



RESEARCHERS IN MOTION

EURAXESS Survey of European Researchers in Japan

This survey, an initiative of EURAXESS Links Japan, intends to draw a precise picture of the community of European researchers based in Japan through a series of questions focused on the researchers' current professional situation in Japan and expectations for cooperation or mobility opportunities to Europe.

Researchers from the 42 countries included in the European research policies and based in Japan can participate. (EU-28 and: Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYRO Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, and Tunisia)

The EURAXESS Survey of European Researchers in Japan aims to achieve a better understanding of:

- What brought/attracted researchers to Japan;
- How do Europe and Japan compare and contrast as research locations from the researcher's point of view;
- What would make Europe an attractive area for research upon return from Japan; and
- Which support tools would researchers need the most in order either to facilitate their return or to engage in collaborative activities with Europe.

Thank you all in advance for your input, and we're Looking forward to get back to you with all the ideas you will develop here!

If you have any question or suggestion: reach us at [japan\[at\]euraxess\[dot\]net](mailto:japan@euraxess.net)

Section I: Researcher Profile

Which country are you from?*

Please choose the country you are from, within the list of 42 countries in the EURAXESS initiative. (several choices possible in case of multi-nationals)

1.	Albania	15.	Greece	31.	Portugal
2.	Austria	16.	Hungary	32.	Romania
3.	Belgium	17.	Iceland	33.	Serbia
4.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	18.	Ireland	34.	Slovakia
5.	Bulgaria	19.	Israel	35.	Slovenia
6.	Croatia	20.	Italy	36.	Spain
7.	Cyprus	21.	Latvia	37.	Sweden
8.	Czech Republic	22.	Lithuania	38.	Switzerland
9.	Denmark	23.	Luxembourg	39.	Tunisia
10.	Estonia	24.	Macedonia	40.	Turkey
11.	Faroe Islands	25.	Malta	41.	Ukraine
12.	Finland	26.	Moldova	42.	United Kingdom
13.	France	27.	Montenegro		
14.	Germany	28.	Netherlands		
		29.	Norway		
		30.	Poland		

Section I: Researcher Profile

What is your Gender?*

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

What is your age?*

- 1. <25
- 2. 25-35
- 3. 36-45
- 4. 46-55
- 5. 56+

Section II: Background Information

What is your current career stage?*

- Pre-doctoral (including master students)
- Post-doctoral
- Senior
- Other:

Which of the following best describes where you work?*

- University - Higher education sector
- Private sector company
- Research institution (public sector)
- Research institution (private sector)
- Other:

Where are you working in Japan?*
(please specify prefecture)

(e.g. Tokyo Pref.; Kyoto Pref., Aomori Pref.; etc)

Which of the following best describes your research field?*
(several answers possible)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Information science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology | <input type="checkbox"/> Juridical sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Language sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurosciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer science | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacological sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminology | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demography | <input type="checkbox"/> Political sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental science | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geography | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geo-sciences | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | |

Section II: Background Information

What is your level of knowledge of the Japanese language?*

- None
- Basic
- Conversational
- Fluent

How long have you been working in Japan?*

- Less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 10 years +

How long do you plan to stay in Japan (from now on, in an ideal case)?*

- For a maximum of 2 more years
- Between 2 and 5 years
- Between 6 and 10 years
- More than 10 years

Section II: Background Information

Which reasons best describe why you came to Japan? *

Please sort from 1 to 8 in order of importance, 1 being the most important, 8 the least important.

topic/rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(example)			X					
(example 2)	X							
Increased research output / productivity (access to specialised facilities, integration of world-renowned team, etc)								
Increased collaboration / network (participation to collaborative project, introduction to the Japanese researcher community in your field, etc)								
Acquisition of new knowledge, skills or techniques								
Access to research funding								
Career progression and/or financial reasons/incentives								
Boost international visibility								
Interest in new environment / culture, quality of life								
Personal reasons (friend of family connections)								

Section II: Background Information

In regards to your answer to the previous question, would say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your current position in terms of achieving your primary goals?*

<input type="radio"/> 1. Very satisfied	<input type="radio"/> 3. Not really satisfied
<input type="radio"/> 2. Somewhat satisfied	<input type="radio"/> 4. Not satisfied at all

What type of contract are you currently under?*

- No contract (regarded as student or trainee)
- Fixed term <=1 year
- Fixed term >1year<=2years
- Fixed term >2years <=4years
- Fixed term >4years
- Permanent contract
- Other:

If you have been in Japan for two or more contracts continuously, please indicate how you found your current position.*

- Job portal (JREC-IN, others)
- Personal connection with lab/team
- Directly applied to open position at a university, research institute or industry
- This is my first position in Japan
- Other:

Section II: Background Information

Which of the following nationalities/country groups are represented in your current lab/research team (excluding yourself)? (several choices possible)*

Japan

Africa

Australia

China

Europe (includes eastern Europe)

India

Korea

Middle-East

North America

Russia

South America

South-east Asia

I work as an individual researcher! (no specific team/lab)

Other:

How did you obtain your current position, or your first ever position in Japan if you have been affiliated with Japan over several contracts?*

JSPS grant

Monbukagakusho grant

Directly applied to open position at a university, research institute or industry

European scheme for mobility (Please specify grant name)

(Please specify if it includes a return phase to Europe)

Private foundation award / grant (Please specify grant name)

Other:

Section III: Relation to Europe

Are you already a member of the EURAXESS Links Japan community?*

- Yes
 No

Would you wish to enter the EURAXESS Links Japan community?*

The EURAXESS Links Japan Community receives information about funding and mobility schemes, and events relevant to exchanges and cooperation between Japan and Europe in all fields of research.

