MSCA: Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Grants?
ERC: European Resarch Council Grants?
JSPS Kakenhi: Japan's Grants-in-Aid?
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Introduction

This event will bring you all you need to know on important grants:

- What types of grants there are?
- What can you, and your institution, get from them?
- What kind of documents, and skills, are needed for application?
- How does the evaluation process work?
- Detailed presentation by officials and experts!
- Experience feedback and tips from grantees!

This edition focuses on the Japanese JSPS Kakenhi grants, and the EU grant schemes of the European Research Council (ERC Starting Grant, ERC Consolidator Grant, ERC Advanced Grant) and of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA Individual Fellowships, MSCA Research and Innovation Staff Exchange).

Learn and share about the JSPS Kakenhi grants (morning sessions)

After a quick introduction on the various existing services for European researchers in Japan, you will be able to learn in details from research administration experts and officials from the JSPS, about the JSPS Kakenhi Grants, including the opportunities to use them for international cooperation projects.

European grantees and alumni, currently active in Japan, will then provide you with personal tips and experience feedback.

Discussion sessions will be organised so as for you to be able to ask questions and share thoughts with the presenters and other attendees.

Learn and share about ERC and MSCA grants (afternoon sessions):

After a quick introduction on the various existing services for Japanese researchers interested in EU grants, you will be able to learn in details, and from experts and officials from Brussels, about the European Research Council (ERC) grants and the Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships (IF, postdoctoral) and RISE (for research cooperation).

Grantees and alumni, some from Europe and some already back to Japan, will then provide you with personal tips and experience feedback.

Discussion sessions will be organised in three groups (ERC, MSCA IF and MSCA RISE) so as for you to be able to ask questions and share thoughts with the presenters and other attendees.

Programme

09:00	**Welcome Address**	**Mr. ISTICIOAIA-BUDURA** **Ambassador of the European Union to Japan, Head of the Delegation**
09:05	Europe-Japan Cooperation in Research	Dr KUCZYNSKI S&T Section, Delegation of the EU to Japan
09:15	About the European Researchers community in Japan	Dr. PY EURAXESS Japan
(09:30 - 10:45)	**JSPS Kakenhi grants:** **Detailed presentation of the grants**	*Chair: Dr. VERISSIMO* *AMED Assistant Professor, Department of Regenerative Medicine and Biomedical Engineering*
09:30~	'*Kakenhi: What's really going on?*'	Prof. KODERA JSPS Research Aid Division 1, Director
09:55~	'*Key points for drafting Kakenhi grants proposals*'	Dr. FUJIWARA Nagoya Institute of Technology, University Research Administrator
10:20~	Q&A	Both speakers and attendees
10:45	Coffee break	
(10:55 - 12:40)	**JSPS Kakenhi grants:** **Tips and experience feedback from European grantees**	*Chair: Dr. VERISSIMO* *AMED Assistant Professor, Department of Regenerative Medicine and Biomedical Engineering*
10:55~		Dr VOHRA, University of Electro-Communications
11:05~		Dr GREVE, Hokkaido University
11:15~		Dr COLOMBO, Nagoya University
11:25~		Dr BELLIER, Shiga University of Medical Science
11:35~		Dr VENTURE, TUAT
11:45~		Dr FRANK, Sophia University
11:55~	Discussion session: - How to write a proposal? - Language choice: crucial? - Cooperation with Europe within Kakenhi?	All speakers and attendees
12:40	Networking lunch	
13:50	Welcome Address (afternoon sessions)	Delegation of the EU to Japan Prof. Dr HARAYAMA Executive Member, Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (CSTI), Cabinet Office, Japan

