

The Royal Society: UK-Japan Collaborative Programmes

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Engaging with the best scientists worldwide:

- International Travel Grants (since September 2008)
- International Joint Projects
- Newton International Fellowships (since June 2008)
- Special networking initiative with India

Strengthening the role of science in international development:

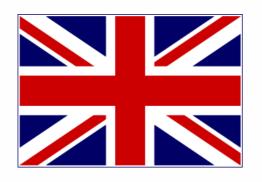
The Leverhulme - Royal Society Africa Award (since October 2008)

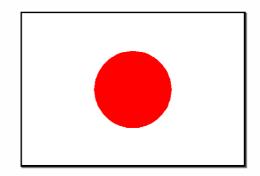




Exchanges and Collaborations with Japan:

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





- International Travel Grant (NEW)
- Joint Projects
- Newton International Fellowship (NEW)
- Nominating authority for JSPS Standard Fellowships

International Travel Grants:

- Started at the end of 2008
- Major objective:
 - To enable UK-based scientists to collaborate with scientists from overseas countries (including presentation of talks at conferences, workshops, and seminars)
- Global remit
- Up to £4,000
- Flexibility for applicants to cost activity (including subsistence and airfares)
- In FY 2009/10, 17 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
- 15 UK Japan Joint Projects funded by the Society in FY 2008/09 and 5 awards so far in FY 2009/10



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 Fellowship scheme:



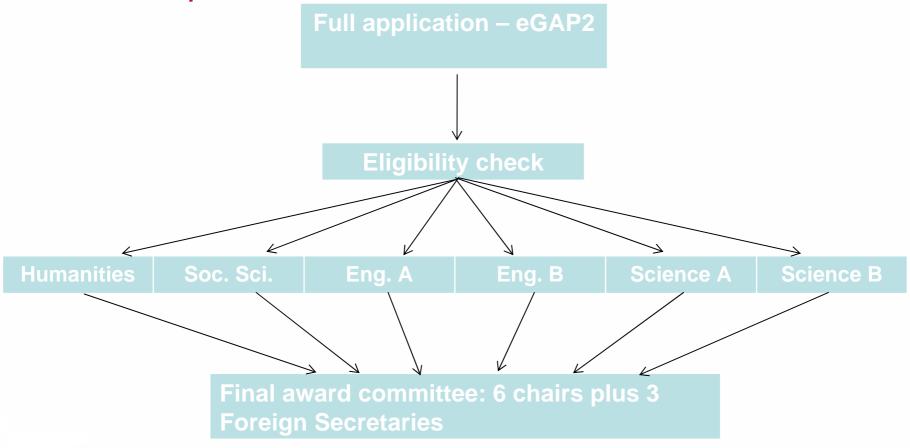


Newton International Fellowships:

- 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 with DIUS: 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 scientists (hum.: 1, engineer.: 1, basic nat. sci.: 1)



Selection procedures:





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
- The next round opens 25 January 2010 and closes 1 March 2010.







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
- 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 <u>royalsociety.org</u>



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