

Full details of the JGS Bursary Scheme

JGS bursaries are primarily to enable UK landscapers / gardeners / apprentices or trainees in horticulture/garden design to undertake a relevant course of study, or supervised work experience, so that they can acquire or enhance their Japanese garden related skills.

Bursaries, in the form of a grant of up to £1500 per applicant, are available to assist towards meeting the whole cost, or contribute part of the cost, of attending an appropriate educational programme in the UK or abroad.

The bursary may be used to contribute to travel, accommodation and/or course fee costs and must enable the applicant to acquire new or additional knowledge and skills in Japanese garden design, and / or construction, and / or maintenance.

Several other organisations offer bursaries which may provide additional financial support including:

- [Royal Horticultural Society](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Horticulture](#)

Other useful resources can be found on the [Plant network](#)

Previous recipients of the JGS bursary have been able to use the grant to enable them to participate in Professional Training Seminars at the [Portland Japanese Garden](#) in USA or undertake a work experience programme in a notable garden in Japan.

The JGS will consider supporting a range of training opportunities. For example, to cover travel and accommodation costs to enable a period of work experience in a Japanese-style garden in the UK or Europe **or** for the applicant to attend relevant face-to-face, or virtual, educational events.

Background and Purpose

The Japanese Garden Society aims *to educate people about Japanese gardens and to support the construction, maintenance, and restoration of Japanese gardens.*

The Society recognises that currently there is a lack of suitable formal training in Japanese gardening skills in the UK, leading to a skills shortage amongst gardening staff in Japanese-style gardens within our country.

We seek to support the development of greater expertise among the UK gardening community in the care and maintenance of Japanese gardens, especially those open to the public, by making available a limited number of educational bursaries.

The bursaries are targeted towards improving knowledge and skills, particularly amongst younger horticulturists and garden designers, and increasing the level of expertise to that needed to ensure the long-term sustainability of Japanese gardens in the UK.

Eligibility

Bursaries are primarily intended for UK residents who are either:

- working in, or associated with, a Japanese garden in the UK;
- following a gardening-related course of study / training and who are intending to pursue future work with an emphasis on Japanese gardens / garden design.

Application Conditions and Criteria

Applicants are required to:

- provide information to confirm their eligibility (see 'Eligibility' above).
- provide full details & project plan (if appropriate) with a detailed budget.
- confirm that an education partner/work experience host is in agreement (letter required) and/or details of the educational event.

- demonstrate the extent to which the experience will enhance their own knowledge of Japanese garden design and skills.
- how they will apply/use them on completion to the benefit of the wider UK Japanese garden community. #

We ask that successful applicants agree to share their learning and skills with others in the UK (providing evidence of this to: chair@jgs.org.uk). Examples could include:

- write an article, including relevant high quality photographs, suitable for publication in **Shakkei** (please contact editor@jgs.org.uk for a guide to authors).
- give a talk (or talks) at the Society's national and/ or regional meetings.
- provide short, illustrated news articles for the JGS website or social media pages.

Application Process

Send the completed [bursary application form](#) and any required supporting information by email to honsecretary@jgs.org.uk .

Applications will be considered throughout the year and results will be announced within 6 weeks of the submission date. We regret that we cannot make retrospective awards.

Payment will be made in advance of applicants undertaking their Educational Programme.