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- British Council overview
- Research as an international career
- Activity in Japan
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British Council work

- We are the UK's international cultural relations organisation, and have been working for 75 years to forge links between people in the UK and other countries
- Our main purpose is to build engagement and trust through the exchange of knowledge and ideas between people worldwide
- We have 218 offices in 109 countries around the world

Main areas of work

Our three core areas of work are:

- English
- Arts
- Education and Society

One of our five charitable purposes is to:

encourage **cultural, scientific, technological** and other educational cooperation between the United Kingdom and other countries

Science is closely linked with Education and Society, but can also provide themes for work in Arts and English

Research is an international career

- In the UK, the majority of researchers have spent some time abroad, and this is associated with higher productivity.
- Benefits:
 - Access to facilities and expertise
 - Improved career prospects
 - Broaden horizons
- Drawbacks:
 - Practical difficulties (managing finances, family issues, tax etc)
 - Cultural differences
 - Language barrier

What does British Council do to help?

- Higher Education partnerships
- Capacity building of early career researchers
- Euraxess

British Council Japan

- UK-Japan Forum on PhD skills development
- Renkei (*Collaboration*) Scheme
 - 6 UK and 6 Japanese Universities
 - Pilot projects in knowledge exchange with industry, student mobility, and community engagement
 - Includes summer schools for postgraduates, and early career researchers, and skills development for PhD students
- E-Idea. Supporting Eco-entrepreneurs

British Council Online Resources

EURAXESS-UK www.euraxess.org.uk

Practical support for international researchers moving to the UK



CUBED www.britishcouncil.org/science-cubed.htm

Magazine highlighting UK breakthroughs in science and innovation



European RTD Insight. www.ukro.ac.uk/rtd

Monthly newsletter produced by UKRO, with information about EU research policy developments and funding opportunities.

EURAXESS



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EURAXESS Services - [Practical](#) assistance for researchers on a country level



EURAXESS Rights - Information on the European Researchers' Charter and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers



EURAXESS Links - a [networking tool](#) for researchers outside Europe. Operating in USA, China, Japan, India and Singapore



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EURAXESS-UK Searchable Funding database

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- Career stage
- Region
- Discipline
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EURAXESS Links Japan

- Information on collaboration opportunities
- Careers and Funding
- Funding guide for European Researchers
- Monthly newsletter

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Any Questions?

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The Earth Debates
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Charitable purposes

Our Royal Charter sets out the purposes for which we are established. These are to:

- promote **cultural relationships** and the **understanding of different cultures** between people and peoples of the United Kingdom and other countries;
- promote a **wider knowledge** of the United Kingdom;
- develop a wider knowledge of the **English language**;
- encourage **cultural, scientific, technological** and other **educational** cooperation between the United Kingdom and other countries; or
- otherwise promote the **advancement of education**

British Council Science

- International partnerships for research and innovation
- Public engagement and debate
- Supporting early career researchers