



TOMODACHI Tanaka Sangyo Agricultural Exchange Initiative

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Empowering Next Generation Leaders in Sustainable Agriculture

8 month leadership development program focused on “Agriculture x Community Sustainability”

Through hands-on experiences in Texas and Niigata, participants will explore local cultures, challenges, traditions, and innovations in agriculture. By visiting diverse farming communities, engaging in dialogue with local farmers and experts, conducting fieldwork, and working on team projects, you'll gain new perspectives on the future of agriculture - and on your own leadership journey.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Online Sessions
2025 - 2026

1 Jan – Feb 2026

2 Apr – Jun 2026



In-Person Sessions
USA & Japan



Texas, USA
March 2026



Niigata, Japan
August 2026

DEADLINE

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Program Fee: Covered by the program (includes roundtrip airfare between Texas and Niigata, travel insurance, and room & board in both Texas and Niigata). Please note that internet fees, device costs, passport application fees, and personal expenses are not included.

Students: 20 students total (10 undergraduate students from Texas A&M University and 10 undergraduate students from Niigata). Attendance for all sessions and training are required. Students must provide their own space and equipment for online sessions.

Online Information Sessions:

- Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm–8:00 pm CDT
- Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 12:00 pm–1:00 pm CDT

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About the U.S.-Japan Council's TOMODACHI Initiative:

The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership between the U.S.-Japan Council and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, with support from the Government of Japan. Born out of support for Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, TOMODACHI invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders through leadership programs. The initiative seeks to foster a “TOMODACHI Generation” of young American and Japanese leaders who are committed to and engaged in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other's countries and cultures, and possess the global skills and mindsets needed to contribute to and thrive in a more cooperative, prosperous, and secure world. Visit us at www.tomodachi.org