Our activities

Networks

**JSPS UK & Ireland Alumni Association**

You can join our Alumni Association if you have been an awardee of a JSPS international programme. Members can also apply to the BRIDGE fellowship to revisit Japan and to our symposium and seminar scheme to organise a UK/Ireland-Japan event. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/alumni_association/index.html

**Japanese Researchers Based in the UK (JBUK)**

JBUK is a network of Japanese researchers based in the UK including post doc and graduate level students. Members can apply to the JBUK Japan award to revisit Japan and our symposium and seminar scheme to organise a UK-Japan event. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/institute/institute.html

**Funding calls**

**Short-Term Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship**

JSPS London selects fellows for this programme which provides the opportunity for pre/postdoctoral researchers to spend 1 to 12 months in Japan. All research fields in the natural and physical sciences as well as the humanities and social sciences are eligible. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/programme.html#two

**JSPS London Symposium/ Seminar Scheme**

We offer this scheme to Alumni and JBUK members to support UK/Ireland-Japan events promoting high quality collaboration in cutting edge fields where Japan and the UK/Ireland are world leading. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/symposium_scheme/

**BRIDGE Fellowship**

This award gives the opportunity for our Alumni members to revisit Japan for up to 45 days to create, sustain and/or strengthen collaborative linkages with the Japanese academic community. A return air ticket, living expenses, a research support allowance and overseas travel insurance covering sickness, injury and personal liability, will all be provided. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/alumni/revist.html

**JBUK Japan Award**

This scheme is for members of the JBUK network to visit Japan to establish, maintain and/or build on their academic collaborative links. A maximum of £2,000 is provided for one trip. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/jbuk_japan_award/

Events

**Events in Cooperation with other organisations:**

JSPS London organises a number of academic events throughout the year in cooperation with UK Research Councils, Academies, Universities and Research Institutes to disseminate the results of the research we support.

**Networking Events for Alumni and JBUK:**

JSPS London regularly organises networking events for Alumni and JBUK members to connect, become better acquainted with each researcher’s research and explore opportunities for collaboration.

**Programme information events at universities in the UK and Ireland:**

JSPS London visits universities or research institutions in the UK and Ireland to give presentations on JSPS international funding programmes with advice on preparing a successful application and building research networks in Japan.

If you would like JSPS London to visit your institution to do such an event, please contact us at any time: enquire@jsp.org

For more information about all our events, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/event/index.html

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**JSPS International Funding Programmes:**

A four-way approach to advancing international collaborations

1. **Individual Fellowships**

These fellowships give the opportunity for UK researchers to conduct joint research activities with a host in Japan. These fellowships provide a return air ticket, living expenses, a research support allowance and overseas travel insurance covering sickness, injury and personal liability, will all be provided. All research fields in the natural and physical sciences as well as the humanities and social sciences are eligible.

**Summer Programme**

For PhD students to spend a 3 to 6 month period in Japan during the summer (July or August) 2019. To receive a 1-month research visit scholarship to Japan (school fees and living expenses paid). No experience is necessary.

**Programme Information:**

For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/programme.html

2. **Group Level Bilateral Programme**

The purpose of this scheme is to encourage collaboration between Japan and the UK in the 5 fields of science as follows: 1) computer science and related fields 2) materials science 3) life science 4) environmental science 5) social sciences. The UK JSPS will contribute JPY 500,000 per year. For information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/programme.html

3. **Multilateral Programme:**

**The JSPS Core to Core Programme**

The purpose of the JSPS Core to Core programme is to create worldwide research centres in cutting edge fields between Japan and at least 3 other countries over a 5 year period. 18,000,000 JPY per year is provided by JSPS to the Japan group and a cost-sharing agreement must be made with the other countries. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/funding/core-to-core.html

4. **Programme to host a Japanese Researcher:**

There are 2 JSPS fellowship programmes called the Research Fellowship for Young Researchers and the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research Abroad which both provide the opportunity for early career Japanese researchers to work at institutions in the UK and gain experience. These fellowships include return air ticket, living expenses and a research support allowance. For more information, please visit: http://www.jsp.go.jp/scheme/scheme.html

*You can find case studies from UK researchers who have taken part in these international programmes at the following web link: http://www.jsp.go.jp/case_studies/index.html*
**Q&A**

**Q&A 1**

Why do research in Japan?

Japan is rich in research opportunities. Japan’s government and industry place strong emphasis on continuous investment into Research and Development which has successfully contributed to the relaxation of the country’s economy and GDP to 3rd largest in the world. As a result, you can expect to find that Japan has world-class research facilities and world-leading researchers in many areas of science. Japan is also not as foreign as you might first think. The majority of Japanese people speak English and Japanese society at large is efficient, friendly and accommodating.

**Q&A 2**

What kind of fellowships does JSPS offer?

JSPS offers fellowships to do collaborative research in Japan to researchers at all stages of their career and in all research fields. At postdoctoral level, we have the Senior Programme, at postdoctoral level we have the Junior Programme, at postdoctoral level we have the Short-Term fellowship and finally for senior researchers we offer a Senior Insititute fellowships. The kind of funding between fellowships varies but basically a return to Japan, maintenance allowance and health insurance is provided.

**Q&A 3**

How do I find a host?

If you don’t have a host in mind already to collaborate with, we can help. The JSPS London website www.jsp.org offers a link to the “Research & Researcher” system and JACRNet. Both are comprehensive databases for research and development activities which contains information about Japanese researchers in universities and institutions. From here you can start a fundamental search of scientists in Japan in a similar research area and can make contact with them. The majority of scientists listed have experience of collaborating with overseas researchers.

**Q&A 4**

Points to keep in mind when applying

Find a host researcher enthusiastic to collaborate and can provide necessary resources. Research undertaken should be original and meaningful and benefit both sides. Discuss the research plan with your host before applying as this can be discussed within the fellowship period. Factor in time to adjust to a new work and living environment. Give yourself time to prepare all parts of the application, including any references, supporting letters and copies of official documents. An application should be as thorough, provide all required information and the research explained in a straightforward way for non-specialists to understand.