



### **ESRC/AHRC Therapeutics, Regulation, and Society Mobility Bursary Scheme for UK research visits**

We are currently advertising approximately four 'ESRC/AHRC Therapeutics, Regulation, and Society Mobility Bursaries' of up to £3 000 each for early-career social scientists and humanities scholars studying/working at a Japanese university. These are to support research visits to Edinburgh, UK, of up to approximately two weeks, to take place between September 2019 and February 2020. There will be a project workshop in Edinburgh over the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September, which bursary recipients are encouraged to attend if possible. The bursaries can be used towards travel, accommodation, and food. Applicants should be registered as PhD students, or postdoctoral researchers with up to approximately four years of post-PhD experience.

The bursaries are provided through the project, 'Biomedicine and Beyond: The Social and Regulatory Dimensions of Therapeutics in Japan and the UK'. This is supported by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). The Principal Investigator is Dr Martyn Pickersgill (University of Edinburgh, UK), and the Co-Investigators are Dr Sarah Chan (University of Edinburgh, UK), Professor Emilie Cloatre (University of Kent, UK), Professor Misao Fujita (Kyoto University), Professor Junko Kitanaka (Keio University), and Professor Kaori Muto (University of Tokyo).

The project examines the intersection of therapeutics, regulation, and society. Through comparative research, it explores how different social and regulatory contexts interact in the shaping of biomedicine and health. The investigators seek to develop new insights into how both international law and transnational movements of scientists, clinicians, and ideas inform national-level therapeutic innovation. The project will also address conceptual questions relating to the nature of law and regulation, and of biomedicine. It will focus on drawing out both how the social and regulatory dimensions of therapeutics jointly shape development and implementation, and how the growing importance of therapeutics to public life is reworking the nature of social and regulatory processes themselves. The project explores these issues from different social science and humanities disciplinary perspectives, while emphasising science and technology studies (STS), socio-legal studies, and bioethics.

Bursary recipients will work closely with, and be mentored by, one or both of the following scholars:

Dr Sarah Chan

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Research interests: bioethics and medical ethics (particularly, ethical aspects of stem cells and genome editing)

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Research interests: medical sociology; science and technology studies (STS) (particularly, social aspects of neuroscience and mental health)

Bursary recipients will be expected to undertake some desk-based or empirical research, that should result in (or at least contribute to): (1) a peer-reviewed paper in a biomedical, social science, or bioethics journal; and (2) a short opinion-piece for a reputable online or print media source (which might be based on the peer-reviewed paper). Both kinds of outputs can be in either English or Japanese.

To apply, please send the following to Dr Martyn Pickersgill ([martyn.pickersgill@ed.ac.uk](mailto:martyn.pickersgill@ed.ac.uk)) by the 20<sup>th</sup> May:

- a one page summary of the proposed visit, including details of research to be undertaken
- an outline of expected costs
- a complete CV.

It is recommended that you discuss your application with Dr Chan and/or Dr Pickersgill prior to applying. Applicants will be assessed on the basis of: (1) the quality and significance of their proposal; (2) their alignment with the project themes; and (3) need (i.e. applicants with their own existing funding are less likely to be successful).

For Japanese-language discussion about this bursary scheme, please contact Professor Junko Kitanaka:

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