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Who are we?

Currently 900+ active members in our Alumni Association



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Members

There are 2 categories of membership.....

- All persons who have been supported by a JSPS International Programme are eligible for *regular membership*
- Persons who have a distinguished record of promoting scientific exchange between the UK and Japan are eligible for *honorary membership*
- Only regular members can apply to the Alumni Association funding schemes

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What do we do?

- To maintain & create collaborative links with Japan
- To provide guidance to new fellows & support Japanese researchers working in the UK
- To conduct joint activities with academic institutions & counterpart agencies

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What do we do?

- To exchange information among Alumni members
- To collect & disseminate information regarding science, technology, society & culture
- To strengthen regional groups & their connections with Japan

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Alumni Committee and Regional Managers

- 6 Committee Members
- Regional Managers covering Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- Committee & Regional Managers will change on a rotational basis, annually
- If you'd like to get involved, contact Polly Watson
- Current Committee and Regional Managers are...

The Alumni Committee



Prof. Andrew Quantock
Chair
(Cardiff University)



Prof. Alessandra Devoto
Co-Chair
(Royal Holloway,
University of London)



Dr John Brazier
Associate
(University of Reading)

The Alumni Committee



Prof. Erica Baffelli
Associate

(University of Manchester)



Dr Chris Pearson
Associate

(Rutherford Appleton
Laboratory)



Prof. Ekaterina Hertog
Associate

(University of Oxford)

Alumni Regional Managers

Wales



Emeritus Prof. Alan Shore
(Bangor University)

Scotland



Dr Miranda Anderson
(University of Edinburgh)

Alumni Regional Managers

Northern Ireland



Prof. Davide Mariotti
(University of Ulster)

Republic of Ireland



Prof. Emma Sokell
(University College Dublin)

Funding Opportunities: **BRIDGE Fellowship**

- Only regular members of the UK and RoI- JSPS Alumni Association are eligible
- Grant for research trip to Japan for up to 30 days to strengthen collaborative links
- Recently made 6 nominations representing a wide range of research fields from nanotechnology and astrophysics to linguistics and film studies
- Next call is expected in December 2024

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Funding Opportunities: **JSPS London Symposium & Seminar Scheme**

- A grant to support international symposia or seminars with UK and Japan at the centre, both online and in-person events are supported
- JSPS Alumni and Japanese researchers based in the UK and Ireland are eligible
- Travel & subsistence costs for up to 4 Japanese speakers and up to £3k towards organizational costs are covered- support expected from host institution
- Details & application forms are on the JSPS London website
- Next call is planned for September 2024. Short listed Proposals are announced in April for selected events to take place between June the same year to the end of February the following year

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4 Event Proposals Selected from the FY2024 JSPS London Symposium and Seminar Scheme Call:

- University of Liverpool: UK-Japan Symposium on Frontiers of Structural Biology, 18th – 19th June 2024
- University of Sussex: The Role of Culture in Understanding Economic Inequality, 22nd – 24th January 2025
- University College London: Regulating Emotions for Safe Commuting in Dementia and Childhood, February 2025
- University of Manchester: Robotics, Religion and Ethics, 28th February 2025

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Details on the website: keep track of funding and alumni info



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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.

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JSPS London 30th Anniversary Event:

Venue: Event Hall, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

Date: Wednesday, 4th September 2024

Time: Anniversary Event: 12:30 -17:00
Anniversary Dinner: 17:00 -

- Showcasing Japan-UK research collaborations JSPS London has supported in the last 10 years
- Event will include an Alumni Award Ceremony
- Talk on the Ashmolean Museum's Japan Collection and tour
- Registration will open soon

Please join us!

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Why should you join?

- We provide a forum for those interested in Japan and research to interact & provide mutual support and encouragement.
- We run what we hope are interesting scientific and social events.
- We have the BRIDGE and Symposium Scheme Awards for members to further encourage beneficial exchange.

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