

What we do

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Director's address



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JSPS was established in 1932 through an endowment by Emperor Showa and is the core funding agency in Japan which receives annual subsidies mainly from the Japanese government to support basic research in all research fields from the natural and physical sciences to the humanities and social sciences, from postgraduate level. As one of its ten overseas offices worldwide in line with the government's policy to promote the internationalisation of Japanese Universities, the London Office was established in 1994 to support and facilitate research collaboration between universities in the UK and Japan. This is achieved by the London office carrying out a wide range of activities to enhance and encourage the free-flow of cutting edge research which includes organising scientific symposia, holding JSPS programme information days at universities, and awarding JSPS Fellowships to Japan. JSPS London supports the activities of the JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland (RoI) which consists of former JSPS Fellows and also supports the UK based Japanese Researchers Group. JSPS London further achieves its aims by cooperating with Japanese organizations like the Japanese Embassy in the UK and working closely with UK partner organizations like the Royal Society, the British Academy, Research Councils and also UK universities.

As Director of the London Office, I sincerely hope fruitful results will come out of collaborations between researchers having different perspectives and close linkages with Japanese universities.

Fellowship Programmes to Japan

Post-graduate

Summer Programme: 2 months during the summer

In cooperation with the British Council, JSPS provides the opportunities for UK postgraduates and postdocs to receive cultural and research experience in Japan.

The fellowship includes:

- ◆ A return air ticket
- ◆ Health Insurance
- ◆ Living expenses of 534,000 JPY
- ◆ Research Support Allowance of 158,500 JPY

The British Council Tokyo:

<http://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/support-researchers>

JSPS London Short-term Award: 1-12 months

This programme provides the opportunity for a short-term visit to Japan of 1-12 months for pre/postdoctoral UK researchers and researchers from Europe and North America based in the UK. Every year the closing dates for applications are in early June and December. JSPS London has its own quota, operating all application procedures. Applications are screened by UK peer reviewers selected by JSPS London.

The fellowship includes:

- ◆ A return air ticket
- ◆ Health Insurance
- ◆ Monthly Maintenance Allowance (362,000 JPY for PhD Holders and 200,000 JPY for non PhD Holders)
- ◆ Settling in Allowance of 200,000 JPY (for fellowships lasting 4 or more months)
- ◆ Research Support Allowance of up to 81,000 JPY per month

JSPS London: <http://www.jsps.org/funding/programme.html>

Postdoctoral Fellowship: 12-24 months

This programme provides the opportunity for a 12-24 month visit for postdoctoral researchers. With a quota from JSPS, the Royal Society and the British Academy as nominating authorities in the UK, operate all application procedures, using their own peer reviewers to screen applications.

The fellowship includes:

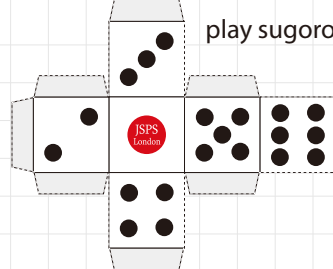
- ◆ A return air ticket
- ◆ Health Insurance
- ◆ Monthly Maintenance Allowance of 362,000 JPY
- ◆ Settling in Allowance of 200,000 JPY
- ◆ "Grants-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows" of up to 1,500,000 JPY per year

The Royal Society: <https://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/jsps-postdoctoral/>

The British Academy: http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/Bilateral_Agreements.cfm

*Please note the values of these awards are subject to change.

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After a JSPS Fellowship, what's next?

On returning to the UK or RoI after completing a JSPS Fellowship, we encourage you to join our Alumni Association. Membership is free and the Association offers funding schemes exclusive to members including the BRIDGE Fellowship to revisit Japan and Symposium Scheme for Alumni members to organise an academic conference. Networking events are organized for members to stay connected and members can advertise academic accomplishments linked to Japan on the Alumni Association website. There is also a help forum for JSPS Fellows and Alumni to communicate with each other. For more information please go to: http://www.jsps.org/alumni_association/index.html



Go to Japan



Go to Tokyo

QA1

Why do research in Japan?

Japan is rich in research opportunities. Japan's government and industry place strong emphasis on continuous investment into Research and Development which has successfully contributed to the expansion of the country's economy and GDP to 3rd largest in the world. As a result, you can expect to find that Japan has world class research facilities and world leading researchers in many areas of science. Japan is also not as foreign as you might first think. The majority of Japanese people speak English and Japanese society at large is efficient, friendly and accommodating.



