

## ABOUT THE SYLFF PROGRAMME

Established in 1962, The Nippon Foundation is one of Japan's largest private philanthropic organizations. It supports a broad spectrum of initiatives in the areas of social welfare, public health, education, maritime development, and international cooperation.

As part of its commitment to fostering global leadership, the Foundation established the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) in 1987 through its Overseas Grants Division. The SYLFF program provides endowments of USD 1 million each to selected universities and academic consortia worldwide.

To date, endowments have been awarded to 69 universities and consortia across 44 countries, encompassing a total of 88 higher education institutions. The program supports graduate students pursuing studies in the social sciences, humanities, and performing arts. Since its inception, SYLFF has benefited more than 17,000 fellows globally.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.sylff.org/about/>

The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) for Tomorrow's Intellectual Leaders supports outstanding, highly qualified graduate students by granting them fellowships to pursue their master's or doctoral degrees.

Designed for the best and brightest students with strong leadership potential, the SYLFF Programmes envisions producing responsible citizens who can deal with social issues with a critical and constructive sense, formulate solutions for local and regional problems and participate effectively in the country's efforts to engage the global community.

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The logo for the SYLFF (Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund) programme. It features the letters 'Sylff' in a stylized, white, serif font with a slight shadow effect, set against a dark blue background. The 'y' is lowercase and has a unique shape. The letters are large and prominent.

The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Programme at the Universiti Malaya

## ABOUT THE NIPPON FOUNDATION UNIVERSITI MALAYA

### INTRODUCTION

Universiti Malaya is proud to be one of only 69 universities worldwide to receive the SYLFF health, endowment and the UM programme was established in August 1990. The programme is aimed at educating graduate students (Master's and Doctoral degree programmes) in the fields of social sciences and humanities with the potential for future leadership in international affairs, public life and private endeavors.

### SYLFF PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy by the founding chairman of The Nippon Foundation, the late Ryoichi Sasakawa, that "The world is one family, and all mankind are brothers and sisters" remains as the driving force of the present SYLFF programme. Its primary focus is to provide assistance in education which holds the key to the peace and prosperity of the world community. In doing so, the programme plays a role in creating a new generation of leaders to overcome the divisions of nationality, religion, ethnic background and politics.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. This fellowship is open for Malaysian and International Postgraduate students.
2. Completed at least one (1) year of their Doctoral Programme (by research only) in any fields of social sciences and humanities.
3. Must not be a full-time teaching or research staff of the University.
4. Possess a Bachelor's degree with honours and a Master's degree.
5. Must not exceed 35 years of age at the application date.
6. Have an out-going personality and a good command of the English Language.
7. Possess and show proof of leadership and communication skills.
8. **Compulsory submission of a short essay on research currently being undertaken, preferably related to international affairs and leadership, by applicants who seek to work through their involvement in organizational bodies (both governmental and non-governmental) for the benefit of the community and society. The essay can be written in either English or Bahasa Malaysia and must clearly indicate how the research could contribute towards the betterment of mankind both locally and globally. This essay should be attached together with your resume and uploaded into the online application form in the section where applicants are required to upload their CV/resume.**

### AWARD

All University fees during the award period are paid from the Fund.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must submit their application online via the MAYA portal at [maya.um.edu.my](https://maya.um.edu.my) > Finance > Scholarship for online application.

**The online application must be submitted before or on 22 July 2025 (Tuesday). Incomplete information or attachment and late application will not be entertained.**