

JSPS Summer Programme 2019 Guideline for UK Candidates

1. Objectives

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities. JSPS plays a pivotal role in the administration of a wide spectrum of Japan's scientific and academic programmes. While working within the broad framework of government policies established to promote scientific advancement, JSPS carries out its programmes in a manner flexible to the needs of the participating scientists.

JSPS provides a fellowship for young foreign researchers, namely the Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan. This fellowship offers opportunities for such researchers to pursue collaborative research at Japanese universities and research institutes, thereby allowing them to advance their own research while promoting scientific progress in both Japan and their respective countries.

“JSPS Summer Programme” is implemented as a component of the Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan. It provides opportunities for young researchers from North American and European countries to receive an orientation on Japanese culture and research systems and to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers at Japanese universities and research institutes over a period of two months during the summer.

2. Programme Elements

- The first week of the programme is dedicated to an orientation session on Japanese language, culture and research systems, conducted by the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI).
- Internships or cooperative research opportunities are then provided at scientific research institutions such as university laboratories. (See “List of Eligible Host Institutes”)

The secretariat for this programme is the Overseas Fellowship Division within JSPS's International Programme Department. It is assisted by SOKENDAI in conducting the opening ceremony, orientation sessions and research report presentation meeting.

3. Overseas Partner Institution

The British Council acts as JSPS's partner for this programme and is responsible for recruiting, shortlisting and nominating UK candidates to JSPS.

JSPS's overseas partner institutions also include:

- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Germany)
- Canadian Embassy in Japan/ Mitacs (Canada)
- The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (Sweden)

**As for the participants from the US, JSPS Washington Office will recruit in 2019.

4. Field of Research

All fields of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences are included under this programme. The candidate must either be majoring or conducting research in a related field.

5. Duration of Programme * Subject to change

Fellowships are awarded for a period of two months starting from 11 June through 21 August 2019. A tentative schedule is provided below, though it is subject to minor changes. Successful candidates will be informed of the final programme schedule.

Dates	Location	Housing (Tentative)	Activities
11 June	Narita	Hotel at Narita Airport	Arrival in Japan
12 June	Hayama	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	- Move from Narita to Hayama by bus - Opening Ceremony - Reception
13 June	Hayama	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	Orientation Session by SOKENDAI
14 June	Hayama	House of Host Family	Orientation Session by SOKENDAI
15 June	Homestay	House of Host Family	Home-stay Experience
16 June	Homestay	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	- Home-stay Experience - Return to Shonan Village Center
17 June	Hayama	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	Orientation Session by SOKENDAI
18 June	Host institutions	Housing Facilities of the Host Institutions	Move to Host Institutions
19 June- 19 August	Host institutions	Housing Facilities of the Host Institutions	Research Experience at Host Institutions
20 August	Tokyo	Hotel in Tokyo	- Move to Tokyo - Research Report Presentation - Farewell Party
21 August	Narita/ Haneda		Departure from Japan

6. Number of Fellowship Placements for UK Applicants

18

7. Eligibility

1) Nationality

Applicants must have UK nationality.

2) Academic Status

Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD or Mphil programme at a UK university. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible.

3) Applicants must receive in advance acceptance from their host researcher in Japan.

4) Applicants must aspire to become a researcher in future.

Note: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under JSPS Fellowship Programmes are not eligible.

8. Host Researchers and Host Institutes

The host researcher must, in principle, be a researcher who is employed full-time at a university or research institution that is eligible to apply to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for funding under the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific-Research Programme (Kakenhi). However, there are cases when researchers who are not employed in a full time position may be eligible. Such persons must be eligible to apply for a KAKENHI grant-in-aid and their affiliated institution must judge them able to implement the project and to provide an appropriate research environment (e.g., laboratory, equipment, personnel) for it.

Eligible host institutions include the following:

- 1) Universities and inter-university research institutes
- 2) MEXT-affiliated institutions engaged in research
- 3) Colleges of technology
- 4) Institutions designated by the Minister of MEXT

List of Eligible Host Institutions are available on the JSPS website:

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-summer/data/list_of_host_institutes_2018.pdf

9. Financial Support * Subject to change

- 1) International Travel (Round-trip Airfare)

In principle, JSPS will provide the Fellow with a round-trip airfare (a discounted economy ticket), which as a rule will be between the international airport nearest to the institution at which he/she is currently affiliated and Narita International Airport. Flight arrangements are made by JSPS's designated travel agent based on JSPS regulations. However, the Fellow who stays in Japan for more than 72 days (the fellowship tenure) may not be provided either his/her outward airfare or his/her homeward airfare.

