

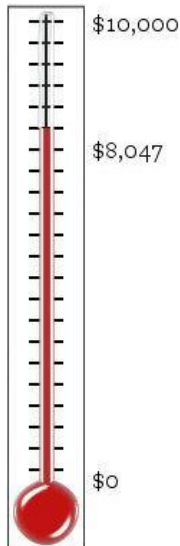


# Young Leader | Connections

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## Young Leaders 2014 Giving Challenge



***Pacific Forum CSIS President Ralph Cossa and donors have challenged Young Leaders to raise \$10,000 between now and Feb. 25, 2014. The first \$5,000 of YL gifts was triple matched, and every dollar thereafter will be matched with a dollar – meaning now is a great time to give.***

***We've reached \$8,000 already!***

On Jan. 6, Pacific Forum CSIS president Ralph Cossa and donors challenged Young Leaders to raise \$5,000 to support an endowment for Pacific Forum's signature next-generation leadership effort. Young Leaders have gone above and beyond to meet the [2014 Giving Challenge](#) by raising \$5,000 in the first week, with special thanks to Kevin Shepard's \$2,000, our largest YL gift!

For the first \$5,000 raised by Young Leaders, Ralph Cossa and Pacific Forum donors **triple matched** the impact of each gift. Now we have asked YLs who haven't given yet to raise another \$5,000 to be matched dollar for dollar.

The Young Leaders 2014 Giving Challenge will run from Jan. 6, 2014 until Feb. 25, 2014. Our goal is to announce that we've raised the full amount, and received the full match,

at our Board of Governors' dinner in February, where we will celebrate the program's 10th anniversary.

This is the first time we've reached out to Young Leaders and asked them to support the program's future. Help us to build an endowment to support this important initiative in perpetuity!

Gifts of all sizes – from \$10 to \$100 to \$1,000 will make a difference, but we need participation from as many Young Leaders as possible. Will you help us meet our \$10,000 goal, so we can maximize all donations in matching funds, by making a fully tax-deductible (US) gift today?

### **How you can give:**

**Online.** Your donation can be made using a credit card via our secure [online giving platform](#). You will be

routed to a donation page that says "Center for Strategic and International Studies." All donations received through this portal will be credited to Pacific Forum CSIS and all donations made by Young Leaders will be processed to benefit the giving challenge.

**Call us with your credit card donation.** Our office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time. You can reach us at +1 808 521 6745.

**Mail a US check.** Our address is: 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 1150 Honolulu, HI 96813 USA

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# Director's Message



*Director Nicole Forrester (right) with Pacific Forum CSIS director of development, Ellise Akazawa (left) at USCG Air Station Barber's Point.*

Happy New Year, Young Leaders! As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the YL Program, we reflect on a decade of tremendous growth. What began in 2004 as a young professionals initiative of a few dozen has blossomed into a cohort of over 700 Young Leaders from 56 countries. Nearly half our cohort, affiliated with universities around the world, are currently pursuing advanced degrees. The remainder hail from think tank organizations, government ministries, private consulting firms, military organizations, and more. This refreshing diversity encourages a range of perspectives at conferences where senior policymakers are often present.

In 2013 we sent Young Leaders representing 24 nationalities to 13 conferences in seven countries. In attending our YL program conferences, these exemplary scholars, program and military officers, consultants, journalists, and government agents published collaborative works in our Issues & Insights publication, challenging their fellow YLs and the greater international affairs community. You may find their works [here](#).

We are working hard to ensure that 2014's programming rivals that of 2013. This year we will focus on developing new partnerships to broaden and expand our reach and content. The US Coast Guard is the latest organization to send its best and brightest into the YL program to continue their international relations development. If you haven't already done so, please consider [making a contribution](#) to the Young Leaders 2014 Giving Challenge. As we continually strive to establish ourselves as the preeminent Asia-Pacific security policy leadership program, we require your support and feedback. The fruits of this labor will ultimately benefit you and future Young Leaders.

