

Sasakawa Studentships in Japanese Studies at Newcastle University

Closing Date: 22 March 2022

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation is pleased to announce the Ninth Year of the Sasakawa Japanese Studies Postgraduate Studentship Programme, designed to support the development of Japanese Studies in the UK. Launched and administered by the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation and fully funded by The Nippon Foundation. The value of each studentship (Masters or PhD) is £10,000. We invite applications from suitably qualified candidates who wish to pursue an MLitt (Masters by Research) or a PhD in Japanese studies (or another field where the research focus is related to Japan), starting October 2022 (continuing students are also welcome to apply). We particularly encourage students with an interest in contemporary Japanese literature, gender and/or popular culture to apply, but still welcome applications from candidates with an interest in any area of Japanese studies.

Candidates of any nationality are eligible to apply for the studentships. However, non-UK nationals applying for a studentship towards a Masters degree are eligible only if they are settled in the UK or have been ordinarily resident for at least three years immediately preceding the start of their Masters course. This does not apply to PhD studentship candidates. Current and previous successful students may reapply. However, the studentship can maximum be held for three years.

How to apply

To be considered for nomination, you must:

1. Register your interest and discuss your research proposal with Dr Gitte Marianne Hansen, gitte.hansen@ncl.ac.uk with the following information (max 200 words in total):
 - a. CV/academic record
 - b. Nationality
 - c. Statement of other funding (either fully or in part)
 - d. The course/research to be undertaken
 - e. Extent to which the course/research is Japan-related
 - f. Anticipated dissertation topic or research interests (and in case of PhD students a brief abstract of research to date – up to an additional 250 words)
 - g. Future academic or career plans
2. You must hold a conditional or unconditional offer of a place before you can be nominated.

For more detailed information about the award scheme, please refer to the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation website: <http://www.gbsf.org.uk/general/index.html>