

# JSPS Programmes & What follows after your fellowship

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# International Collaboration Programmes

INSTITUTION  
TO  
INSTITUTION

Multilateral

Core-to-Core Program

GROUP  
TO  
GROUP

Bilateral

1. Joint Research Projects & Seminars  
*Apply to JSPS Tokyo*
2. Visit to Japan & Symp./Seminars  
For Alumni (*Apply to JSPS London*)

INDIVIDUALS

Fellowships

- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Invitational Fellowships
- *Summer Program*



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## JSPS Fellowship Bright Stories Voice of Former JSPS Fellows



**Envisioning Our Co-existence with Robots, and More: Prof. Venture's JSPS Journey**

Prof. Gentiane Venture is a Professor at the University of Tokyo. She has been an accommodation for more than 15 years now and specializes in robotics. Her research and engineering work spans a wide arena—from mechanical and robotic sciences to human motion science, robot control, and the design of technological systems.

Prof. Venture completed her doctorate in France; she found out about the JSPS postdoctoral fellowship by chance! Talking about her JSPS experience, she fondly remembers about how her friends helped her integrate into life in Japan, being selected as a postdoctoral researcher in the JSPS fellowship program not only involved shifting to a new country but also required her to adapt to the academic and other norms followed by Japanese institutions, which she recalls are mostly different from those followed by European institutions. However, she has no complaints.

The professor is, in fact, very appreciative of the research environment in Japan. "I really enjoy the research, in particular, the university environment," she smiles. She finds the environment to be very supportive. While she remarks that interdisciplinary science is not encouraged by the traditional logbookers of certain disciplines, she acknowledges how important it is for her field of study.

As a roboticist researching how humans can live with robots, her work is on the precipice of robotics and humanities. As a result, Prof. Venture collaborates with professionals from diverse backgrounds—scientists, philosophers, psychologists, artists, communicators, and even athletes. She also is part of various industry-academia collaborations and is thankful for her local industrial partners placing their trust in her despite the stark difference in their cultural backgrounds and ideologies.

However, Prof. Venture has come a long way from being a postdoc in France—the now speaks fluent Japanese and has her own lab! "It's like running a very tiny company," she explains when asked about her experience heading the CV Lab. The professor envisions a future where robots and humans work closely together and is curious to know what would happen if they did her parting words for building researchers hoping to come to Japan? She encourages them to accept the differences between Japan and their home countries and to respect the Japanese culture.

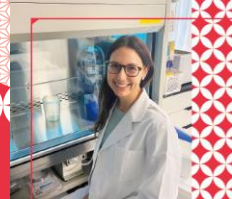
## Career Advancement through Multiple JSPS Fellowships Voice of Two JSPS Fellows



Will be available online soon!

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Voices of Two JSPS Fellows



Osaka Metropolitan University  
Graduate School of Medicine

Laura Barbieri, PhD

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers  
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Waiting for application

—What made you decide to apply for JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan, and to participate in multiple fellowship programs?

My journey with JSPS began in 2019 with the Summer Program. My host, Prof. Takeda at the University of Tokyo (UT) Tokyo, was introduced to me by my PhD supervisor. During the program, I met several inspiring researchers, some of which I currently work with. One day, chatting of science and life with a colleague, I learnt about a team in Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU) doing fieldwork and field-based studies in Africa. This sparked my curiosity and I started to think of going beyond lab-based research. I decided to visit OMU, where I learnt about Prof. Kaneko and his work on malaria in Kenya. After the program, I contacted Prof. Kaneko about doing a postdoc in his lab. This marked the beginning of my journey at OMU. Thinking back, I embarked in an international career quite early in my studies and I am very glad that I did. It is not that networking played a crucial role in shaping my path. It might feel difficult for overseas researchers to find a host supervisor in Japan. For the Summer Program, not knowing about the database of researchers, I mainly googled based on my research topic. I didn't have much time left, and with many websites in Japanese and the time difference, I was afraid of not making it. But I didn't give up and sent several emails and promptly got some replies. Then my PhD supervisor, who knew Prof. Takeda at UT Tokyo, suggested that I contact him. Given the pre-existing connection and the research background, he was the best option for me. He accepted my research

