

# One-Year Postdoctoral Research Associate

Japanese Studies  
at the University of Cambridge



Applications are now open for the newly established  
Newton Trust / Japan and the World One-Year  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

## Aims of the fellowship

At a time when the global pandemic has limited new job opportunities and with many postgraduate students experiencing research constraints and financial hardship, the fellowship is intended to provide support for eligible candidates for a period of one year as a stepping-stone to more secure and long-term employment elsewhere.

The fellowship is intended for a recent PhD Japanese Studies graduate from the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (FAMES). The successful candidate will be offered a one year contract enabling them to remain in Cambridge to advance and publish their research, while developing their teaching experience.

**Applicants may be from any field but must have graduated from the AMES faculty, not currently be in permanent employment elsewhere, and can either be current PhD holders or expect to receive their PhD no later than October 2021.**

## Responsibilities

Possible activities for the successful candidate include preparing their dissertation or a peer-reviewed article for publication, developing their teaching portfolio, benefiting from mentoring by senior colleagues, and advancing the institutional goals of the “Japan and the World” section. This might include, but not be limited to, participating in the section’s weekly Monday evening seminar series, supervising undergraduate dissertations, and coordinating research seminars for our postgraduate students. providing supplemental instruction to classes; and enhancing student research skills.

The successful candidate will be expected to work closely with their designated mentor.

The postholder will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of departmental activities, including research groups, departmental seminars, and reading groups across the University. The fellowship is intended to enhance the fellow’s career development and should not be unduly onerous. We expect that the successful candidate, in consultation with the teaching staff, will provide some Japanese language teaching and classes in areas relevant to his or her research expertise.

**Contract period:** October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

**Process of application:** Prospective applicants should send a cover letter and CV to Freddie Semple (fs468@cam.ac.uk), executive assistant to the Chair of Japanese Studies by 5 June 2021. Interviews are expected to be held online a few weeks later.

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