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please fill the following fields: e-mail address

(This information will not be disclosed or shared by EURAXESS)

If Yes, please fill the following fields: Affiliation

(This information will not be disclosed or shared by EURAXESS)

If Yes, please fill the following fields: First name

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If Yes, please fill the following fields: Department

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If Yes, please fill the following fields: Last name

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If Yes, please fill the following fields: Position

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Section III: Relation to Europe

Are you part of a national network of European researchers in Japan? (ex. Association of French, German, Spanish researchers...)*

- Yes
 No

For what purpose did you join this/these group(s) or network(s)?

Please elaborate freely.

How would you describe the usefulness of these networks (either national networks or EURAXESS) for your career development? (networking, staying aware of collaboration/mobility/relocation opportunities, etc)*

- 1. Very useful
- 2. Somewhat useful
- 3. Not really useful
- 4. Not useful at all

Section III: Relation to Europe

Are you still in contact with some, or all, of your former laboratories, institutes or schools in Europe?*

- Yes
- No

If Yes, how often?

- Regularly (at least every month)
- Not at regular intervals (once or twice every semester)
- Once a year or less

And to what purpose?

- Ongoing cooperation with current affiliation
- Future career perspectives
- Scientific advice (outside of cooperation)
- Personal connection, network
- Other:

After your current contract ends, do you want to go back to Europe?*

- Yes
- No

Section III: Relation to Europe

(Only fill if you selected : 'Yes, I wish to come back to Europe after my contract ends')

Regarding your wish to come back to Europe, please elaborate on the reason of your choice.

Where would you want to come back?*

- Previous lab/institute
- Other lab/institute in Europe (public sector)
- Other lab (private sector)
- Other professional branch
- Other:

Section III: Relation to Europe

(Only fill if you selected: 'No, I do not wish to come back to Europe after my contract ends')

Regarding your wish not to come back to Europe, please elaborate on the reason of your choice.

What do you wish for your (immediate) future career?*

- Stay in Japan (public sector)
- Stay in Japan (private sector)
- Move to another (third) country

While being in Japan or in another country in your future career, do you want to still stay in contact with your former lab/institute, and to keep yourself informed about mobility and cooperation opportunities with Europe?*

- Yes
- No

Section IV: Relocation to Europe

Are you aware of the services EURAXESS offers to researchers looking for relocation opportunities to Europe through the EURAXESS Jobs platform? *

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/index>

- Yes
- No

Are you aware of the services EURAXESS offers to researchers looking for relocation opportunities to Europe (through EURAXESS Services)? *

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/services/index>

- Yes
- No

Are you aware of EU or national (i.e. European Commission or EU member state) funding schemes allowing you to return to Europe after spending research time abroad?*

- Yes (please specify)
- No

Please specify which funding schemes you are aware of if you answered Yes to the previous question.

Would you be interested in applying to those schemes or using EURAXESS (Services, Jobs) now or in the future?*

- Yes
- No

Section IV: Relocation to Europe

If you are planning to come back to Europe one day, would it be for... *

Please sort from 1 to 8 in order of importance, 1 being the most important, 8 the least important.

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Section IV: Relocation to Europe

Do you feel you would have enough support to achieve/facilitate your relocation to Europe? (through EURAXESS, through national researcher associations / alumni associations, through European or national schemes for researcher relocation, etc)*

Yes

No

What is it you would need the most in regard to your relocation to Europe? *

(please rate from 1 to 3: most needed to least needed)

	More funding opportunities at the European level	More mobility schemes for long term relocation to Europe	More flexibility in eligibility conditions	Better working conditions (salary, facilities, etc)	Scheme for short research stays / prospect stays in Europe while staying abroad in order to start/maintain cooperation or research network	More transparency in recruitment process
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2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section IV: Relocation to Europe

Please share with us any idea that you may have to facilitate your relocation (outside of options proposed above)!

What would be most useful as a support tool to assist you in your relocation efforts?*

- Operative network of researchers at the European level / Matchmaking tool at the European level
- Database of programmes for cooperation, mobility and relocation
- Other:

Please comment freely on your personal feelings regarding a potential return to Europe to perform research (putting aside the themes that were covered by questions above))

Section V: Europe and Japan as Research Areas

How does working in Japan compare to working as a researcher in EU?*

(Please indicate either worse, similar or better than EU)

	Better	Similar	Worse
Research output / productivity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National and international collaboration / network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acquisition of new knowledge, skills or techniques	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to research funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career progression and/or personal financial incentives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boost international visibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environment / culture, quality of life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please elaborate on your personal perception of how Europe and Japan contrast as research locations (freely elaborate on research environment and conditions, working habits, career paths, constraints or advantages of both)?

- * Your personal details will not be shared or disclosed
- * If you have questions or comments relative to this survey, please send us a message at japan@euraxess.net
- * To return the survey to us (after the event, if you did not have time to fill it yet!), you can mail it to us ('chakubarai', receiver bears the cost) to: EURAXESS Japan, Sanbancho KS Bldg 5F, 2-4 Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0075
 - * Or, scan it/take pictures of the completed form and send them to us at japan@euraxess.net
 - * Do not forget you can also fill it online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/z1SYeB336B>
- * **Spread the word around you! The more forms we get, the easier results exploitation will be!**



**Thank you very much for
filling this survey!**