



JSPS London Presentation at London Metropolitan University

‘JSPS – Japan’s Research Funding Agency’
(Mr Takeshi Sekiguchi, Deputy Director, JSPS London)

‘JSPS Fellowship Programmes’
(Ms Polly Watson, International Programme Coordinator)

**TG-30 Henry Thomas Room
London Metropolitan University
Wednesday, 9th December 2009
1:05pm – 2:00pm**

Chair: Prof Boris Cogan

1.05 – 1.10 pm	Opening address – Prof Algirdas Pakštas
1.10 – 1.15 pm	Professor Yuko Furukawa, Director, JSPS London
1.15 – 1.30 pm	‘JSPS – Japan’s Research Funding Agency’ Mr Takeshi Sekiguchi, Deputy Director, JSPS London
1.30 – 1.45 pm	‘JSPS Fellowships Programmes’ Ms Polly Watson, International Programme Coordinator
1.45 – 2.00 pm	Questions and Answers

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This registration is not needed for London Met staff and students.



What is JSPS?

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is Japan's leading funding agency and is largely funded through annual subsidies from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, Sports and Technology (MEXT). Established in 1932, JSPS promotes the advancement of academic research in all disciplines from social sciences and humanities to natural sciences and engineering. The annual budget for the FY 2009 is ¥ 249 billion or £1.6 billion. (£1 ≙ ¥ 150)

JSPS Fellowship Programmes to Japan

JSPS has a number of fellowship programmes for researchers at all stages of their career and in all fields of Science including Humanities and Social Sciences. These programmes give opportunities for excellent UK researchers to go to Japan to conduct academic collaboration with Japanese researchers. In all cases applicants apply, via the host in Japan, to JSPS Headquarters.

The Summer Programme provides the opportunity for graduate student and pre/postdoctoral researchers for a 2 months visit during the Summer.

Post Doctoral Fellowship- The Short-Term Award is for pre/post doctoral researchers to conduct research for a period of 1 to 12 months.

Post Doctoral Fellowship- The Standard Award allows for young post-doctoral researchers to go to Japan for a period of 1 to 2 years.

The long Term Invitational Fellowship offers the opportunity for mid career to Professorial level researchers to participate in cooperative research activities for between 61 days to 10 months.

The Short Term Invitational Fellowship is for Professors to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures or conduct similar research activities for between 14 to 60 days.

JSPS London

JSPS London plays a key role in the administration of various scientific and academic programmes while expanding bilateral exchange between the UK and Japan in a number of ways:

JSPS London Short Term Award- in addition to the application process carried out by JSPS Headquarters, young pre/postdoctoral UK researchers and researchers from Europe and North America based in the UK, may also apply directly to JSPS London for this award. JSPS London has 2 calls for applications every year and the closing dates are 1st June and 1st December.

Symposia- JSPS London carries out symposia with Japanese and UK universities as well as UK counterpart institutions and maintains good relations with them. In recent years, JSPS London has organised such events with various partners including the Royal Society, the British Council, the Science & Technology Facilities Council, Cambridge University etc.

Alumni Association -The UK-JSPS Alumni Association, for past fellows of JSPS fellowship programmes, carries out a number of activities throughout the UK with numerous benefits for members. There are Pre Departure Seminars and Alumni Evenings for new and past fellows to network in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Alumni members co organise symposia in cooperation with JSPS London at their respective universities. They are outstanding evidence of the success of JSPS fellowships in strengthening Japan-UK academic linkages. Members are eligible to apply for the **JSPS London FURUSATO Award** and **BRIDGE Fellowship** programmes to revisit Japan. These schemes provide financial support to members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association, allowing them to maintain links and strengthen relationship with the Japanese academic community. The FURUSATO Award offers an amount up to £2000 to cover a round-trip air ticket and a daily maintenance allowance for a short-term visit.

The BRIDGE Fellowship is worth £ 10,000 to cover round-trip air ticket, insurance and per diem for 14-60 days visit.