



BUTTERFIELD AWARDS

Grants for UK-Japan collaboration in medicine and health

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation was established in 1985 to further understanding and cooperation between the people of Japan and the United Kingdom in all fields of culture and society.

Lord Butterfield of Stechford, a former Trustee, Chairman and Patron of the Foundation, was a distinguished medical researcher, clinician and administrator, having been among other things Professor of Experimental Medicine at Guy's Hospital in London and Regius Professor of Physics at Cambridge, where he established the Clinical School, as well as becoming the University's Vice Chancellor later in his career. His medical expertise lay primarily in the fields of diabetes and metabolism, but he was also a gifted general physician. His connections with Japan were close and among his honorary awards was a Doctorate in Medical Science from Japan's Keio University.

As a lasting commemoration of Lord Butterfield, who died in July 2000, it was decided to dedicate some of the Foundation's funds to awards which would further cutting-edge collaboration between the UK and Japan in medical research and public health practice. The main conditions for these awards are set out below.

Purpose

The awards are intended to encourage and facilitate high-level exploratory exchanges and collaborations between qualified professionals in Japan and the UK, and the investigation of scientific, clinical, social and economic aspects of medicine in which Japanese and British researchers, practitioners, policy makers, managers and voluntary sector workers may learn from each other. The grants may be used for travel expenses or to contribute to other costs as appropriate (but NOT towards laboratory consumables). Typically, an award might cover the cost of one exchange visit in each direction for up to a month. The project must involve partners in both the UK and Japan.

Eligibility

Applicants should normally be able to demonstrate an existing research record, but consideration will also be given to practitioners, managers, carers or others in health-related fields who intend to establish working links between organisations or produce

a publishable comparative study. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been involved in UK-Japan collaboration, and applications from those in the early stages of their career are also encouraged. All proposals must, however, be supported by references from two reputable referees and evidence of the facilities to be provided by a host institution or partner organisation must be provided.

Field of research

There are no restrictions on the field of research or collaboration, provided that it is one in which the UK and Japan have a mutual and beneficial interest. Areas in which grants have been awarded in the past have included health management; public health; health education; genetic aspects of ageing; cancer research: palliative care; stem cell technology; community-based psychiatry; patient and carer involvement; drug testing; voluntary sector development; architecture and design for healthcare.

Amount of Award

In principle, a small number of awards of around £5,000 are offered annually. Proposals for continuous funding of up to £5,000 per annum for a maximum of three years are also acceptable. Applications for smaller - and, exceptionally, larger - sums can be considered.

Selection

The Trustees of the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation will make the final selection at their meeting in March 2019.

Applications

Applications are accepted at any time up to **15th December 2018**. Awards will be made in March 2019 for projects beginning no earlier than 31st March 2019.

Awards cannot be made retrospectively.

Applications should be made to the Foundation by e-mail and the relevant form can be obtained from our website: www.gbsf.org.uk

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