 **2016 CEPEX Japan Studies Award**

**Application Packet**

The 2016 CEPEX Japan Studies Award contest is open to undergraduate students in good standing at American University, George Mason University and George Washington University. While there is no restriction on the field of study or a requirement of enrollment in a Japanese language course, strong interest in Japan or U.S.-Japan relations is preferred.

**Desired Candidate Qualities**

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| * *Interest in Japan* * *Open to learning new things* * *Positive attitude* * *Organized* * *Motivated* * *Self-starter and independent* | * *Able to work with minimal supervision* * *Research skills a plus* * *Able to work in a professional environment* * *Willing to participate in speaking engagements about the award* * *Flexible* |

**Application Timeline**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**: **March 18, 2016, 5:00 pm (EST)**

**Application Review: March 21-31, 2016**

**INTERVIEW CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED: April 1, 2016**

**INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED: April 4-8, 2016**

**RESULTS ANNOUNCED: April 11, 2016**

**In-Person Pre-Internship Meeting: April 18-29, 2016** *(Meeting date TBD)*

**2-Week DC Internship: May 23-June 3, 2016** (*tentative dates)*

**10-Day Japan Trip: June 7-17, 2015** *(tentative dates)*

**INSTRUCTIONS**

* *Please click on the gray box and begin typing your answers below.*
* *The gray boxes will expand as you type.*
* *Please send your completed application packet as a saved Word document to Nicole Uehara at* [*uehara.nicole@sojitz.com*](mailto:uehara.nicole@sojitz.com) *by* ***Friday,******March 18, 2016 5:00 (EST)***.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Name (as it appears on your passport):

Age:

Email Address:       Address:

Phone: (   )

Emergency Contact Name:       Phone: (   )

Email:

Grade:       GPA:       Country of Citizenship:

Please list any sports, clubs, hobbies, volunteer work, extracurricular activities and honors:

Have you ever been arrested or disciplined at school? No  Yes

If yes, please describe the situation.

Have you ever visited Japan? If yes, please list location, dates and purpose of trip.

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Please answer the following questions in a short answer format. Please type your responses to the questions in the gray fields below.*

1. Describe a time when you were away from home and experienced culture shock. Explain what was easy and difficult about the experience, and how you overcame the situation.

2. Explain one situation in which you took initiative and the end result of your effort was a success.

3. What is your post-college career goal and future ambition? How does participation in the CEPEX Japan Studies Award fit into your plans?

4. Have you ever had an internship position? If yes, please describe what was easy and difficult about the experience. If no, what do you hope to accomplish in this internship?

5. Identify a major issue confronting U.S.-Japan relations today and explain its importance to you.

6. Have you ever lived, studied or traveled abroad? If yes, please describe when, where, duration, and the main lesson learned from the experience.

7. Do you have experience writing reports or summaries? Do you enjoy writing or research? If yes, what type of topics are your particularly interested in?

**SHORT ESSAY**

*Please type a short essay for the two following questions in the gray fields below. Please limit the length of your answers to 1-2 pages for each question.*

1. Please describe your motivation for applying for the 2016 CEPEX Japan Studies Award. What are your expectations for the internship and why would you like to go to Japan? Articulate what problems or challenges you might expect to encounter during the program and how you might deal with them.

2. Describe the qualities you have that would make you a good representative of your university and support the CEPEX mission of building closer U.S.-Japan ties. How does participation in the CEPEX program fit into your post-graduate plans and future career path?

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

***I understand that the information revealed in my Japan Studies Award 2016 Application Packet will remain entirely confidential and will not be divulged in any manner outside of CEPEX.***

***I certify that all information submitted in the application process is factually true and honestly presented.***

Applicant’s Electronic Signature (typed name)       Date