proposal and helped me tailor it to the lab's expertise. We had a long exchange of emails, ideas, and online meetings to develop a feasible work plan. I believe that this made our collaboration solid and my application stronger. In fact, finding the right lab involves seeking advice. Having guidance ensures a smoother transition and better understanding of the work environment. To prospective fellows, I highly recommend reaching out to your connections in Japan, if you already have any, or if you don't, like me at the time, establishing new ones and starting familiarizing with the Japanese academic landscape. Depending on your priorities, you might focus on a particular field or professor. Or, if you are flexible about the topic, you might pursue the location. There are many ways to choose a lab! Ask your friends, search databases, read papers, find authors. Talk to colleagues, send emails, and above all, try to gain an understanding of the environment and atmosphere in the lab. Building good relationships is crucial for a positive experience! Conferences and social media are good platforms to expand your network. Once a connection is established, it's important to nurture it. Reach out, participate in lab meetings, be proactive, and show your interest! Whether in person or online, staying connected is vital! The Summer Program was an amazing experience that fueled my desire to return to Japan. Back in Sweden, although I had to focus on completing my PhD, I stayed in touch with my colleagues in Japan. At Kaneko's invitation, I had the chance to meet Prof. Kaneko in person and discuss my project proposal. He welcomed me to join his team, upon securing my own funding. So, I started looking for grants. I knew that JSPS had some appealing postdoc programs and given my positive experience, it was the first option that came to my mind. I started working on



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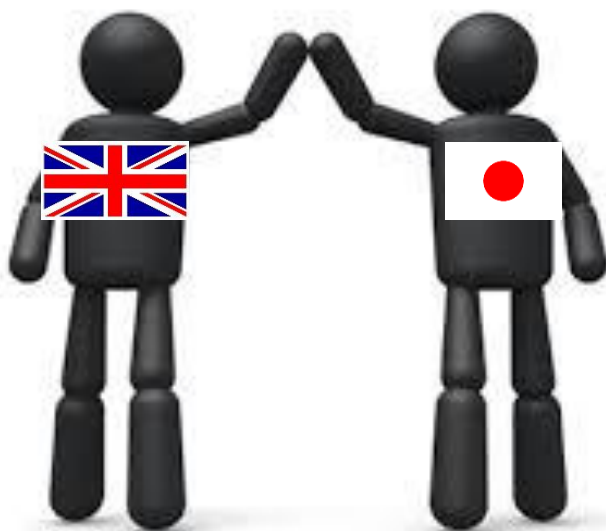
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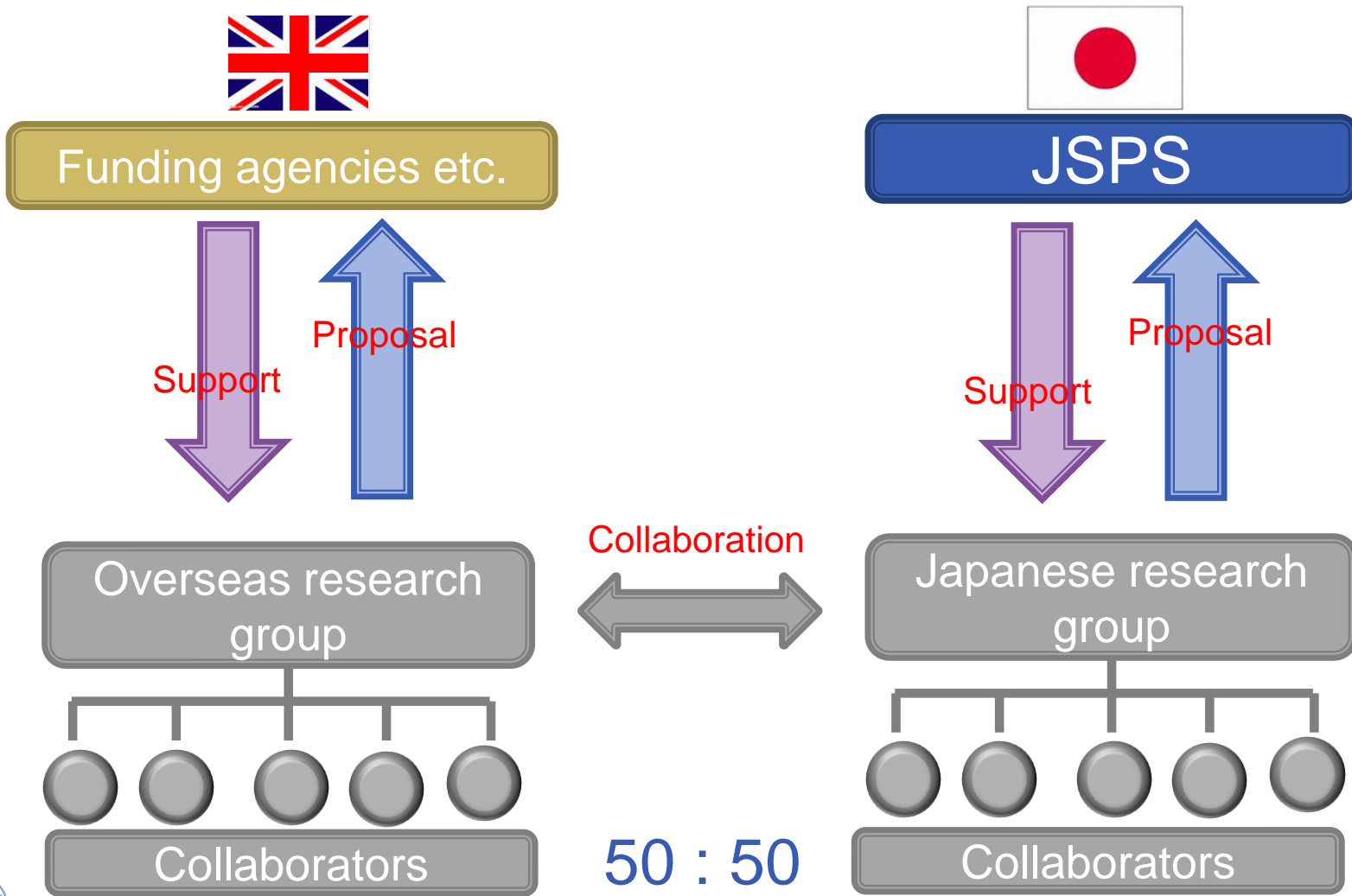


