

Leadership & Exchanges



The Asia Foundation
Improving Lives, Expanding Opportunities

Asia's rapidly changing development landscape has brought about the need for a new generation of leadership to innovate solutions to the region's most pressing challenges. The Asia Foundation's Leadership and Exchange Programs (LeadEx) invest in tomorrow's leaders through knowledge building, skill strengthening, and professional exchange to shape talented and committed young individuals into agents of impact and reform.



ASIA FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT FELLOWS

Started in 2014, the Asia Foundation Development Fellows program provides highly-qualified young professionals from Asia with an opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills and gain in-depth knowledge of Asia's critical development challenges. The program is multifaceted, involving short, intensive courses, conferences, and study tours in Asia and the United States to enhance leadership skills, Asian development knowledge, professional networks, and international exposure. On a biennial basis, all program alumni are brought together for the *Forum on Leadership for Asia's Future* to exchange ideas and create new avenues for collaboration.

LUCE SCHOLARS

The Asia Foundation has had the honor of administering the Henry Luce Foundation's Luce Scholars Program in Asia since its launch in 1974. Each year, the program selects 18 highly-qualified young Americans across a variety of professional fields, including but not limited to the arts,

journalism, law, medicine, science, public health, environmental studies, and international relations, to spend a year living and working in Asia. Scholars are fully supported throughout the program, including through stipends, insurance, language training, and individualized professional placements in their field.

YOUNG ASIAN DIPLOMATS PROGRAM

Beginning in 2019, with support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Young Asian Diplomats Program promotes leadership development for the next generation of Asian diplomats and builds networks and prospects for multilateral cooperation in the region. Each year, the program immerses up to 14 promising mid-career diplomats from Asia in customized coursework on diplomacy, leadership development, the unique regional needs of American constituents, and innovative institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area.

LANKACORPS

Started in 2013, LankaCorps professionally engages

young leaders of Sri Lankan heritage in social, cultural, and economic development activities in Sri Lanka. Each year, the Foundation selects up to six LankaCorps Fellows to live and work in Sri Lanka for six months, granting them the unique chance to explore their roots while giving back. The program includes orientation, language training, and cohort activities throughout the placement period.

WILLIAM P. FULLER FELLOWSHIP IN PEACEBUILDING

The evolving complexity of subnational conflict in the 21st century requires significant investment in an emerging generation of committed leaders to innovate and drive solutions for peace. Started in 2004, The Asia Foundation selects talented, Asian researchers and practitioners who work to address issues of radicalization, violent conflict, and intergroup tensions to participate in the William P. Fuller Fellowship in Peacebuilding. The fellows convene for short-term, intensive coursework and collaborative project modules to strengthen their capacity as leaders and reformers. Additionally, fellows undergo study tours for institutional exposure and receive a flexible grant to put toward professional development or small projects.

CHANG-LIN TIEN DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

This combined fellowship and award program fosters greater dialogue and understanding between Asians and Americans noted for their contributions in government, business, academia, media, and the arts. The Chang-Lin Tien Distinguished Leadership Award is presented annually to prominent Asian leaders in recognition of their lifetime of achievements in government, business, and academia. Fellows and honorees of the

Chang-Lin Tien Distinguished Fellowship include Dr. Mari Pangestu, former Economic Minister of Indonesia, and His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Eighth Secretary General of the United Nations.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Annually since 2007, The Asia Foundation sponsors the participation of mid-career diplomats from various foreign ministries of participating Asian countries to attend graduate-level coursework at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The program's objective is to deepen these officials' understanding of the complexities of foreign policymaking in the United States. The fellowship includes observation tours, tailored to the respective professional responsibilities and interests of the visiting diplomats, to encourage greater intercultural exposure and promote stronger international relations.

FELLOWSHIPS IN ASIAN ART

The Asia Foundation sponsors the Margaret F. Williams Memorial Fellowship and the Brayton Wilbur, Jr. Memorial Fellowship, in partnership with the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, to promote the study and appreciation of Asian art at prestigious art institutions worldwide. These fellowships are awarded to curatorial specialists, art historians, and academics that are experts in Asian Art History from around the world and sponsor either a short residency at the Asian Art Museum or research at a partner institution in Asia for professional development.

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Headquartered in San Francisco, The Asia Foundation works through a network of offices in 18 Asian countries and in Washington, DC. Working with public and private partners, the Foundation receives funding from a diverse group of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, foundations, corporations, and individuals.



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