and geography;

**Grant Coverage**

Salary and honoraria, travel costs (domestic and international transportation, hotels, meals, etc.), publication (printing, bookbinding, translation, etc.), conference costs (room hire, interpretation fee, etc.).

Number of Grants for FY 2008 18

**Application Deadline and Notification of Results**

Deadline: December 1, 2009 (for projects beginning between April 2010 and March 2011);

Notification of Results: April 2010

CGP requests concept papers of two to three pages from prospective applicants at least two months prior to the submission deadline.

**3-(2) Abe Fellowship**

The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of Japanese and American researchers and journalists who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. The



Abe Fellowship Program is composed of "Abe Fellowship" and "Abe Fellowship for Journalists".

**Target Area** (both "Abe Fellowship" and "Abe Fellowship for Journalists")

Applicants are invited to submit proposals for research in the social sciences or related disciplines relevant to any one or combination of the following three themes:

- 1) Traditional and non-traditional approaches to security and diplomacy;
- 2) Global and regional economic issues; and
- 3) The role of civil society.

**Research must show the following three qualities**

- 1) policy-relevance;
- 2) contemporary focus; and
- 3) comparative or transnational perspectives.

〈Abe Fellowship〉

**Eligibility**

- The Fellowship is open to citizens of the U.S. and Japan as well as nationals of other countries who can demonstrate strong and committed long-term affiliations with research communities in Japan or the U.S.
- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their field, or have attained an equivalent level of professional experience.

**Duration**

3 to 12 months

〈Abe Fellowship for Journalists〉

**Eligibility**

- The AFJ Fellowship is open to citizens of the U.S. and Japan with at least five years of professional journalistic experience in newspapers, newsmagazines, wire services, and on-line news organizations. Freelancers are also eligible. Nationals of other countries must be permanent residents of the U.S. or Japan, or have a long-term affiliation with the American or Japanese journalistic communities.
- Proposals must be non-partisan.

**Duration**

6 weeks

\*Please consult with the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) or check the program website for more information on eligibility and fellowship conditions.

**Application**

Applications must be submitted via the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) online application system. Details can be found at the following addresses:

〈Abe Fellowship〉 <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-fellowship/>

〈Abe Fellowship for Journalists〉 <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-fellowship-for-journalists/>

**Deadline**

〈Abe Fellowship〉 September 1, 2009

〈Abe Fellowship for Journalists〉 September 15, 2009

**Number of fellows accepted (Fiscal 2008-2009)**

13 Abe Fellows, 4 Journalist Fellows

For further details and application material, please contact the Program Secretariat:

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One Pierrepoint Plaza, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, U.S.A.  
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E-MAIL: [abe@ssrc.org](mailto:abe@ssrc.org)

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Abe Fellowship Program Tokyo Office  
c/o Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership  
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\*Individuals who wish to conduct research in Japan should also refer to The Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program.

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### 3-(3) Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)

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This program aims to promote understanding and awareness of Japan in regions of the United States with relatively few Japan-related activities and opportunities for exchange and to nurture new leaders in the field of grass-roots exchange. Japanese individuals, placed mainly in the southern and midwestern U.S., volunteer as outreach coordinators at organizations with outreach programs such as Japan-America societies and universities. Coordinators provide information about Japanese culture, society, everyday life, and language in local community settings and organize activities that foster exchange between the United States and Japan.

#### Example of Activities

- (1) Give presentations on Japanese culture and society to schools, colleges, and the community.
- (2) Organize or coordinate a Japan Festival based on a Japanese holiday, event, or custom.
- (3) Organize or coordinate lectures or discussion programs on traditional and current Japanese culture and society.
- (4) Facilitate and develop exchange activities between the local community and Japan.

**Duration** Two years

**Assistance** A \$750 monthly stipend, round-trip air tickets, and housing, etc. are provided.

**Application Deadline** January 7, 2010

**Administration** The program is administered jointly by the CGP and The Lurasian Institution. For further details and application materials, please contact:

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