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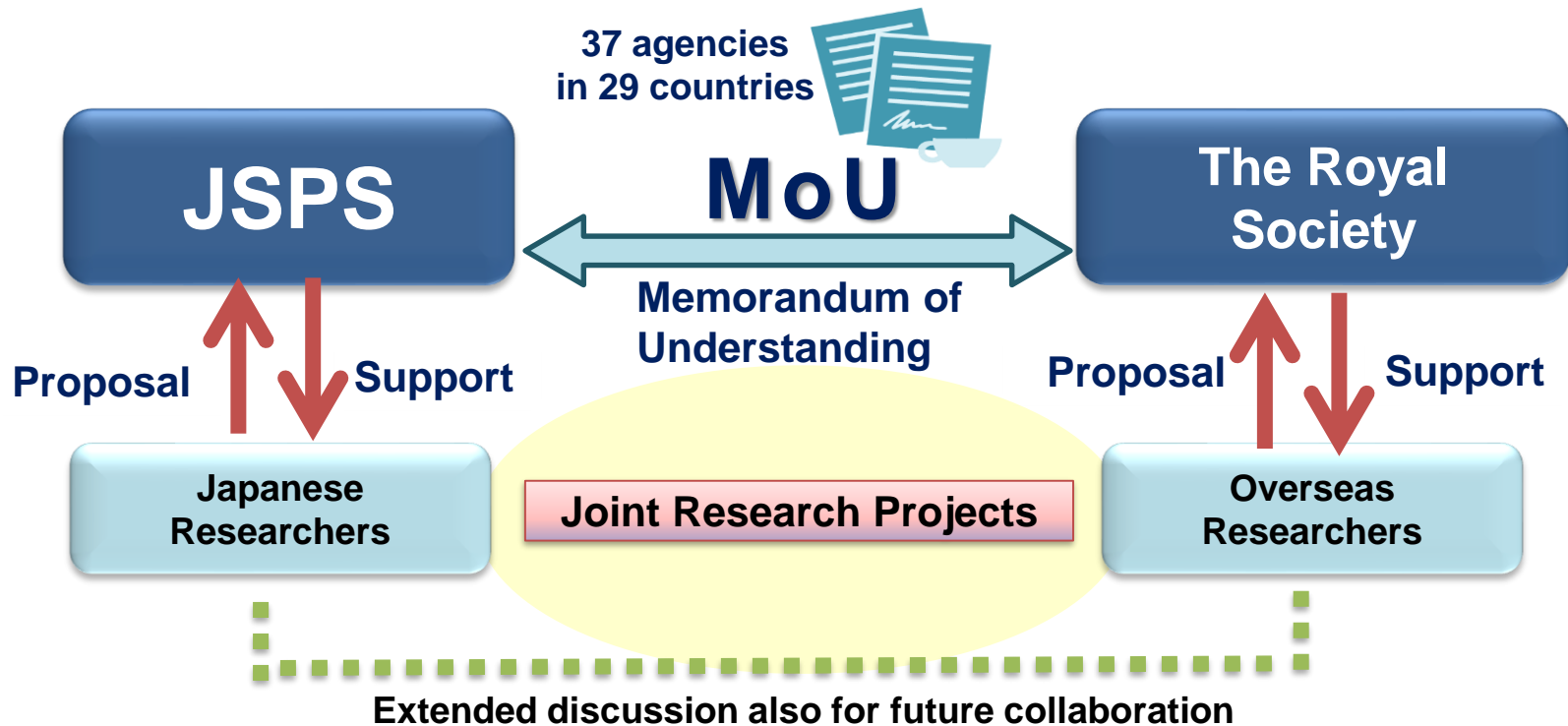
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## Bilateral Cooperation Based on MoUs



