



THE GREAT BRITAIN SASAKAWA FOUNDATION

Making a Difference in UK-Japan Relations

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Introduction

- Established in 1985, with a donation from what is now The Nippon Foundation
- Head office in London, liaison office in Tokyo
- Funding available for projects in...
 - Arts and Culture
 - Humanities and Social Issues
 - Japanese Language and Japanese Studies
 - Medicine and Health
 - Science, Technology and Environment
 - Sport
 - Youth and Education

Our Awards

- Three UK annual awards meetings:
 - **31st March** (for consideration in May)
 - **15th September** (for consideration in November)
 - **15th December** (for consideration in March)

- Two Japan office awards meetings:
 - **28th February** (for consideration in April)
 - **30th September** (for consideration in October)

Our Awards

- Grants for exhibitions, performances, exchanges, conferences, research, educational events, publications...
- Intended to provide seed funding and not core funding of projects
- No minimum or maximum overall award amount, though travel grants a maximum of £2,000 - £2,500, depending on length of stay
- Grants not made for consumables, salaries, fees, materials...
- Grants to be used towards activity – travel, accommodation, subsistence, workshops, etc.
- Full list of criteria available on our website
- Annual Reports on website – list of awards granted

PhD Travel Grants

- Part of regular awards programme
- Limited travel grants to PhD students for research trip or fieldwork visit to Japan in order to complete their studies/dissertation
- Can also consider applications for PhD students to participate and present at conferences based in Japan provided plans for networking and making connections with counterparts in Japan are included
- Applications made by PhD students, but must include letter of support from supervisor
- £2,000 travel grant, increased to £2,500 for stays of two weeks or more
- Maximum of £5,000 for long-term fieldwork of six months or more

Butterfield Awards

- High level collaboration between UK and Japan in medical research and health practice
- Any relevant field of medicine and health acceptable for consideration
- Grants not intended for consumables and clinical costs of projects
- Grants towards travel and living expenses, seminars, conferences, workshops, publications, etc.
- Small number of annual awards of up to around £10,000, for a maximum of three years of continuous project funding
- Application deadline is 15th December for decision to be made in March the subsequent year

Studentship Programme

- Launched in 2014, postgraduate funding programme in Japanese Studies
- Up to 30 postgraduate studentships per year, each now worth £15,000, on the study of Japan
- Directed towards existing and emerging departments/programmes at UK universities/institutions involved in teaching and study of Japan/Japanese
- Studentships available to postgraduates whose study/research is wholly, or for the most part, on Japan
- Available to MA and PhD students, from the UK or overseas

Studentship Programme

- University or institution makes application and nominate candidates to receive a studentship
- Contact GBSF for further information and to confirm eligibility
- Studentships have been awarded to:

Arts University Bournemouth, Birkbeck, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Courtauld, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, King's College London, Leeds, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Oxford Brookes, Sheffield, SOAS, St Andrews, UCL, UCLAN, UEA, Warwick, West London, York

Summary

Funding from GBSF for UK/Japan research opportunities:

- Regular grants – academics and researchers, support for exchange visits, initiating projects or continuing collaborations
- Butterfield Awards – medicine and health, high-level collaboration, projects between institutions up to three years
- Postgraduates – studentships and PhD travel grants

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