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## **Introduction of JSPS: History**

# Japan Society for the Promotion of Science 日本学術振興会 = JSPS = Gakushin



Established through an endowment by Emperor Showa in 1932



#### **Rooster:**

Harbinger of new knowledge that promises a brilliant future for humankind.

#### JSPS: A Funding Agency for Academic research

#### **JSPS Supports:**

- Curiosity-driven researches in all disciplines:
  - from basic to applied field
  - across humanities, social science, and natural sciences.

#### JSPS funds:

- Researches
  - Grants-in-Aid, "KAKENHI": \$2 Billion /80,000 projects for researchers at Japanese Institutions, regardless of their nationality
- Fellowships
  - for 6,000 pre-/post-docs
- International Collaborations
  - -Bi- and Multi- lateral research collaborations, researchers from abroad

#### JSPS selects through:

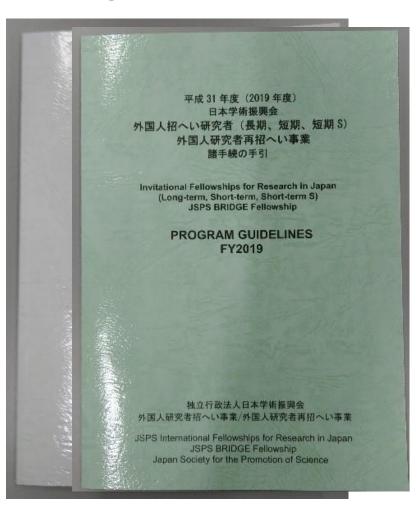
- Bottom-up approach: invite applications through open calls
- Conducting evaluations via peer review based on academic merit



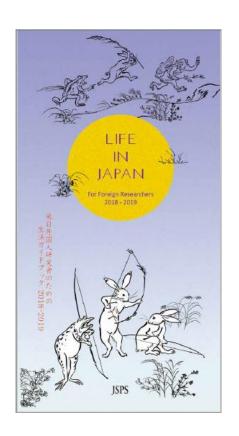
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## Have you read?

#### **Programme Guidelines**



#### "Life in Japan"



https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-plaza/51\_lifeInJapan.html



#### **Preparation: VISA**

#### - UK passport holders can stay in Japan up to 90 days

		Summer Program	Postdoc Fellowship (Short-term)	Postdoc Fellowship (Standard)	Invitation Fellowship (Short-term)	Invitation Fellowship (Long-term)
	Application	Not required	90 days or less: Not required	Required	Not required	90 days or less: Not required
			91 days or more: Required			91 days or more: Required
	Status	-	"Researcher" "Professor"	"Researcher" "Professor"	-	"Cultural activities" "Researcher" "Professor"

## Applying for a visa is your personal responsibility!

## VISA: Embassy of Japan in the UK

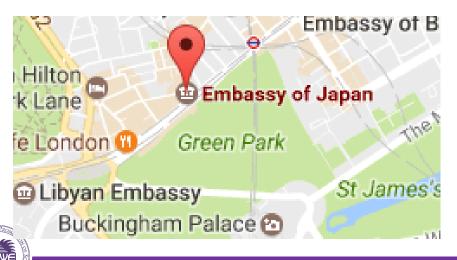
## Visa Section at Embassy of Japan in the UK, London



Tel: 020 7465 6565

http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/

# near Green Park underground station



#### Note:

For applicants in Scotland and the part of North of England, please contact the Consulate-General of Japan in Edinburgh

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#### **Residents Card**

Residency management system (from 9 July 2012)

- Fellows who will stay in Japan for 3 months or longer



- A resident card will be issued at the airport.
- You must take the card to a municipal office and notify it of your address within 14 days of your arrival.

Immigration Bureau of Japan http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\_1/en/



#### **National Pension**

- Not required to enroll in the Japanese National Pension System if your stay in Japan is less than 5 years.
- Fellows from the UK should continue their enrollment in the UK Pension System.

HM Revenue & Customs

http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/nic/japan.htm

#### National Health Insurance

- Fellows who will stay in Japan for 3 months or longer are obliged to join the national health insurance program.
- The insurance covers 70% of all medical expenses. You have to pay the rest, but it will be covered by another private insurance provided by JSPS.
- Application for enrollment in the program is made at your local municipal office.
- Allowances of JSPS fellowship ≠ Salary



#### Risk Management - natural disasters

## Preparation against natural disasters

- (1) Protecting yourself
- (2) Taking refuge







"Be prepared in advance" "Don't panic"

#### Risk Management - natural disasters

#### **Useful information:**

- Local government's website
- Please ask in advance your host researcher and institution how to evacuate and contact them in case of an emergency.
- NHK World (Live program in case of emergency)
   https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/

## Tips: Living in harmony

#### **Good Manner**

#### On the train



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Please set your mobile phone to silent mode and refrain from talking on the phone



#### On the road





#### In your place





## Living in harmony

#### **Rubbish collection**



































## Follow up services

#### JSPS-Net

https://www-jsps-net.jsps.go.jp/



#### **Enjoy your stay in Japan!**



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