

# Message from the Dean, the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University

**The Japan-U.S. Leadership Program (JUSLP)** provides leaders from Japan a rich learning opportunity made possible by the quality, location, and renown of the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

Since 1898, the Elliott School and its predecessor schools have developed international leaders with the knowledge, character, and skills necessary to succeed on the global stage. Today, the Elliott School is regularly ranked among the top 10 international affairs programs in the world. Its alumni number more than 26,000 and include members of the U.S. Congress, the Japanese Diet, and many others active in politics, as well as leaders in diplomacy, the military, journalism, business, and non-governmental organizations in nearly every country.

JUSLP's custom-designed executive education experience features seminars conducted by top George Washington University faculty as well as prominent thought leaders from the public and private sectors. The program also offers field visits in Washington, D.C., and Grand Rapids, Michigan, to expose participants to a wide range of viewpoints and the impacts of policy on the lives of American citizens.

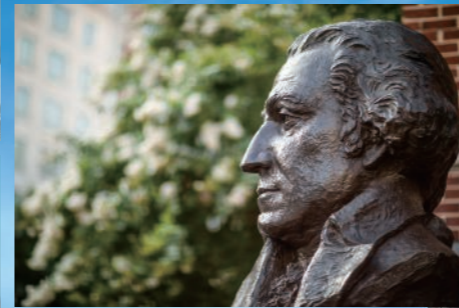
The program's curriculum meets the highest standards of rigor and excellence that the George Washington University has maintained since 1821 as one of the United States' most prestigious universities. The Elliott School of International Affairs and our partners at The Japan Times and Amway Japan look forward to welcoming you to our campus in the heart of America's capital.

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## Program Background

The Japan-U.S. Leadership Program (JUSLP) of the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University was established in 2020, the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan, to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

This intensive one-week executive training program for a select group of Japan's next generation of political and media leaders will deepen their understanding of bilateral relations and global affairs, and allow them to establish networks with American experts. The goal is to promote dialogue, mutual understanding, and trust between the two countries.

In recent years, the number of Japanese students studying abroad has declined. Japanese corporations and government ministries have also reduced funding for overseas training for their employees. These trends portend future disconnects between the two countries. In recent summit meetings, the U.S. President and Japanese Prime Minister have issued joint statements calling for increased academic and professional exchanges to ensure the health and vitality of the bilateral relationship in the future.

JUSLP, supported by a unique partnership spanning the public, private, and academic sectors, aims to ensure that the next generation of Japanese leaders develops first-hand understanding of U.S. politics, economics, and society. The goal is to equip participants to engage U.S. counterparts in a variety of fields, and to impart skills that will help them succeed both in Japan and on the global stage.

## Program Overview

Following orientation in Tokyo, JUSLP participants travel to the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, located in the heart of Washington, D.C. The Elliott School is one of the top-ranked international relations schools in the world. There, participants take part in seminars led by top faculty and thought leaders from the government and private sectors. They will also visit leading institutions in the nation's capital and enjoy social events to meet political and diplomatic experts.

Participants will then travel to Grand Rapids, Michigan, a mid-sized city that is considered a national model of strategic and sustainable economic revitalization. They will meet with leaders from local government, corporations, and non-governmental organizations to study how policy decisions impact the everyday life of American citizens.

JUSLP provides participants a full scholarship covering tuition, travel, accommodations, and most meals while in the United States. The one-week program includes:

- Seminars at the Elliott School of the George Washington University
- Lectures and panel discussions by experts on leadership, politics, diplomacy, and journalism
- Meetings with representatives of the U.S. Congress, administration, and business leaders
- Study visits to corporations, research institutions, and non-governmental organizations
- A pre-departure reception in Tokyo and welcome dinner, graduation ceremony, and other social events with U.S. leaders

## After the Program

Program organizers will conduct a variety of events for participants after their return to Japan in order to deepen personal and professional connections and facilitate continuing contributions to Japan-U.S. relations. Examples include:

