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Who are we?

Currently 800+ active members in our Alumni Association



Pre departure Seminar Apr 2018

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Members

There are 2 categories of membership.....

- All persons who have or will receive support from JSPS 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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Alumni Committee

- 6 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.

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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.

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 photonics and computational chemistry to plant sciences and disaster risk management
- Next call is expected in December 2022

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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 on the website
- Calls each year open in September and close in November. Short listed Proposals are announced in January for selected events to take place between June to February the following year.

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4 Event Proposals Selected from the FY2022 JSPS London Symposium and Seminar Scheme Call:

- Kingston University: The Social World of Butoh Dance: Screening an Unseen Performance from the 1970s (December 2022- in-person and online event)
- University of Nottingham: Non Equilibrium Dynamics, Thermodynamics and Fluctuations: From Fundamentals to the Next Generation of Microscopic Thermal Machines (December 2022- in person event)
- The Shakespeare Institute: Looking at Shakespeare from the non-Anglophone World (February 2023- in person and online event)
- University of Sussex: Genome Stability Symposium (February 2023- in-person event)

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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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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.

<https://ssl.jsps.org/alumni/?page=regist>