**Purpose:** To promote and support academic cooperation between highly qualified Japanese and overseas researchers

**Practice:** Equal or cross cost sharing for implementing cooperative activities

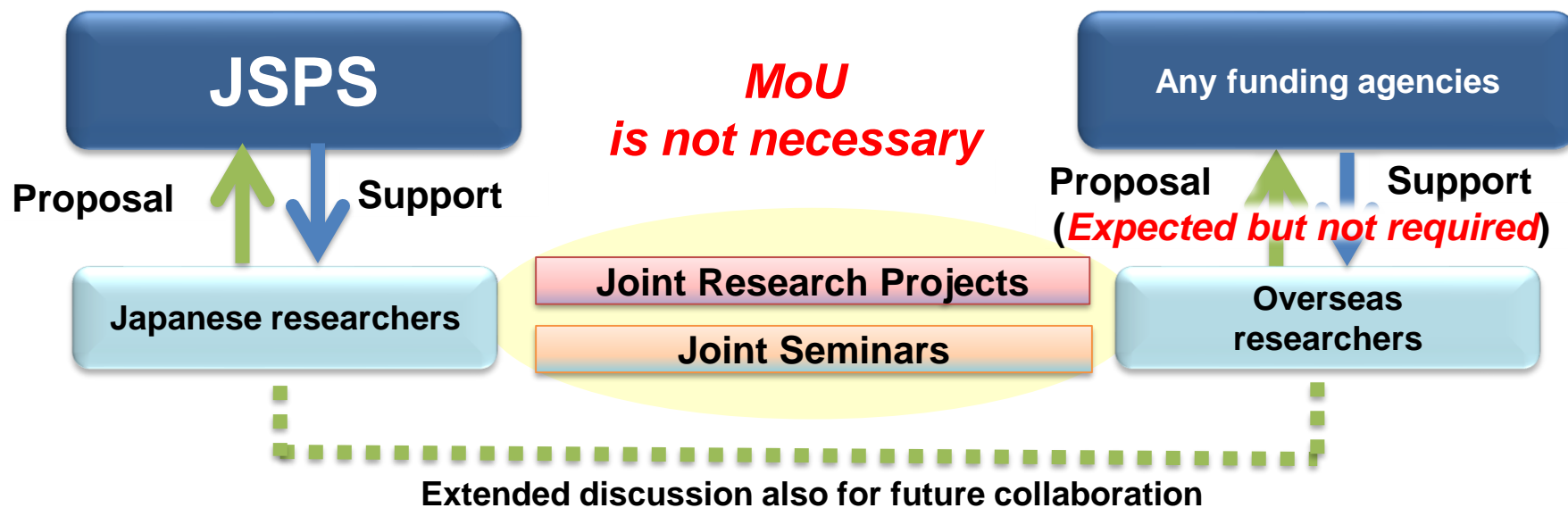
**Support:** Joint Research by **the Royal Society:**

for UK groups, Up to £12,000 year/project for two years



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## Bilateral Cooperation without MoUs: Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars



