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The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the Japanese government's leading funding agency. Established in 1932, JSPS promotes the advancement of academic research in all disciplines: Science and Engineering, Bioscience and Humanities and Social Sciences. The total budget for the FY 2010 is ¥276 billion (£1.8 billion).

As Japan's leading research-funding agency, JSPS currently has four main programme pillars: Supporting research initiatives through Grants-in-Aid, fostering the next generations of scientists, conducting international collaborations, and assisting Japanese universities in their reform efforts.

In its endeavour to promote international scientific exchanges, JSPS has cooperative relationships with 90 partner science-promotion institutions in 45 countries and two international organizations. By way of these partnerships, JSPS offers a wide array of programs to support and advance international exchange and collaboration.



Professor Motoyuki ONO President

JSPS London was established in 1994 to support and facilitate UK-Japan research collaboration as well as to strengthen UK and Japanese university linkages. The London office is one of the ten overseas offices worldwide. Our work does not only focus on science and technology but also on higher education overall. We help to create and develop successful relationships between academic researchers of the UK and Japan through a wide range of activities to enhance the free-flow and application of cutting edge research between the two countries. We organise scientific symposia, hold the JSPS programme introduction days at universities throughout the UK, and award JSPS Fellowships to Japan. We also support the Alumni Association for former UK JSPS Fellows and the UK-based Japanese Researchers Association.

One of the many ways in which we achieve our aims is by working closely with partner organisations such as the Royal Society, the British Academy, the Science and Technology Facilities Council, the Research Councils, the British Council, HEFCE, QAA and UUK, as well as the UK universities. In addition we work on a Japanese Governmental level, for instance with the Science and Technology Task Force in the UK, besides cooperating with the London diplomatic science community. We also work with the Japanese Embassy and other Japanese Governmental agencies in London such as JETRO, the Japan Foundation, the Japanese Local Government Centre (JLGC), JNTO and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK (JCCI).

We make it our principle aim to foster a relationship of confidence and trust in the international scientific community. It is hoped that through sustaining these strong linkages, knowledge and technological breakthroughs will be developed to overcome global problems.

Professor Kozo HIRAMATSU Director, JSPS London

#### **Contacting JSPS London**

To find out more about how JSPS can assist in your plans for collaborative research plans with Japan, contact JSPS London at:

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 Circle Line
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#### National Rail:

Euston: St Pancras: King's Cross: 0.2 mile / 0.3 km 0.5 mile / 0.8 km 0.7 mile / 1.1 km



#### Parking:

Meter parking is available on Stephenson Way

### JSPS London Networks

Strengthening UK-Japan Academic Linkages



# JSPS London: What we do

#### **Fellowship Programmes to Japan**

#### Summer Programme: 2 months during the summer In cooperation with the British Council, JSPS provides the opportunities for UK postgraduates and postdocs to receive cultural and research experience. Postgraduate The fellowship is worth £6,700 and includes: A return air ticket ◆ Insurance Living expenses The British Council Tokyo: http://www.britishcouncil.org/japan-science-research.htm JSPS London Short-term Award: 1-12 months This programme provides the opportunity for short-term visits (1-12 months) for young pre/postdoctoral UK researchers and researchers from Europe and North America based in the UK. Every year the closing date for applications is the 1st of June and the 1st of December. JSPS London has its own special quota, operating all application procedures. Applications are screened by UK peer reviewers selected by JSPS London. The fellowship is worth a maximum of £33,000 (for postdoctoral researchers), £20,000 (for PhD Students). Includes: A return air ticket Insurance Living expenses SPS London: http://www.jsps.org/funding/fellow\_short.html **Postdoctoral Fellowship:** 12-24 months This programme provides the opportunity for 12-24 months visits for young postdoctoral researchers. With a quota from JSPS, the Royal Society and the British Academy as nominating authorities in the UK, operate all application procedures, using their own peer reviewers to screen applications. Postdoctoral The fellowship is worth a maximum of £62,000 (for 24 months in total). Includes: A return air ticket ♦ Insurance Living expenses Level Japanese Language training up to £350 and KAKENHI Grant-in-Aid up to £20,000 is also available.

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The Royal Society: http://royalsociety.org/JSPS-Postdoctoral-Fellowship-Program

The British Academy: http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/jspspdfnfa.cfm

#### Support for UK based Japanese researchers

JSPS London is supporting UK based Japanese researchers through a variety of activities.

#### Symposium Scheme for Japanese researchers based in the UK

JSPS London supports symposia organised by Japanese researchers based in the UK, at institutional or departmental level, to create high quality collaboration in cutting edge/ internationally competitive areas. The objectives of this scheme are publicising academic research from Japan, strengthening collaborative research linkages between the UK and Japan and developing the internationalisation of Japanese universities.

Nttp://www.jsps.org/institute/fr\_symposium.html

#### Conferences

JSPS London organizes conferences inviting UK based Japanese researchers, for discussion on the specific themes of scientific and academic research systems. We aim to enhance the exchange of views and information among Japanese researchers in the UK.

