



# Sylff

The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund

at the

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

for *Tomorrow's Intellectual Leaders*

## Full-time Scholarships

for graduate studies

in SY 2018-2019

Application Period: 7 June – 6 July 2018

**Deadline for submission of complete application requirements: 6 July 2018**

The **Sylff** Program supports outstanding, highly qualified graduate students with a full scholarship for a full-time graduate study in a field of specialization supported by the Program. For new students, the grant is given up to 2 years for an Master's level degree and 3 years for a PhD degree. For current students, the grant is given for only 1 year during the final stage of thesis/dissertation/capstone paper/project completion.

The grant is awarded on an annual basis and is released in the Philippine Peso equivalent of USD7,000, based on an exchange rate determined by the University Treasurer at the time of approval of the application.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. For newly-accepted students: admission to a graduate for an initial enrolment in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester
2. For current students: in the final stage of thesis/dissertation writing and defense, or final stage of capstone paper/project completion
3. Academic excellence in undergraduate or master's or doctorate study with a minimum grade average of 85 or B+
4. Experience in leadership or community service
5. Commitment to a full-time study
6. Filipino citizenship
7. Focus of thesis/capstone paper/project or dissertation on any of the Sylff themes

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. *Application for a SYLFF Fellowship*
2. Photocopy of transcript of records of undergraduate degree, and of master's study (for MA/MS Cand. applicants), or master's degree (for PhD applicants) and of PhD study (for PhD Cand. applicants)
3. Curriculum vitae
4. For newly-accepted students: photocopy of applicant's acceptance letter to degree program of study
5. For current students: photocopy of applicant's academic advisement for thesis/dissertation writing and defense signed by the Department Chair, and, an abstract of one's approved thesis/dissertation/capstone paper/project
6. One-page essay about one's leadership potential, chosen Sylff theme and concrete plans after graduate studies

The grant is awarded to full-time students who are either newly-accepted, or, are current in status and are on the final stage of thesis/dissertation/capstone paper/project: have successfully passed the comprehensive exams, have completed the internship, and have no INC grade. The grant is inclusive of tuition and fees, book allowance, and a monthly living allowance for 10-12 months depending on the applicant's academic advisement. The grant is renewable every year within the prescribed period of study but is revocable at any given academic term when a fellow fails to meet any of the conditions of the grant.

**Sylff Application Form** Download the form from the Office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs webpage (<http://ateneo.edu/ls/graduate/financial-aid-graduate-students>) or email Ms. Kristina Garcia ([kgarcia@ateneo.edu](mailto:kgarcia@ateneo.edu)).

**Sylff Themes** The SYLFF Steering Committee will select from applicants whose master's thesis/capstone paper/project or doctoral dissertations will focus on any of the following themes:

### **THEME 1 Strengthening Identities**

How Filipinos – as individuals, communities, or a nation – represent themselves through narrative and practice, and in opposition or accommodation to perceived others is the thrust of this research theme. Of interest here are:

- the particulars of culture and history and their influences in the formation of subjectivities or consciousness
- the sets of archives of knowledge that underpin personal and social action
- the accounts, justifications, rationalizations or meanings people impute to objects, places, people and events
- the lived performances of people as they define themselves according to demographic categories (gender, ethnicity, and class of example) and to their location in historical period, global space, cultural context, and environmental niche

### **THEME 2 Transforming Social Institutions**

The comprehension of the social world, specifically of the structures of power in Philippine society, involves the interrogation or critique of those structures in terms of contesting paradigms, and the formulation of new discourses that will guide the transformation of social institutions – the family, state, religion, economy, mass media, art, education, health, etc. Of much concern as objects of interrogation are:

- social and individual practices that sustain subordination, oppression, and violence
- socio-cultural mechanisms that dislocate families, displace cultural or linguistic communities, deprive urban and rural settlers, discriminate against powerless groups, and degrade both the environment and its surrounding natural resources

Out of this interrogation should arise new discourses for renewing or creating social institutions – blueprints for social stability, fresh strategies for socioeconomic development, recommendations for generating alternative ideologies, and guidelines for restoring the ecosystem.

### **THEME 3 Engaging World Communities**

If the renewal of social institutions focuses on the transformation of social arrangements within Philippine society, the task of imagining – or dreaming – world communities stresses the need to engage the Philippines as an active participant of emerging international orders. Of importance here are:

- the traditional studies between global economic forces and local competitiveness
- the worldwide trend towards democratization and its expressions in both the nation and its local communities
- the transnational traffic of disease
- environmental deficits, intellectual properties, and forms of popular culture and their interaction with local traditions
- regional and international security
- the creation of international safety nets against economic dislocation and the fragmentation of personal and social life

The construction of identities and the imagination of world communities begin with a critique of the social world. From this interrogation of society shall emerge paradigms that will reduce the assault of power and inequality performed by social institutions and foster the reconstruction of self and society in more democratic and equitable ways. The ability of a nation like the Philippines to assume an active life in the world community depends on the nation's ability to redefine itself and to harness global resources to its benefit. The reconstruction of itself as a nation can be accomplished through a reconstruction of culture, power, structure and personality in a world made one by globalization and made many by localized resistances. This reconstruction will also demand continuous interrogation and renewal as human communities and personal lives again become captives of new forms of rationality and suffocating power.

**List of Graduate Programs Eligible for a Sylff Fellowship  
Ateneo de Manila University**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES**

1. English
  - MA in Literary and Cultural Studies
  - MA/Master in English Language and Literature Teaching
  - PhD in English Language and Literature
2. Filipino
  - Dalubhasa ng Sining sa Panitikang Filipino
  - Dalubhasa ng Sining sa Pagtuturo ng Filipino
3. Philosophy
  - MA/Master in Philosophy
  - Master in Teaching Philosophy
  - PhD in Philosophy

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

1. Environmental Science
  - MS in Environmental Science
  - Master in Environmental Management
  - Master in Disaster Risk and Resilience

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

1. Communication
  - MA/Master in Communication
2. Economics
  - MA/Master in Economics
  - PhD in Economics
3. Education
  - MA/Master in Basic Education Teaching
  - MA/Master in Educational Administration
  - MA/Master in Guidance and Counseling
  - Master in Information Technology Integration
  - MA in Reading Education
4. History
  - MA/Master in History
5. Japanese Studies
  - MA in Japanese Studies
6. Political Science
  - MA/Master in Political Science, major in Global Politics
7. Psychology
  - MA/Master in:
    - Counseling Psychology
    - Organizational Psychology
    - Social Psychology
    - Developmental Psychology
  - PhD in:
    - Psychology
    - Clinical Psychology
    - Leadership Studies, major in Organization Development
8. Sociology & Anthropology
  - MA in Anthropology
  - MA in Sociology
  - MS in Social Development
  - Master in Applied Sociology and Anthropology
  - PhD in Sociology