

# The Royal Society: Exchanges and collaborations in Japan

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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 initiatives (India)

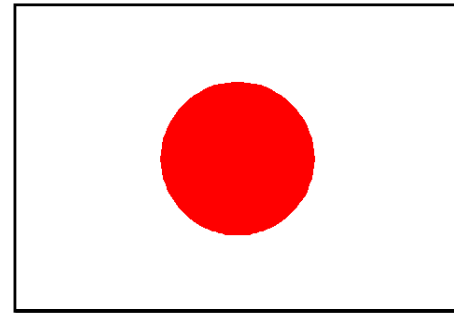
## Strengthening the role of science in international development:

- NRF/RS Joint Collaborative Programme (commitments only)
- 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
- Joint Projects
- Newton International Fellowship
- *Nominating authority for JSPS Standard Fellowships*

# International Travel Grants:

- Major objective:
  - To enable UK-based scientists to promote collaboration with scientists from overseas countries (including attendance of conferences, workshops, and seminars)
- Global remit
- Up to £4,000
- Three calls annually
- Flexibility for applicants to cost activity (including for the first time airfares for incoming visits)
- 2009/10: 4 awards for UK - Japan collaborations, 34 awards for conference attendance in Japan

## Joint Projects:

- Mobility grants for bilateral collaborations between UK and other countries (three calls/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
- 6 UK - Japan Joint Projects funded by the Society 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
- Next round will open on 1<sup>st</sup> June with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> July, after we “skipped a beat” last year.

# Newton International Fellowship scheme:



The graphic features a black background with a large orange rounded rectangle in the center. The Newton International Fellowship logo is in the top left. A vertical list of links is on the left side of the orange area. The central text asks if the viewer is at the beginning of their research career and if they want to build links with leading researchers in the UK. It then encourages applying for a Newton International Fellowship. The bottom of the orange area states that the next round of applications will open in December 2009. On the right side, logos for The Royal Academy of Engineering, British Academy, The Royal Society (celebrating 350 years), and Research Councils UK are displayed.

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# 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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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)
- Third round: Final decision later this year



# Newton Fellowship Day:



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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
- The last round opened 25th January 2010 and closed 1st March 2010.

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## Applying to the Society:

- All applications for all our schemes are submitted and processed on-line
- We do not accept applications on paper
- 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

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