- 2) Maintenance Allowance (534,000 Japanese Yen)

*JSPS will cover the following expenses separately from the above Maintenance Allowance: hotel room charges in Narita and Tokyo, and meals and accommodation charges at SOKENDAI.

- 3) Insurance

Under the Overseas Travel Accident Insurance Policy in force between JSPS and the designated insurance company, all JSPS Fellows are insured collectively during their fellowship tenures in Japan and are eligible to receive accident and sickness benefits under the policy.

- 4) Research Support Allowance at the Institution (Up to 158,500 Japanese Yen)

A research support allowance of up to 158,500 Japanese Yen is available to the Host for the purpose of covering research-related expenses. The allowance may be deposited into the bank account which the Host designates.

10. Obligation

- In Principle, Fellows must stay in Japan continuously during the fellowship tenure. If for an unavoidable reason, a Fellow must leave Japan or be absent from the orientation session, the research report presentation session, or any other part of the programme, he/she is required to

ask for permission from Host researcher, JSPS and the British Council. The duration of stay in another country must be within one week, regardless of the reason for departure.

- If a Fellow leaves Japan during the programme without obtaining the Host researcher's and JSPS's advance approval or does not attend any of the programme components such as the orientation, his/her fellowship may be terminated.

- During the tenure, Fellows are to concentrate on their research related to this programme.

- Before departing Japan, Fellows will be requested to submit a report on the research work they have carried out under this programme. The format and instructions for submitting the report will be provided.

11. Other Regulations and Recommendations

Obtaining Host's Informal Acceptance

Applicants should obtain in advance of applying the informal acceptance of their Japanese host researchers.

Lodging Arrangements

As the allowance provided to Fellows under the programme is to cover their subsistence and lodging costs over the entire 2 months period, Fellows are strongly advised to ask their host researcher in advance to arrange public domicile, e.g. international students' lodges or dormitories of the host institution, for them.

Pre-departure Consultation with Host

Before coming to Japan, Fellows should discuss with their host researchers both their research plan and life in Japan. Fellows are also to request for instructions from their Host on how to get to their Institutions from SOKENDAI and on when they should arrive.

Change of Fellowship Tenure

In principle, neither shortening nor lengthening of the fellowship tenure is allowed, except in some cases when due to unavoidable circumstances the Fellow must return home early. (In such cases, the unused portion of the Fellow's allowance must be returned to JSPS.)

Form of Joint Research

If it is thought that a disagreement may occur with regard to intellectual property rights on outcomes (e.g. patents, software) of the joint research, the Fellow, Host and host institution should negotiate and establish an agreement on their disposition in advance.

That the Fellow understands the collaborative research is to be conducted under the guidance of the Host researcher should be confirmed by the Host in advance. If this should not be the case, the Fellow and the host researcher should discuss and agree upon the form of collaboration in advance.

When applying for patents or other intellectual property rights, Fellows should first notify their Host institution's administrative office of (1) that they intend to make such application and (2) that the subject research was conducted under this JSPS fellowship Programme. Fellows are advised to confirm in advance the rules and regulations governing patents and other intellectual property rights on research results obtained in Japan or during their fellowship tenure.

Others

The fellowship will be withdrawn and benefits cancelled if a Fellow should either be found to have made a false statement in his/her application documents, leave Japan without obtaining prior consent of JSPS or not attend any part of the scheduled programme, or his/her participation is terminated by JSPS.

Application Procedure:

- Download the application form from the following web page.
<http://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/support-researchers>
- When you have completed your application form (**signed**), return it by email to science@britishcouncil.or.jp.
- **A letter of acceptance/invitation from your host researcher** should be attached to your application, or your host researcher can send it directly to the British Council by post or email it to the address below.
- **A copy of the identity page of your UK passport** should be attached to your application.

Closing date:

Applications with all attachments should be e-mailed to the above email address by 15 January 2019, 11:59pm GMT

Notification of Results:

Each applicant should be notified by e-mail of his/her application result by early March 2019.

Contact:

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