

Dear JSAA members,

Below are some announcements for events happening in November. We would also like to inform you that the JSAA executive committee has participated in the process of providing feedback on Asian Studies journal ranking for RQF. In this process, Olivier Ansert kindly volunteered to put together the committee's input and forwarded our collective feedback to ASAA. Thank you so much for your work, Olivier!

1) Australia-Japan Foundation Grant deadline - 9 November The Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) invites funding applications for major and community-based project proposals in support of its objectives, which are to:

- increase understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia;
- increase understanding in Australia of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner; and
- increase recognition in Japan of Australian excellence and expertise.

In 2007-08 funding priority will be given to projects which seek to strengthen Australia's bilateral relationship with Japan in the following areas: Economics and Trade; Security, Regional and International Relations; Education; Science and Technology; Arts; Media; and Sport. For more information, go to:

<http://www.ajf.australia.or.jp/english/awards/ajfgrants/>

2) Job openings:

Assistant or Associate Professor - Japanese Cultural Studies The Department of East Asian Studies in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta invites applications for a position at the rank of Assistant (tenure track) or Associate (with tenure) Professor in Japanese Cultural Studies, which includes but is not limited to cultural theory, film, popular culture, gender studies, and communication/media studies. Entry-level applicants are expected to have a PhD (or be close to completion) and to demonstrate outstanding potential for a research career. They should also demonstrate native or near-native fluency in spoken and written Japanese and English.

Candidates at the Associate level must have well-established teaching and research records.

Responsibilities will include teaching in both undergraduate and graduate student programs, and maintaining an active research program.

Experience or interest in teaching writing-intensive courses or writing across the curriculum will be considered an asset.

<http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Academic/CompetitionDetails.aspx?key=1458>

Assistant Professor - East Asian Religions

<http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Academic/CompetitionDetails.aspx?key=1450>

3) Conference

Religious Innovation in East Asia with papers on Shinto, Buddhism and new religions in Japan November 28-30, Australian National University For information on the keynote speakers see:

<http://religiousinnovation.anu.edu.au/keynote.php>

4) Japan Foundation Grants deadline

Applications for Japan Foundation grants for the following categories are due by Monday 3rd December:

Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese Language Education Overseas and Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

\*IMPORTANT: The Support Program for Translation and Publication on Japan and the Support Program for Film and TV Program Production on Japan have an earlier deadline of Tuesday, 20 November 2007.

See [http://esvc001063.wic025u.server-web.com/07\\_grants/index.htm](http://esvc001063.wic025u.server-web.com/07_grants/index.htm) for more details.

5) 2007 AAS (The Association for Asian Studies) elections The voting will close on 7 November. If you are a member, and haven't thought to vote yet, you can vote online. Apparently there are about 80 members in Australia, and Craig Reynolds from ANU is standing for the Vice Presidency.

The AAS website is: [www.aasianst.org](http://www.aasianst.org)  
(useful to visit it even if you are not a member. It is the peak Asian Studies body)

Voters have to click on the VOTE button on the right side of the homepage and enter details: surname, mailing label number for password.

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