

2018 Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP)

Accepting applications: August 14, 2017 - October 02, 2017

The [Reischauer Scholars Program \(RSP\)](#) is an online course for high school students sponsored by the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) at Stanford University. Named in honor of former Ambassador to Japan Edwin O. Reischauer, the RSP annually selects 25–30 exceptional high school students from throughout the United States to engage in an intensive study of Japan. Selected students will participate in this online course on Japan from February to June 2018.

Currently entering its fifteenth year, the RSP is an intensive and engaging course. Students are introduced to a broad overview of Japanese history, literature, religion, art, politics, economics, and contemporary society, with a special focus on the U.S.–Japan relationship. Top scholars and diplomats interact directly with students in online virtual classes, and offer both American and Japanese perspectives on many historical and contemporary issues. The RSP also provides students with a chance to meet like-minded peers with an interest in Japan, U.S.–Japan relations, and/or global perspectives. As a student-centered course, a strong emphasis is placed on encouraging students to share and appreciate the diverse perspectives that each student brings to the RSP learning community. RSP students also connect directly with the Japanese high school students of the [Stanford e-Japan program](#), which is an online course that SPICE offers on U.S.-Japan relations and U.S. society to students in Japan.

Students who successfully complete the course will earn Stanford Continuing Studies Program (CSP) credit and a Certificate of Completion from SPICE, Stanford University. The RSP equips participants with a rare degree of expertise about Japan that may have a significant impact on their choice of study and future career. Students do not need to know the Japanese language to participate in this course. There is a \$400 student fee for books, the Stanford Continuing Studies credits, and other program expenses.

The **2018 Reischauer Scholars Program is currently accepting applications** from all current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors (Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020) in the United States.

For more information and to download the 2018 Reischauer Scholars Program application, please visit <http://reischauerscholars.org>. The application deadline for the 2018 RSP is October 2, 2017. All applications must be postmarked by this date.

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Thank you for your interest in the RSP. Please contact Naomi Funahashi, RSP Manager and Instructor, at nfunahashi@stanford.edu with any questions.