

U.S. Embassy Women's Leadership Program TOMODACHI Initiative

U.S. Embassy Tokyo is pleased to announce the launch of the Women's Leadership Program, a network of a select corps of Japanese women, consisting of a combination of mid-level professionals and highly-motivated university students who show promise as Japan's next generation of leaders, to promote women's leadership and empowerment in the workplace.

University students will develop their own leadership goals with the guidance of mid-level professionals who serve as mentors, and the mid-level professionals will in tandem create their own leadership development goals. Each participant will be assigned a mentor. Participants will also discuss issues regarding advancement of women's leadership and empowerment. Up to 15 female freshmen and sophomore students at undergraduate universities (Japanese national or permanent resident only) with fluent English ability will be accepted for the first year of the program. Selected students will be required to participate in every quarterly program, held from June 2013 to March 2014. Selected students are recommended to participate in the Women in Business Summit to be held from 12:00 p.m. to 17:30 on Monday, May 27 at the Tokyo American Club.

Eligibility

- Female freshmen and sophomore students at undergraduate universities (Japanese national or permanent resident only)
- Fluent in spoken English
- Have a strong interest in networking with other women, advancing women in the workforce issues, and making a positive change in Japanese society
- Available for the entire program (meetings every three months starting from June 2013 to March 2014)
- Willing to play a leadership role and contribute to enhancement of women's empowerment in business

Events

Quarterly meetings:

- A seminar with U.S. Embassy officials, U.S. speakers/experts, or Japanese experts on leadership and women's empowerment.
- Development of leadership goals with mentors and a network of mentors.
- These sessions will convene quarterly (once every three months) in the evening (starting around 18:00 on weekdays) at the U.S. Embassy or adjacent venues. These sessions are conducted in English only.

➤ First event: Women in Business Summit

Selected students are recommended to participate in the Women in Business Summit to be held from 12:00 p.m. to 17:30 on Monday, May 27 at the Tokyo American Club. More information about this summit will be provided, if selected for the program.

➤ **First formal session: U.S. Embassy Women's Leadership Program Meeting**

Selected students are required to participate in the first Women's Leadership Program Meeting where you will meet other members and your mentor will be held from 18:00 to around 21:00 on Friday, June 14, venue TBD. More information about this meeting will be provided, if selected for the program.

Selection Process

To participate in the selection process, please apply here: <http://goo.gl/zOchm> **by Wednesday, April 24, 2013**. In-person interviews may be a possibility, but we will give you one week's notice if we decide to do so. The results will be announced by Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Please be available for the first meeting, to be held at 18:00 on Friday, June 14, 2013. Candidates from outside the Tokyo area are welcome to apply, but if selected participants must cover their own travel expenses to and from Tokyo for sessions.

Please also refer the following U.S. Embassy's ConnectUSA's site
http://connectusa.jp/upcoming/2013/0424_000918.html.