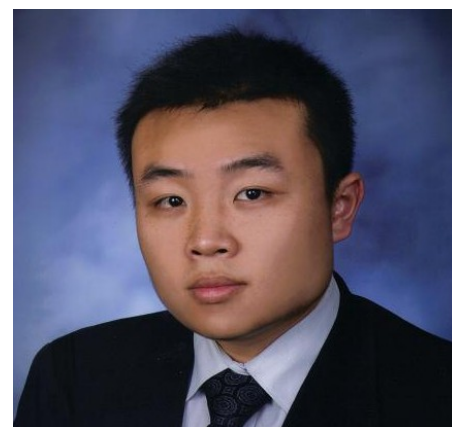
We'd like to extend a special thanks to Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan Foundation for the chance to participate in this year's [Kakehashi Project](#). It was an amazing opportunity to learn and deepen my understanding of the country. You can read more about the event on pg. 3 of this month's newsletter.

Questions or comments? As always, we're just an email away at [YoungLeaders@pacforum.org](mailto:YoungLeaders@pacforum.org)

**Wishing you the best with all your endeavors in 2014!**

## Young Leaders Featured in Yale College's China Hands Magazine

YLs Jack Zhang (*right*), Nathan Beauchamp-Mustafaga (*center*), and Rachel Esplin Odell (not pictured) were praised in China Hands Magazine's inaugural "25 Under 25" feature for their efforts to "further mutual understanding" and "continue building bridges" between the US and China. Congratulations to all! Read the original article [here](#).



# YLS Attend Japan Kakehashi Project

From Jan. 13 to 22, the Japan Foundation – commissioned by Fulbright Japan – hosted 32 young researchers from the US to participate in a professional and cultural exchange program known as the Kakehashi Project. 11 Pacific Forum YLs were joined by young Asia Society and US Institute of Peace staff members.

The word kakehashi (架け橋) means “bridge” in Japanese and participants were encouraged to make practical bridges between the US and Japan in a wide range of common interest areas, including arts and culture, edu-

cation, and joint research on peace-building and security. Pacific Forum Young Leaders interacted with Japanese researchers and government officials to expand professional networks and personal ties, and gain a better understanding of the Japanese perspective on diverse security issues. At the same time, participants experienced the attractiveness and wide-spectrum of Japanese society and culture from the bustling neon-lit streets in Akihabara to the quiet and serene Itsukushima Shrine (famous for its “floating” torii gate) on Miyajima Island.

Whether returning to Japan or visiting the country for the first time, the Kakehashi Project provided for all participants a unique opportunity to catch a glimpse of “Cool Japan” which participants can use to promote strengthened US-Japan relations in the present and future.

*Below: In addition to Kakehashi programming, YLs visited Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island and Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Museum and A-Bomb Dome.*

*(L-R): YLs Stephanie Kang, Ellise Akazawa, Derek Bolton, Eddie Walsh, and Stephanie Damann*



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# “Singapore YLs Dine with Bonnie Glaser” by Yang Yi, Justin Goldman

Nine Young Leaders gathered on Jan. 10 for the Singapore Alumni, Associates, and Friends Chapter’s first event of 2014. The group enjoyed a wonderful night of dinner and discussion at Din Tai Fung with Bonnie Glaser, a long-time friend and senior associate of Pacific Forum CSIS. She is a senior Asia adviser at the Freeman Chair in China Studies, where she works on issues related to Chinese foreign and security policy. She is concomitantly a consultant for the US government on East Asia.

Bonnie was in Singapore for the Regional Outlook Forum 2014, the flagship event of Singapore’s Institute of Southeast Asian Studies held at the start of each year. She presented on a

timely panel with Chinese and Japanese counterparts, addressing dynamics among the three nations, including ongoing maritime concerns. We are grateful for her taking the time to meet with the Singapore YL chapter, her schedule as packed as it was. In addition to attending the Regional Outlook Forum 2014, Bonnie met with numerous Singaporean officials.

We were pleased to see Rachel Chhoa-Howard again, who has previously attended Pacific Forum conferences as a Young Leader and took up a new position in the latter half of 2013 as associate with The Asia Group, a strategic advisory firm founded by former assistant secretary of state Kurt Campbell.