Joint Research: Up to JPY 2 million = £11,000/year/project for two years

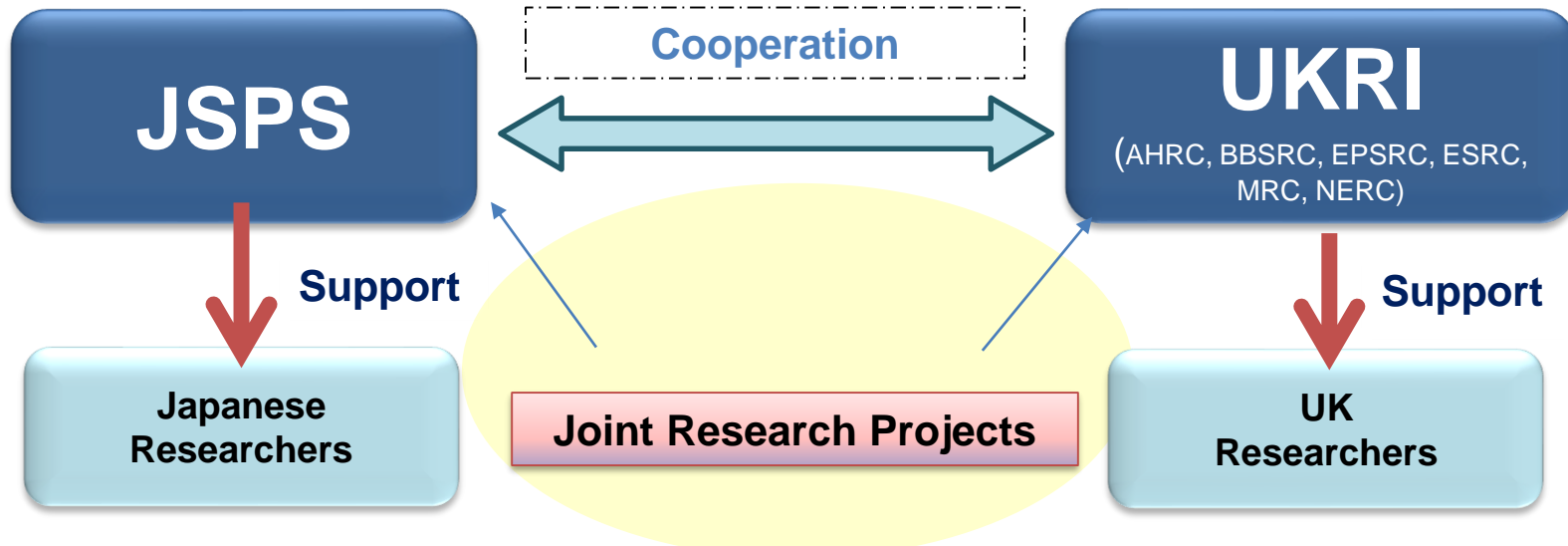
Joint Seminar : Up to JPY 2 million = £11,000/ seminar

|                   | FY2021   |          | FY2022   |          | FY2023   |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                   | Projects | Seminars | Projects | Seminars | Projects | Seminars |
| # of application  | 180      | 19       | 151      | 21       | 128      | 22       |
| # of new projects | 46       | 6        | 47       | 6        | 45       | 5        |
| Japan - UK        | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |



# International Collaboration programmes

## JRP-LEAD with UKRI



**\*Screening and selection of proposals is carried out by single agency**

**Purpose:** Support the implementation of joint research on issues difficult to solve by one country, sharing resources and research facilities.