Go to Miyajima

Try pottery

Challenge: Climb Mount Fuji



World Heritage



Get on the Shinkansen



Go Hanami



Drink Sake with friends



Enjoy Research in JAPAN

JSPS London

Ask Polly :) any question!!



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What is the application procedure?

Applications for most JSPS fellowships should be made to JSPS Tokyo via a host in Japan. The exceptions are the Summer Programme and the Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Summer Programme is only open to some nationalities. UK applicants can apply directly to the British Council Tokyo. In addition to an application to JSPS Tokyo, for the short term Postdoctoral Fellowship, UK applicants can also make an application directly to JSPS London and for the standard type Postdoctoral Fellowship, UK applicants can apply directly to The Royal Society or the British Academy, depending on the research field.



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How do I find a host?

If you don't have a host in mind already to collaborate with, we can help. The JSPS London website: www.jsps.org offers a link to the "ReaD & Researchmap" system and JARC-Net. Both are comprehensive databases for research and development activities which contains information about Japanese researchers in universities and institutions. From here you can start a fundamental search of scientists in Japan in a similar research area and can make contact with them. The majority of scientists listed have experience of collaborating with overseas researchers.



Experience a Hot Spring (Onsen)



QA2

What kind of fellowships does JSPS offer?

JSPS offers fellowships to do collaborative research in Japan to researchers at all stages of their career and in all research fields. At postgraduate level, we have the Summer Programme, at postdoctoral level we have a short and standard (longer term) Postdoctoral Fellowship, for mid-career scientists there are long and short Invitation Fellowships and finally for senior researchers we offer a Special Invitation Fellowship. The level of funding between fellowships varies but basically a return airfare, maintenance allowance and health insurance is provided.

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International Collaborations

A three-way approach to accelerating collaborative research

JSPS's international programmes are designed mainly to support researchers based in Japan, but by learning about them in detail, new possibilities for collaboration will become clear.

1. Host Japanese postdocs

For the future of science in Japan, to encourage a rich international viewpoint and foster a generation of talented researchers, there are two fellowship programs for early career Japanese researchers to allow them to work at a research institution in the UK. They are called the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research Abroad. Both fellowships provide travel expenses, a stipend and a research grant. More information can be found on the JSPS London website here:

<http://www.jsps.org/scheme/scheme.html>

Every year, around 50 researchers from Japan are engaged in research in the UK using these programmes. These researchers are also encouraged to join the network managed by JSPS London for Japanese Researchers Based in the UK (JBUK) to develop their professional network and obtain practical support to help them get the most out of their research and living experience in the UK. There is also a Symposium Scheme for JBUK members to organise UK-Japan academic events. Japanese researchers based in the UK can sign up to join this network here:

<https://ssl.jsps.org/members/?page=regist>

2. Bilateral Collaborations

JSPS operates an open partnership policy with national academies and scholarly funding organisations both in the governmental and private sector in the UK, in order to support the progression of individual researcher exchanges and the formation of sustained networks between research groups in Japan

and the UK. These activities are in principle supported on a matching fund basis supplied by the funding institution based in the researcher's own country. In recent years more than 20 Japan-UK collaborative projects and seminars have been implemented using this open partnership for bilateral collaboration.

3. Advanced Research Networks – Strategic Networks Programme and Core-to-Core Programme


The Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate the Circulation of Talented Researchers funds a two-way exchange of researchers both by sending early career Japanese researchers overseas and inviting overseas researchers to Japan.

The aim of this programme is to build networks for international collaboration. Funding is worth 50 million JPY per year for a 1 to 3 year project. This programme recently started and we hope many UK institutions will get involved.

The Core-to-Core programme, supports the connection of research hubs in Japan with those in countries around the world, in cutting-edge research areas, to form sustained collaborative relationships along with establishing world-class centres that will create research cores and foster early career researchers of the next generation. JSPS provides support of up to 20 million JPY per year for a maximum of 5 years. Up until now, out of a total of 76 projects supported by this programme, 38 have involved research hubs in the UK. For the projects to take place, this programme requires matching funding to be provided by all research groups involved.



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Group projects: <http://www.jsps.org/funding/joint.html>

Individual fellowships: <http://www.jsps.org/funding/programme.html>

Case studies from former JSPS fellows of our international funding programmes: http://www.jsps.org/case_studies/index.html