Discussions among the group ranged from ongoing challenges in China-US relations to the current dynamics within Singapore and how some of our Southeast Asian YLs viewed the competitive dynamics unfolding in Northeast Asia. As the USS Cowpens had made a port call in Singapore that week, the issue of its close encounter with a Chinese amphibious dock ship in the South China Sea in December came up. It turned out that Bonnie was on her way back to Washington to testify about this and related matters at a House Joint Subcommittee Hearing on Maritime Sovereignty in the East and South China Seas on Jan. 14.

We began this new year by welcoming some new friends to the chapter to join with our experienced YLs. It was a wonderful start to 2014!



*(L-R): YLs May-Ann Lim, Ran Hu, Josh Frossell, Joseph Franco, Yang Yi, Ms. Bonnie Glaser, Justin Goldman, Rachel Chhoa-Howard, Yan Natalie Hong, Shawn Ho*

## Pacific Islands Society Established in South Carolina

The Pacific Islands Society (PacSoc) has officially registered as a non-profit organization in the state of South Carolina, US. PacSoc president and Young Leader, Eddie Walsh, is “dedicated to promoting stronger people-people relations between the Pacific Island Countries and beyond. Through its speaking series, cultural events, and annual campaigns, PacSoc brings together some of the region’s most influential minds to discuss major political, economic, environmental, and social issues facing the Pacific Islands– all while celebrating the vibrant cultures that make the region so unique and valuable to the global community.” Access PacSoc’s [official website](#) to learn more about the organization.



*Above: PacSoc’s official logo.*

# Featured Young Leader ISN Publications

As part of our growing partnership with the International Relations and Security Network (ISN), Young Leaders who attended the September 2013 WSD-Handa Global Opinion Leaders Summit featuring Tony Blair submitted single-author op-eds for publication with ISN's [blog](#). The publications featured below are the newest addition to this ongoing "Considering Peace" series. There will be more to follow in the coming weeks, including Timothy Stafford's thoughts on US credibility in light of the strategic retreat on Syria. Check out past submissions by Stephanie Kang and Tong Zhao on [North Korean "science diplomacy"](#) and [China-US "trust-building"](#) if you missed it in our [December newsletter](#)!

## "Think Again Before Exploiting the Arctic's Resources-Where's the Infrastructure?" by Aiko Shimizu

Climate change is not an ideology, as some would have us believe – it is an existential fact. Greenland's ice cap is melting up to four times faster than it was two decades ago, and if current predictions hold true, by mid-century the Arctic's seas will be navigable in the summertime. This probability may frighten climate change specialists, but it is good news to those who want to access the High North's once inaccessible resources (oil, minerals, and gas), or to rely upon its shorter and therefore cheaper shipping routes. Indeed, the burgeoning interest of governments and investors in the Arctic guarantees that for better (economic development) and worse (oil spills, shipping accidents, and cultural dislocation), the human footprint will grow exponentially in the region. For those who are ready to kick-start this 21st century 'gold rush,' however, here's an inconvenient question – where's the infrastructure that is going to support it?

Read the full article [here](#).



*Aiko Shimizu is Pacific Forum CSIS's 2013-2014 Japan resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow and a JD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.*

## "Leveraging Mongolia" by Jonathan Berkshire Miller

If asked how China, the United States, Japan and other Asian countries might engage with each other more constructively, it is doubtful that the first word that would come to mind would be "Mongolia." And if then asked what mechanism Mongolia would use to further mutual comity and understanding, it is unlikely that 'Khaan Quest' would be mentioned. Yet there are compelling reasons to justify both answers. Military-to-military diplomacy is an important form of statecraft and its utility in Asia remains obvious.

This past summer marked the 10th anniversary of the Mongolian Armed Forces' Khaan Quest exercises, which among other activities brings militaries from around the world to share their best practices in multinational peacekeeping operations (PKO). This focus may at first appear narrow, but for three reasons the impact of Khaan Quest is potentially positive and significant.

Read the full article [here](#).