**Support:** Joint Research by **the UKRI:**

for UK groups, up to £425,000 per project over 3 years

**Select number: 10 projects (FY2021, FY2018)**

| Number of applications/selected proposals |      |        |      |
|---|------|--------|------|
| FY2021                                    |      | FY2018 |      |
| App.                                      | Sel. | App.   | Sel. |
| 166                                       | 10   | 169    | 10   |

[Pre-announcement: EPSRC UK-Japan collaboration in advanced functional materials – UKRI](#)

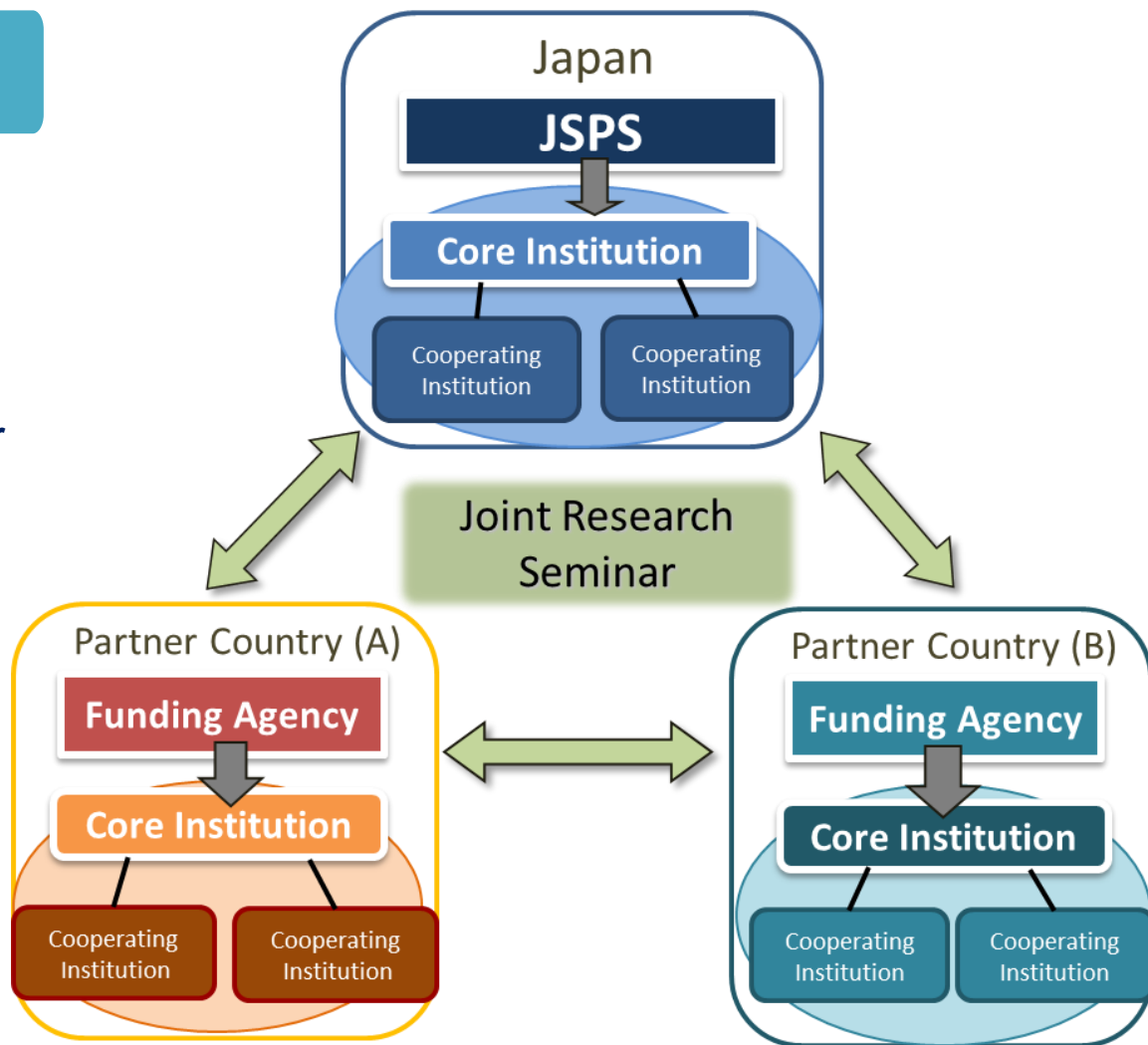
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## Core-to-Core Programme

