

# The U.S.-Japan Council

## TOMODACHI Emerging Leaders Program

~ 2018 ~



The U.S.-Japan Council's TOMODACHI Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is an interactive, educational program designed to support the next generation of Japanese American leaders.

Each year, delegates from across the United States and Japan are selected to attend the U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference, which brings together regional, national and international leaders from government, business, academia and nonprofit sectors to discuss current issues and opportunities impacting U.S.-Japan relations. The Emerging Leaders also participate in leadership training, engage with program alumni, and network with Council members and other attendees.

By providing access to senior leaders and education about relevant topics, the program aims to motivate participants to pursue further activities that promote strong and positive U.S.-Japan relations.

*"The USJC Emerging Leaders Program was a truly unforgettable experience and it opened a door to an entire network that I never thought existed. This is one of the most memorable experiences I will carry with me throughout my life."*

—Danielle Higa, 2017 ELP

In its ninth year, the Emerging Leaders Program plays an important role in building the "TOMODACHI Generation," a generation of driven doers, thinkers and creators who are invested in the future of U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other's cultures and countries, and possess the globally oriented skills and mindsets needed to thrive and make a difference.

### 2018 PROGRAM DATES, CRITERIA & CONTACT:

- ◆ Application deadline: **Sunday, July 15, 2018**
- ◆ Program: U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference, **November 6-10 (Tokyo, Japan)**
- ◆ Criteria: Japanese American young professionals 24-35 years of age (*at the time of Conference*)
- ◆ U.S. citizenship or permanent residency required
- ◆ Applicants must reside in the United States or Japan
- ◆ Contact: Ms. Allison Murata, [amurata@usjapancouncil.org](mailto:amurata@usjapancouncil.org), 310-500-2873
- ◆ For more information and to apply, visit: [bit.ly/USJC\\_ELP](http://bit.ly/USJC_ELP)