*Jonathan Berkshire Miller is a senior advisor on the Asia-Pacific for the Canada Border Services Agency and a non-resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow with Pacific Forum CSIS.*

# Recent Young Leader Publications

["UN Operations in Africa Provide a Mechanism for Japan's Military Normalization Agenda"](#) by Michael Edward Walsh, Jeremy Taylor  
7 Jan. 2014, The National Bureau of Asian Research

["The 'Mighty Moo' Maneuvers Around Trouble"](#) by William Yale  
14 Dec. 2013, Center for International Maritime Security

["ANZUS, Indonesia and the Pottery Barn Rule"](#) by Henry Lawton  
Dec. 2013, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

# Employment Opportunities

## USJC TOMODACHI Initiative Alumni Coordinator

The US-Japan Council's TOMODACHI Initiative office in Tokyo is preparing to hire a full-time alumni coordinator. This position is critical to allowing TOMODACHI to grow in its ability to do follow-on activities with program participants and foster even stronger leadership growth among the TOMODACHI generation.

The office is seeking a talented, dynamic, bilingual individual for the position of TOMODACHI alumni coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for the development and oversight of TOMODACHI alumni programming throughout Japan and, in coordination with US-based staff, on programs in the United States, with the goal of building upon short-term exchange experiences to promote continued alumni engagement with the United States (or Japan, in the case of American alumni). The TOMODACHI Initiative plans to close the position on **Feb. 15**. You can read the full bulletin [here](#).

## APEC Policy Support Unit Researcher

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) Policy Support Unit (PSU) is looking for an analyst researcher. Reporting to the senior analysts, they will contribute to research projects by undertaking quantitative and qualitative research on a range of topics. The analyst researcher will be responsible for collecting and analyzing data and statistics for the APEC region across a range of economic and policy related indicators. They will also be responsible for producing short analytical summaries and presentations on a broad spectrum of issues of interest to APEC.

Applicants should ideally have an advanced degree in economics and at least two years experience in economic policy-oriented research. Familiarity with statistical software and prior completion of a research thesis at advanced degree level will be highly regarded. For more information about this position and its requirements, please read the original bulletin [here](#).

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## CIGI Resident Research Fellow, Global Security

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is a global think tank based in Waterloo, Ontario. Created in 2001, it conducts policy research on international governance issues, including the global economy, global security, and international law. CIGI has openings for **two full-time resident research fellow positions** carrying a one year contract with a possible extension of an additional year. Reporting to the director of global security and politics, research fellows will contribute to the design and implementation of the program research and policy analysis, including some related administrative tasks. Successful candidates are also expected to participate and be engaged in the program's broader activities, such as, for instance, seminars and conferences. Of the two openings, one position requires specialized knowledge of Internet governance and cybersecurity issues; the other position requires specialized knowledge in the politics, economics and security of Asia Pacific with expertise in Southeast Asia. Prior, related research experience is preferred. For the original bulletin, click [here](#).

Interested applicants are invited to send a cover letter, resume, and salary expectations to [careers@cigionline.org](mailto:careers@cigionline.org) by **April 30, 2014**. All candidates' applications are appreciated but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Have you recently graduated, taken a new position, or relocated to a new city or organization? Have you made changes to your contact information? Keep us updated!**

**Send an email to [YoungLeaders@pacforum.org](mailto:YoungLeaders@pacforum.org) and stay in the loop by liking and following us on Facebook and Twitter!**



# Call for Applications

## 2014 Strait Talk Berkeley Symposium Application

A total number of 15 delegates – five representing PRC, five representing Taiwan, and five representing the United States – will be selected to attend the Strait Talk Berkeley-San Francisco 2014 Symposium from April 6-12, 2014. The deadline for PRC and Taiwan applicants has already passed.

USA applicants: please download the [ST Berkeley 2014 USA Application](#) and email completed applications to [straittalk.berkeley@gmail.com](mailto:straittalk.berkeley@gmail.com) by **Feb. 15**. A notification will be sent once your application is received. Applicants must be at least 18 year-old, still pursuing or already obtained a college degree.

## World Ocean Council Internship Opportunities

1. **Membership Coordination/Information Management:** this intern will work directly with the WOC secretariat to help with overall membership coordination and information system improvements.
2. **Communications/Website:** this intern will work directly with the WOC secretariat to identify and implement the best methods to communicate with WOC members and interested parties and to grow a community of ocean businesses involved with WOC programs and initiatives.
3. **Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Program:** this intern will work directly with the WOC director of programs/MSP project director to develop a series of tools and products useful for the engagement of the ocean business community in the process of marine policy and planning, with a US focus.