14:00	ERC and MSCA within Horizon 2020 EURAXESS services for researchers in Japan interested in European grants JEUPISTE / NCP Japan: services to find hosts, partners, matching funds	Dr KUCZYNSKI - S&T Section, Delegation of the EU to Japan Dr PY - EURAXESS Japan Mr LAMBRECHT - JEUPISTE Project & NCP Japan
14:40	Short break	(videoconference setup)
(14:45 - 16:15)	**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions and European Research Council grants:** **Detailed presentation of the grants**	*Session co-organised with the JEUPISTE Project (http://www.jeupiste.eu/)* *Chair: Ms ANNO* *Kobe University International Office | JEUPISTE Project*
14:45~	'*About MSCA IF and RISE grant schemes*' (through video conference, presentation and Q&A)	Mr. JANKOWSKI Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture Unit C.3, European Commission
15:30~	'*About ERC grant schemes*' (through video conference, presentation and Q&A)	Dr. HOBDAY ERC EA, Head of Unit *Call & Project Follow-up Coordination*
16:15	Coffee break	
(16:30 - 18:30)	**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions and European Research Council grants:** **Tips and experience feedback from alumni and grantees**	*Session co-organised with the JEUPISTE Project (http://www.jeupiste.eu/)* *Chair: Dr. WALPORT* *Department of Chemistry, The University of Tokyo, Postdoctoral Fellow, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow*
16:30~	MSCA IF	Dr NAKAMURA, Osaka University, Japan
16:37~	MSCA IF	Dr HATADA, CNRS, France
16:44~	MSCA IF	Dr TANAKA, NIES, Japan
16:51~	MSCA RISE	Prof. TOKUSHUKU, KEK, Japan
16:58~	MSCA RISE	Prof. ISHIHARA, JAIST, Japan
17:05~	ERC	Dr UJII, University of Leuven, Belgium / Hokkaido U.
17:12~	ERC	Prof. TANAKA, University of Dundee, UK
17:19~	ERC (through videoconference)	Dr IKEDA, IMBA Vienna, Austria
17:26~	ERC (recorded video message)	Prof. AOKI, Tohoku University / IMR, Japan
17:33~	Discussion in three groups: + ERC Grants + MSCA Individual Fellowships + MSCA RISE grants	All grantees and attendees. Three different discussion groups: choose your preferred one!
18:30	Closing Remarks	
18:45 – 20:00	Networking Reception	

Speakers

JSPS Kakenhi Experts

Prof. Kotaro KODERA

JSPS Research Aid Division 1

Director

Prof. Kodera graduated from Sophia University. In 1995, he joined the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), where he successively was in charge of the international fellowship programmes, the research promotion programs, the policy planning, and the general affairs.

Since 2015, he is in charge of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) programme.

Dr. Ikuko FUJIWARA

Nagoya Institute of Technology, University Research Administration, Associate Professor

Dr. Fujiwara received her PhD in biophysics from Waseda University in 2003. After a postdoc at Yale University she was as a research fellow in National Institutes of Health (NIH), the US. In 2014 she worked as an assistant professor at the WPI iCeMS in Kyoto University.

Since 2015, she works at the Nagoya Institute of Technology Research Administration office.

MSCA and ERC Experts

Mr. Przemyslaw JANKOWSKI

Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture Unit C.3, European Commission

Mr. Jankowski is a law graduate from Poland, with extensive experience in project management.

In 2009 he joined the European Commission as Project Officer for Marie Curie actions in DG Research and Innovation.

Since 2012 he is Policy Officer in DG Education and Culture, where his role is to monitor and develop policy for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. He is also the contact point for cooperation with Japan.

Dr. Alejandro Martín HOBDEY

ERC EA, Head of Unit *Call & Project Follow-up Coordination*

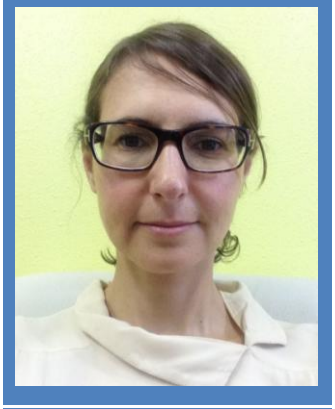
Dr. Hobdey is a physicist with research experience in the US, Spain and UK.

He has worked in several research programmes since joining the European Commission in 1994. He has participated in the setting up the European Research Council since its inception, having first been the Head of Unit for the Starting Grants Unit.

He is currently the Head of Unit for Call and Project Follow-up Coordination within the Scientific Department.

JSPS Kakenhi grantees/alumni

Name & title	Affiliation	Short profile
Dr. Varun VOHRA 	University of Electro-Communications, Department of Engineering Science, Assistant professor	**My background is:** French material scientist specializing in organic photovoltaics and light-emitting devices **My experience with Kakenhi is:** Successfully obtained a Research Activity Start-up Kakenhi (FY2014-FY2015) Failed to obtain a Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists B (FY2016, Failed but Rank A)
Prof. Dr. Ralf GREVE 	Hokkaido University, Institute of Low Temperature Science Professor (Glacier and Ice Sheet Research)	**My background is:** Dynamics of ice sheets and glaciers, planetary glaciology **My experience with Kakenhi is:** 12-year record of both Kakenhi successes and failures in the Scientific Research (A/B/C) categories. Ran a Kakenhi explanation seminar in English at Hokkaido University in 2015.
Prof. Dr. Giorgio Fabio COLOMBO 	Nagoya University, Graduate School of Law, Associate Professor	**My background is:** Practicing attorney in Italy, J.D., Ph.D. and Adjunct in Italy, JSPS Postdoc at Ritsumeikan **My experience with Kakenhi is:** JSPS Postdoc Kakenhi: obtained (automatic); Start-up Grant: rejected (quite badly - C); Young Researcher B: obtained; Young Researcher B: rejected (not far – B).

