

Oregon Sylff Fellowship for International Research

Application Form Overview

The Sylff program aims to identify and nurture leaders who will overcome differences in nationality, language, ethnicity, religion, and political systems to tackle global issues, and whose high integrity and drive to address issues unique to their respective countries can make a real difference. Award recipients must be doctoral students who have matriculated at Portland State University, Oregon State University, and the University of Oregon who possess high potential for leadership in international affairs, in public life or private endeavor.

Sylff Graduate Fellowships for International Research are supported by an endowment to Portland State University, Oregon State University, and the University of Oregon—universities that established the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff). Fellowship stipends are awarded to full-time doctoral students for one academic year of graduate work that involves research and scholarly endeavors in programs and projects with an international dimension.

Outstanding doctoral students will be considered through nomination by their respective graduate department/program. Departments and graduate programs must indicate their own (or their institution's) commitment to financial support of nominees.

In the online application form, be prepared to provide the following information:

1. Eligibility requirements:
 - a. Nominee is a matriculated student at Portland State University, Oregon State University, or the University of Oregon.
 - b. Nominee is a full-time doctoral student as defined by their home institution.
 - c. Nominee is enrolled in a program that falls within the parameters of the social sciences or humanities; students from outside the social sciences and humanities may still be considered if they are pursuing multi-disciplinary research from a social science or humanities perspective.
 - d. Nominee's research seeks solutions to address social problems or pressing social issues.
 - e. Nominee's Department/graduate program (or institution) commits to the financial support of their nominee.
 - f. Nominees is the department/graduate program's sole nominee for this fellowship
2. Nominee
 - a. First and last name
 - b. Institution
 - c. Institution ID
 - d. Institution email
 - e. Academic department
 - f. Degree major
 - g. Copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts
 - h. A CV/resume that includes the following information
 - Name, current address, telephone number, and email address
 - Colleges and universities attended as an undergraduate and graduate student, including current institution, include dates of attendance and degrees granted
 - Field of graduate study, including major and any minors or specializations
 - University or college honors, such as awards and scholarships
 - Publications of articles and books
 - All employment since high school to the present
 - Memberships, offices, and leadership positions held since high school

- Proficiency in language other than English or plans to study other languages
 - i. A statement, no longer than 1600 words (not including references), addressing their academic plans, career goals, potential for international leadership, and plans to study abroad (if applicable).
3. Nominator
- a. First and last name
 - b. Institution email
 - c. Title/position
 - d. Nomination letter from the department head or graduate program director confirming this is the one student selected for nomination and confirmation of the department or institution's commitment to financial support
 - Typically, these supplemental contributions are in the form of an assistantship and associated tuition waiver during the fellowship/award period so that Sylff stipends can be used to address travel, living, and research expenses associated with an international research project.
 - Although nominations may be made for students lacking supplemental funding, priority will be given to those nominations that exhibit a strong institutional commitment to supporting the nominee.
 - e. Three letters of recommendation that address the nominee's qualifications, strengths, and potential related to this fellowship.

**The information on this handout is subject to change at any time. Please review the award page and nomination form for the most current award information/requirements. All nominations must be submitted electronically through Qualtrics*