Full internship descriptions and information on the application process can be found at [www.oceancouncil.org](http://www.oceancouncil.org)

## National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) Center for Health and Aging Internship

NBR is seeking a volunteer, part-time intern (5-15 hours per week) to provide research and administrative support to NBR's Center for Health and Aging for 3-6 months, starting immediately. This position would be ideal for a candidate seeking to build their professional experience in the broader implications of international health issues while working at a nonprofit policy research institution. The internship, though volunteer, pays a nominal stipend.

The deadline for [applications](#) is **Feb. 15**; however, qualified applications received first will be given priority. Incomplete applications will not be considered. See the original bulletin [here](#).

## Global Governance Futures 2025 Fellows Program

The Tokyo Foundation, in partnership with the Global Public Policy Institute of Germany and other leading think tanks and universities in Germany, China, Japan, India, and the United States, is implementing the upcoming round of the Global Governance Futures program.

The program is seeking 25 young professionals (five from each country) to come together to look ahead 10 years and recommend ways to address three global issues that are likely to be of crucial importance in 2025: internet governance, geoengineering governance, and global arms control.

The GGF 2025 Topic Areas include:

- Working Group 1: Internet Governance
- Working Group 2: Geoengineering Governance
- Working Group 3: Future of Global Arms Control

Selected fellows will produce scenarios and develop concrete policy suggestions, participating in four dialogue sessions during the year and disseminating the results through op-eds in major publications, policy papers, journal articles, and high profile presentations. For more information and the original bulletin, click [here](#).

# Call for Applications: 2014-2015 Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellowships

Applications for the 2014-2015 round of Resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellowships will close on March 1, 2014. Please click [here](#) for the full bulletin, and [here](#) for an application and instructions. For all program inquiries, please contact Brooke Mizuno at [brooke@pacforum.org](mailto:brooke@pacforum.org) or +1 (808) 521-6745.

In 2010, Pacific Forum CSIS and the Tokyo-based Sasakawa Peace Foundation established the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) Fellowship Program to nurture the next generation of leaders from Japan and the United States who are committed to broadening and strengthening the two countries' alliance. For more than 60 years, the Japan-US alliance has been essential to the security of both Japan and the United States and the larger Asia-Pacific region. While the alliance has made important progress in recent years, this vital bilateral relationship continues to face serious obstacles. In the face of evolving new security challenges, it is imperative that leaders in both countries, from all fields, find concrete ways to strengthen and deepen cooperation.

## Resident Fellowships

Each year, a committee of recognized Japan-US experts selects one Japanese and one US citizen from a highly competitive applicant pool to hold a residential SPF Fellowship at Pacific Forum's office in Honolulu. Resident SPF Fellows conduct a self-directed research project on an issue that relates to either existing or potential Japan-US cooperation. The article will then be published in a refereed journal or the Pacific Forum's Issues and Insights monograph series. The US Fellow will spend up to six weeks in Tokyo and the Japanese fellow will spend up to six weeks in Washington, DC, to conduct interviews and research necessary for their research project. Resident fellows are active participants in Pacific Forum's globally recognized Young Leaders Program and will have the opportunity to attend relevant conferences and dialogues throughout the region under the program's auspices. A monthly cost-of-living stipend is also provided.

## Non-resident Fellowships

Pacific Forum CSIS and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation also offer 10-15 non-resident SPF Fellowships, tailored to those whose professional or academic commitments prevent them from committing to six months in Honolulu. Non-resident SPF Fellows are accepted for a one-year period and are able to participate in one to two Young Leaders conferences relevant to their research agenda each year. No cost-of-living stipend is provided, however costs and fees associated with Young Leaders Program participation is covered by Pacific Forum and the SPF Fellowship.

## Eligibility criteria

For both resident and non-resident SPF Fellows, we encourage those who meet the following eligibility criteria to apply:

- PhD or master's degree with relevant work experience
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Expertise in a security-related field
- Late 20s to 30s
- Hold either US or Japan citizenship

While we welcome candidates who have backgrounds in international relations, foreign policy, and defense and security studies, we also encourage those who come from outside these sectors to apply.

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