Dr. Jean-Pierre BELLIER 	Shiga University of Medical Science, Molecular Neuroscience Research Center (MNRC), Assistant Professor	**My background is:** Neuroscience and biochemistry in France, 1998 joined MNRC, 2007 Ph.D. & assistant professor. **My experience with Kakenhi is:** Failed: 2005 wakate B; 2006 wakate B; 2007 wakate B. Secured: 2008 wakate B; 2010 wakate B; 2012 kiban C; 2015 kiban C.
Dr. Gentiane VENTURE 	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering, Associate Professor	**My background is:** Academic researcher in Robotics and AI (http://web.tuat.ac.jp/~venture/) **My experience with Kakenhi is:** Hectic! But secured a Grant-in-Aid for Challenging Exploratory Research in 2015, for Young Scientists (B) in 2013, Start up in 2009 and participates in Kiban B 2013, 2016.
Dr. Bjoern FRANK 	Sophia University, Research group for sustainable business and marketing, Associate Professor	**My background is:** German researcher in Industrial Management, with international mobility experience since graduate school **My experience with Kakenhi is:** Secured a Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (A) in 2015 and participated to Kiban B (2008), C and A (2012)

MSCA grantees/alumni

Name & title	Affiliation	Short profile
Dr. Shuhei NAKAMURA 	Department of Genetics, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University, Assistant Professor	**My background is:** Genetics, Molecular Biology and Developmental Biology **My experience with MSCA is:** Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship in 2012 (FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IIF) on Germline-mediated regulation of lifespan in worms and fish
Dr. Keisuke HATADA 	Associate Professor: CNRS - University of Rennes 1 (France), Chiba University (Japan), LNF-INFN (Italy)	**My background is:** Physicist, specialist in theory of core electron Spectroscopy **My experience with MSCA is:** Individual fellowship running since 2014 at the Institut de Physique de Rennes (France), working on BEEM spectroscopy. Participated in RISE (IRSES) projects too.
Dr. Katsumasa TANAKA 	National Institute for Environmental Studies, Tsukuba Senior Researcher	**My background is:** Specialist of climate, with an inter-disciplinary background in climate science and policy and applied mathematics. **My experience with MSCA is:** I held positions at several European institutes before returning to Japan. An IF MSCA Fellowship supported my two-year residence at ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. Katsuo TOKUSHUKU 	High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK), Institute of particle and nuclear Studies, Director	**My background is:** Experimental Particle Physics specialist for almost forty years! **My experience with MSCA is:** Japanese contact point of the RISE research collaboration project Europe-Japan Accelerator Development Exchange Programme (E-JADE: https://www.e-jade.eu/)
Prof. Hajime ISHIHARA 	Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology, Professor	**My background is:** Specialist of Constructive Mathematics, Mathematical Logic, and Foundations of Mathematics **My experience with MSCA is:** Participated in numerous IRSES (RISE) collaborative projects: CONSTRUMATH (2009-2011), COMPUTAL (FP7-2001), CORCON (2013-2017)

ERC grantees/alumni

Name & title	Affiliation	Short profile
Prof. Dr. Hiroshi UJII 	KU Leuven (Belgium), Department of Chemistry Associate Professor Hokkaido University, Research Institute for Electronic Science, Professor	**My background is:** Interested in nanomaterials and nanoscopy, specialised in investigation and manipulation of molecules **My experience with ERC is:** Working on the ERC Starting Grant project Plasmonics-based Energy Harvesting for Catalysis, (PLASMHACAT) since 2011, with cross affiliation with Hokkaido University
Prof. Tomoyuki TANAKA 	Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow Centre for Gene Regulation & Expression School of Life Sciences, University of Dundee (UK)	**My background is:** Group leader in a UK university since 2001, Studying how chromosomes are inherited correctly when cells divide. **My experience with ERC is:** Supported by an ERC Advanced grant since 2013.We aim to understand how chromosomes are condensed and how duplicated chromosomes separate during mitosis.
Dr. Fumiyo IKEDA 	Institute of Molecular Biotechnology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (IMBA), Group leader	**My background is:** Graduate of Osaka University dental school. Postdoctoral research in Dikic Lab (Frankfurt University). **My experience with ERC is:** A very professional and transparent evaluation process; Successful funding of the ERC Consolidator grant after the second trial.

Prof. Dr. Dai Aoki		
	Tohoku University, IMR, Materials Processing and Characterization Division, Professor	**My background is:** Nuclear physicist, specialist in heavy fermion physics **My experience with ERC is:** Worked on a project supported by an ERC Staring Grant from 2010 to 2015, at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) in France.

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- Rate the format of the event

① Excellent
② Good
③ Average
④ Bad
⑤ Terrible

- Rate the content of the event

① Excellent
② Good
③ Average
④ Bad
⑤ Terrible

- Did the event help you identify new opportunities for mobility, research funding or research collaboration?

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