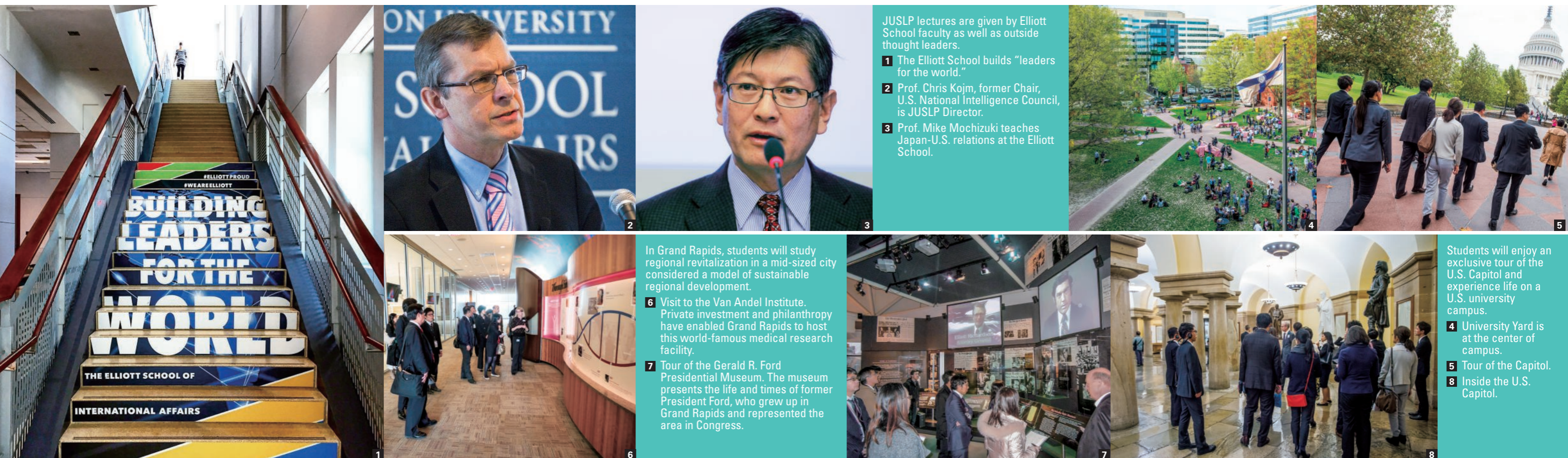
- Discussion sessions with officials of the U.S. Embassy in Japan and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meetings with visiting George Washington University faculty
- Receptions and other social events that bring together alumni and supporters of the program

## Participants and Selection

JUSLP is designed for rising leaders in Japanese politics, media/journalism, and associated fields. Applicants apply via an on-line application found on the program website at [www.juslp.com](http://www.juslp.com).

There is no strict age limit, but candidates in the early to middle portions of their career are preferred. The program welcomes applicants from all prefectures of Japan, and seeks gender balance in its delegations. Participants are selected through a competitive process that considers both their accomplishments to date and their potential to play a significant future role in the Japan-U.S. relationship and in Japan's public debate and policy choices across a range of issues.

A selection committee made up of representatives of program sponsors and the George Washington University chooses participants. The number of participants in each delegation is kept small to ensure a personalized experience.



JUSLP lectures are given by Elliott School faculty as well as outside thought leaders.

- 1 The Elliott School builds "leaders for the world."
- 2 Prof. Chris Kojm, former Chair, U.S. National Intelligence Council, is JUSLP Director.
- 3 Prof. Mike Mochizuki teaches Japan-U.S. relations at the Elliott School.

In Grand Rapids, students will study regional revitalization in a mid-sized city considered a model of sustainable regional development.

- 6 Visit to the Van Andel Institute. Private investment and philanthropy have enabled Grand Rapids to host this world-famous medical research facility.
- 7 Tour of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. The museum presents the life and times of former President Ford, who grew up in Grand Rapids and represented the area in Congress.

Students will enjoy an exclusive tour of the U.S. Capitol and experience life on a U.S. university campus.

- 4 University Yard is at the center of campus.
- 5 Tour of the Capitol.
- 8 Inside the U.S. Capitol.