

The Royal Society: UK-Japan Collaborative Programmes

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY



Introduction to the Royal Society

- Founded in 1660, the Royal Society is the independent scientific academy of the UK, dedicated to promoting excellence in science.
- The Society is the oldest scientific academy and is celebrating its 350th anniversary in 2010 royalsociety.org/seefurther
- The Society's work is supported by 1400 Fellows and Foreign Members. 44 new Fellows are elected each year.
- In FY 08/09, the Society funded 2700 researchers, including 810 fellowship holders
- 135 staff members are employed by the Royal Society at Carlton House Terrace, London



Funding portfolio

- Funding from Government (Parliamentary Grant in Aid) and private sources
- 19 grant making schemes
 - Early Career Fellowship schemes
 - Senior Fellowship schemes
 - Innovation schemes
 - Research Capacity and Infrastructure schemes
 - Mobility Grants
- Around 1500 awards were made in FY 08/09, including 150 fellowships



Grant schemes with international remit

Engaging with the best scientists worldwide:

- International Travel Grants (since September 2008)
- International Joint Projects
- Newton International Fellowships (since June 2008)
- India – UK Scientific Seminars

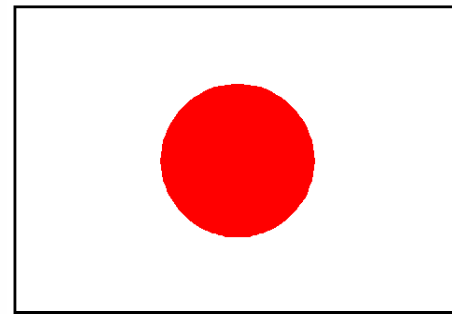
Strengthening the role of science in international development:

- The Leverhulme - Royal Society Africa Award (since October 2008)



Exchanges and Collaborations with Japan:

- The Society runs four major grant schemes which include Japan:



- International Travel Grants
- International Joint Projects
- Newton International Fellowships
- Nominating authority for JSPS Standard Fellowships

International Travel Grants:

- Major objective:
 - To facilitate international collaborations and allow scientists to explore the potential for long term networks
- Applicants can apply either for:
 - Conference presentation (up to 10 days)
 - International Collaboration - incoming & outgoing short visit (up to 12 weeks)
- Global remit
- Up to £4,000 and flexibility for applicants to cost activity
- In FY 2010/11, 28 UK-Japan travel awards so far

Joint Projects:

- Mobility grants for bilateral collaborations between UK and other countries (three rounds per year)
- Support available for two years
- Applicants must be post-doctoral but other more junior team members, including PhD students, can participate in project
- Maximum claimable allowance of £6,000 out of which £1,000 can be used to cover research costs
- 5 awards in FY 2009/10 and 6 awards so far in FY 2010/11



Joint Project in partnership with *Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation*:

- New funding arrangement over five years from 2007
- Up to five Joint Projects annually entirely funded by *Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation*
- The application and selection procedure handled by the Royal Society
- In FY 2008/09 the Society awarded 5 additional Joint Projects

Newton International Fellowships:

- Partnership with British Academy & Royal Academy of Engineering
- Aimed at early career post-doctoral researchers from abroad
- Two year tenure plus ten year alumni support:
 - £24,000 subsistence annually
 - Up to £8,000 research costs annually
 - Up to £2,000 relocation (one-off payment)
 - May be eligible for £6,000/year alumni support for up to ten years
- Official launch event in 4th June 2008
- First round: 700 applications, 51 fellowships. 1 award for Japanese scientist (engineering)
- Second round: 713 applications, 51 fellowships. 3 awards to Japanese researchers (1 humanities, 1 engineering, 1 basic natural science)
- Third round fellows to be published soon



Newton International Fellowship scheme:

The screenshot shows the Newton International Fellowships website. At the top left is the logo 'newton international fellowships'. Below it is a navigation menu with links: 'home', 'the fellowships', 'how to apply', 'the partners', 'your questions', 'alumni', and 'contact us'. On the right side, there are logos for 'The Royal Academy of Engineering', 'BRITISH ACADEMY', 'THE ROYAL SOCIETY CELEBRATING 350 YEARS', and 'RESEARCH COUNCILS UK'. The main content area has an orange background with the following text: 'Are you at the beginning of your research career - with the potential to be world-class? Is your research in the natural or social sciences, engineering or humanities? Do you want to build and maintain links with leading researchers in the UK? Then apply now for a Newton International Fellowship ▶'. At the bottom of this area, it says 'The next round of applications will open in December 2009.'

www.newtonfellowships.org



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JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships programme:

- The Society acts as a nominating authority for this programme
- The scheme supports postdoctoral researchers from the UK to conduct research at a research institutions in Japan for 1-2 years
- The Society nominated up to 10 researchers a year
- This programme is entirely funded by JSPS

Applying to the Royal Society:

- Applications for all our schemes are submitted and processed on-line
- New bespoke system launched in June 2008:
e-GAP2 system, <https://e-gap.royalsociety.org>
- We are also handling the JSPS Fellowship applications on the e-GAP2 system
- All applications are reviewed by dedicated panels of experts
- The Leverhulme - Royal Society Africa Award involves external peer review
- Scheme notes available from royalsociety.org



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