



JSPS London Presentation at Cardiff University

**Venue: Committee Rooms 1&2, Glamorgan Building
Cardiff University
Friday, 21st January 2011 at 10:30 am**

Chair: Professor Andrew Quantock, Director of Research, School of Optometry and Vision Sciences

10:30	Arrival
10:35	Opening By Professor Hywel Thomas (Pro Vice-Chancellor for Engagement and International)
10:40	Remarks from Professor Kozo Hiramatsu, (Director, JSPS London)
10:45	'JSPS – Japan's Research Funding Agency' (Ms. Polly Watson, International Programme Coordinator JSPS London)
11:00	'JSPS Fellowship Programmes' (Ms. Akiko Yokoyama, International Programme Associate, JSPS London)
11:15	'Experiences as a JSPS Fellow' Dr. Jennifer Edwards, School of Chemistry
11:30	'UK-Japan Collaborations' Professor Andrew Quantock Dr. Kensuke Yokoi, School of Engineering
12:00	Questions and Answers



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 FY 2010 is ¥ 276 billion or £1.8 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. Except for the Summer Programme, applicants apply, via their host in Japan, to JSPS Headquarters.

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

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

Post Doctoral Fellowship- (Standard Term) allows for young post-doctoral researchers to go to Japan for a period of 12 to 24 months.

Invitation Fellowship (Long Term) offers the opportunity for mid career to Professorial level researchers to participate in cooperative research activities for between 61 days to 10 months.

Invitation Fellowship (Short Term) 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 STFC, Cambridge University, UCL 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. These include the **JSPS London FURUSATO Award** and **BRIDGE Fellowship** which are programmes to revisit Japan. These schemes provide financial support to members of the UK-JSPS Alumni Association, allowing them to maintain links and strengthen their relationship with the Japanese academic community. There is also the **Symposium Scheme for the UK-JSPS Alumni Association**. The aim of this scheme is to provide support to members holding a symposium and to create high quality collaboration in cutting edge/internationally competitive areas at institutional or departmental level between institutions in the UK and Japan.