### Advanced Research Networks for creating research hubs

- **Target:** Any country in the world
- **Objective:**
  - Promote International collaboration in cutting edge fields by creating world-class research hubs
  - Foster new generations of talented young researchers in Japan and other countries
- **Grants:** Up to JPY 18 million = £99,000 /year
- \* **Partner institutions are required to cover their own expenses.** (cf. international exchange fees etc.)
- **Project Duration:** 5 years

| Number of applications/selected proposals |      |         |        |      |         |
|---|------|---------|--------|------|---------|
| FY2022                                    |      |         | FY2023 |      |         |
| App.                                      | Sel. | With UK | App.   | Sel. | With UK |
| 17  | 8    | 3       | 14     | 8    | 4       |



# UK - JSPS Alumni Association

Support for maintaining and expanding linkages with Japan

➔ long-lasting collaboration, not “one time visit.”

- 910 members  
from PhD students  
to senior professors
- Exclusive programmes  
for the members
  - (1) *BRIDGE fellowship*
  - (2) *Symposium/ Seminar scheme*

A screenshot of the website for the JSPS UK & IRELAND Alumni Association. The page has a teal header with navigation links: 'Home', 'About JSPS', 'Funding Opportunities', 'Events', 'JSPS London Materials', 'JBUK', and 'ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'. Below the header is a search bar and a main content area with a background image of purple flowers. The main content area contains the text 'Alumni Association' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland > The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland'. Below this is a section titled 'The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland' with a paragraph of text describing the association's history and activities.

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### The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland

The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and Republic of Ireland was first established in 2003 by researchers who returned to the UK having been funded by a JSPS Fellowship Programme while in Japan (former Fellows). In 2014 inclusion of former JSPS fellows based in the Republic of Ireland was ratified by JSPS Tokyo head office and subsequently the name of the association changed to The JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. This Alumni Association is continuously increasing in size to currently over 600 active members. With the help of the Executive Committee and Regional Managers, the Alumni Association carries out a number of activities throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland with numerous benefits for members. The Pre Departure Seminars prepare new fellows for their research experience in Japan. The Alumni Evenings are for members to network in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. There are presentations days for members to speak about their experiences as a fellow and encourage others to apply for JSPS funding programmes. Alumni members co organize symposia in cooperation with JSPS London at their respective universities, which presents the results of research collaboration with their Japanese partners. And finally the BRIDGE Fellowship launched in 2009, is a travel bursary for fellows to maintain or create new collaborative links with the Japanese academic community.



Thank you for your attention!

**We look forward  
to hearing from you!**

*If you have any questions...*

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*For more information...*

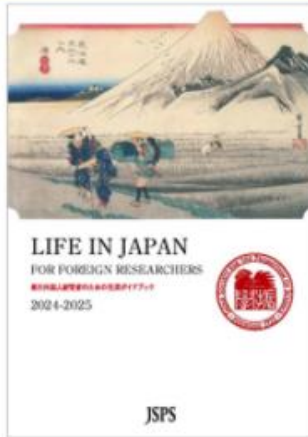
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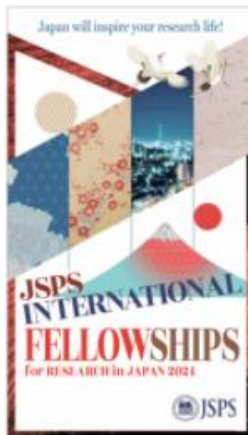
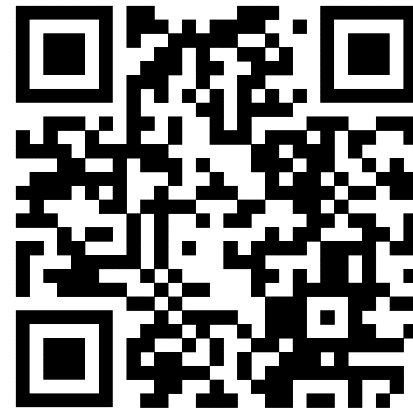
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## Jump to our brochure:



▶ Life in Japan for Foreign Researchers (PDF/3.7MB)

PDF



▶ JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan 2024

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