

Description of Programme

The programme provides for a limited number of travel grants to help those wishing to further their research, or to those planning to undertake a project in collaboration with Japanese counterparts, in the field of **Japanese Studies/Intellectual Exchange**, in Japan. The research/project must be wholly, or almost entirely, related to Japan. Applications from those working at PhD or post-doctoral level or from promising young talent are particularly welcome.

Eligibility

- scholars/academics working in the UK at PhD level or above in the field of Japanese studies
- those working in the UK in a discipline subject where the research/project involves Japan
- those from UK non profit-making organisations (such as NGOs) wishing to pursue research, or to undertake a Japan-related project with Japanese counterparts
- those working in the fields of science & technology or medicine are not eligible
- priority will be given to those applicants attached to an institution but applicants who are not will also be considered depending on the relevance of the research/project
- those undertaking preparation for future exhibitions or contact-making trips for future projects are not eligible

Nature of Support

- a travel grant of £500 towards the cost of the international airfare to and from Japan, or the actual cost of a ticket, whichever is the lesser amount

Application Process

- there are no application deadlines but early application is advised as the budget is limited. In principle, applications should be sent to the address below at least **2 months** before intended travel.
- the application must be made on the required application form outlining the research/project, its aims objectives and outcomes
- one reference will be required testifying to the value of the research/project in question
- an affiliate in Japan is desirable, but not essential, and will depend on the nature of the particular research/project to be undertaken
- those interested in making a future application to the Japan Foundation Fellowship Programme should consult with Japan Foundation staff before applying for this programme

Conditions of Grant

- the length of stay in Japan is not prescribed but it must begin before 31st March 2009 and may continue beyond that date
- previous stays in Japan are not relevant but those in receipt of a Japan Foundation grant within the past 3 years will be given lower priority
- the grant will be paid on production of travel ticket receipt, before the applicant travels
- a final report will be required for submission to the Japan Foundation London office within one month of the applicant's return to the UK