#### **JSPS London Events**

JSPS London endeavours to strengthen academic linkages between Japan and the UK in a variety of ways.

#### Symposia

JSPS London organizes symposia with Japanese and UK universities as well as JSPS partner organizations in the UK. In recent years organizing partners have been the Royal Society, the British Council, the Science & Technology Facilities Council and the University of Birmingham, etc.

#### Seminars

JSPS London holds the Pre-departure seminar for the JSPS

#### **Programme Introduction Days**

JSPS London annually visits universities across the UK to give presentations on JSPS funding programmes.

Summer Program and JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Awardees (Short Term Award and Standard Award) to make their stay in Japan more productive and enjoyable.



For universities interested in our programmes, please feel free to contact us.

### **UK-JSPS Alumni Association**

#### **Expanding UK – Japan Academic Linkages**



The UK-JSPS Alumni Association was established in 2003 by researchers who returned to the UK having been funded by a JSPS Fellowship Programme while in Japan (former Fellows). The UK-JSPS Alumni Association is continually increasing in size. There are currently over 250 members. With the help of the Executive Board and Regional Managers, the Alumni Association carries out a number of activities throughout the UK with numerous benefits for members. The Pre Departure Seminars prepare new fellows for their research experience in Japan. The Alumni Evenings are for members to network in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. There are Programme Introduction Days where members speak about their experiences as a former fellow and encourage researchers to apply for JSPS funding programmes. Alumni members organize symposia in cooperation with JSPS London at their respective universities. These symposia are outstanding evidence of the success of JSPS fellowships in strengthening UK-Japan academic linkages.



#### Joining us

Could not be simpler. Just register via the UK-JSPS Alumni association website at **Qhttp://www.jsps.org/alumni** 

Once registered you will receive an ID and Password so you can get started networking with like minded researchers ASAP!

#### **Support Schemes**

The purpose of these schemes detailed below are to provide financial support to members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association, based in the UK or Ireland, allowing them to maintain and strengthen their linkages with the Japanese academic community.

#### **Re-visitation Programmes**

JSPS London FURUSATO Award and BRIDGE Fellowship provides support for one collaborative research trip from the UK to a Japanese host institution. Members can apply to expand their research with the same host with which they were previously linked, or with a different host. <a href="http://www.jsps.org/alumni/furusato.html">http://www.jsps.org/alumni/furusato.html</a>

#### Symposium Scheme for the UK-JSPS Alumni Association

provides support for members holding a symposium and aims to create high quality collaboration in cutting edge/ internationally competitive areas at institutional or departmental level between research institutions in the UK and Japan. *Benefits*:

- 1. An international air ticket and daily allowance for the main speakers from Japan (up to 5 people) will be provided.
- 2. A further £1,500 is available towards the cost of the venue, hospitalities and material printing costs.

Mattp://www.jsps.org/alumni/fr\_symposium.html

# Funding Opportunities

#### Fellowship programmes to Japan



#### **Matching Funds**

#### Joint Research Projects and Seminars

Jointly funded by the Royal Society, the British Academy and the Economic and Social Research Council, this programme is designed to enable collaboration with Japan by providing travel, research and seminar expenses of approximately £30,000/year in total. UK researchers must submit an application to the Royal Society, the British Academy or the Economic and Social Research Council. Japanese partner researchers are also required to submit the application to JSPS Headquarters. For more details, please check the following websites;

The Royal Society http://royalsociety.org/International-Joint-Projects

The British Academy http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/japan.html

The Economic and Social Research Council http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/internationalfunding

#### **Accelerating Collaborative Research\***

#### JSPS Core-to-Core Programme

Multilateral networks are formed and strengthened between advanced research institutions in Japan and the West for the purpose of establishing world-caliber research hubs in cutting-edge fields. The programme consists of two phases.

The first phase supports international collaborations for 2 years to initiate and integrate new research networks. If the first phase is evaluated highly, they may be upgraded to the second phase.

Support is up to £135,000/year for the first phase and £200,000/year for the second phase.

### International Training Program (ITP) for Young Researchers

Support is given to Japanese universities with programmes to send young researchers (postgraduate students, postdocs and research associates) abroad in order to obtain international training and research experience at an early stage in their careers. For this purpose Japanese universities cooperate with overseas partner universities etc.

Funding of £135,000/year for 5 years is provided to each selected university.

### International Scientific Meetings in Japan

Various costs, including travel expenses for invited overseas researchers and venue costs of up to £13,500 is provided to support international scientific meetings held in Japan.

### Fellowships for Japanese postdocs going abroad

This fellowship helps to foster and secure talented young Japanese researchers by affording them the opportunity to work under excellent overseas researchers. This gives them a rich international perspective. Fellows receive financial support for a period of up to two years to allow them to devote themselves to their work at foreign universities or research institutions.

 \* These programmes are designed for Japanese researchers or institutions to collaborate with overseas counterparts.
 All applications to these funds must be submitted to JSPS headquarters by researchers in Japan.

For more Information, please visit www.jsps.go.jp/english