

White Rose University Consortium: College of Arts and Humanities

Arts and Humanities Research Culture in Japan

Academia

Funding

Scholarships

Funding for study in or research-related travel to Japan:

Monbukagakusho (MEXT) scholarships

If you are a researcher dealing with Japan-related topics, chances are you will hear a lot about

Monbukagakusho, or MEXT, scholarships. The clearest collection of guidelines for applying to a Monbukagakusho scholarship is available on the [Study in Japan](#) website. While not an official source, the blog entry written by [Chris Kern](#), a Ph.D. student of The Ohio State University, provides a concise, accessible introduction to MEXT scholarships, detailing, for example, how to contact a host professor in Japan.



Japan Foundation

[The Japan Foundation](#) general site or [Japan Foundation UK](#) site provide funding for doctoral students visiting Japan for research purposes. It is necessary to find a host professor in Japan in order to be eligible. Funding is available for periods of four months to 14 months. The deadline for applications is in early December.

The Japan Foundation Endowment Committee (JFEC)

The [Japan Foundation Endowment Committee](#) is separate from the Japan Foundation. They also provide funding for research trips to Japan, and do not require a host in the country. Applications for doctoral students must be made by the students' supervisor on their behalf. Deadlines are in April and October.

Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (GBSF)

The [Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation](#) will fund grants for PhD students undertaking research in Japan for up to £1,000. They also provide funding for other Japan-related academic events, such as conferences. Deadlines for their London branch are December 15th, March 31st, and August 31st.

The Toshiba International Foundation Graduate Research Studentship

The [Toshiba International Foundation Graduate Research Studentship](#) can be used for fieldwork in Japan. Deadlines are at the end of April and October.

Atsumi International Scholarship

These [Atsumi International](#) scholarships are for international PhD candidates studying in the Kanto region of Japan. The application period is throughout the month of September.

The Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

The [Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation](#) offers scholarships for foreigners undertaking masters and doctoral courses in Japanese universities. The scholarship is applied to through the university once the applicant has been accepted; for that reason, deadlines vary according to the specific school.

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute in Kansai

The [Japan Foundation's Japanese language school in Osaka](#) offers fully funded courses, allowing PhD students or scholars employed in full-time positions to study Japanese intensively. 2-month and 6-month courses are available. The deadline for application is in the beginning of December.

The Gen Foundation

The [Gen Foundation](#) provides funding for research and graduate study in Japan. The Gen Foundation is mostly geared toward science-related grants, but also considers those studying music, art, or language. The deadline is March 31st.

JSPS-UNU Fellowship Programme

The [JSPS-UNU Fellowship](#) invites applications from those on PhD courses for particular topics. Most topics are science oriented, but some involve humanities research. A host in Japan is required. The deadline for applications is announced in December.

Funding opportunities for those wishing to continue their research after the PhD stage:

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Despite its name, the [Japan Society for the Promotion of Science](#) does fund humanities research. Short-term fellowships of 1-12 months and long-term fellowships of 12-24 months are available. Requires a host in Japan. Deadlines are in September and May.

JSPS summer program

[JSPS summer programmes](#) are available for researchers seeking to learn more about researching in Japan before beginning a JSPS postdoctoral fellowship.

Canon Foundation in Europe

The [Canon Foundation](#) provides funds for postdoctoral research for periods up to one year. Requires a host in Japan. Deadline is September 15.

Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program

The [Hakuho Foundation](#) invites applications for research in Japan for either a short-term (6 month) or long-term (1 year) placement. It is to research Japanese language education in particular, and geared toward those already in faculty positions. Applications must be completed in Japanese, and references must either be in Japanese or with a translation provided. Application deadline is October 31.

Funding bodies for Japan-related events:

The Japan Society

The [Japan Society](#) provides grants for Japan related events held in Britain.

Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation

The [Daiwa Foundation](#) specialises in small project grants. Daiwa Scholarships are available for individuals, but are geared towards those with little background relating to Japan.



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