



JANET
Japan Academic Network in Europe

JANET Forum 2021
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Invitation to the JANET Forum 2021

Dear Esteemed Partners and Colleagues:

We are pleased to inform you that JANET Forum 2021, with the theme of International Exchange during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Planning ahead for the next few years, will be held online from November 10th to 12th, 2021.

JANET, which stands for the Japan Academic Network in Europe, is a network of Japanese universities and academic institutions that have liaison offices, research or study centres in Europe, or are actively engaged in exchange in the region. Currently, about 30 major Japanese universities and academic institutions are members of JANET. We hope to discuss issues in global higher education and promote dialogue and collaboration among Japanese and European institutions of higher education with this forum.

In the past, JANET Forums have been held locally at various universities in Europe. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to make international travel difficult. This year the forum will be held online and organized by the University of Tsukuba, a member of JANET's Executive Committee.

We would like to invite you to join us for this annual event which provides a unique opportunity for dialogue and exchange with leading European and Japanese universities and research institutions.

We look forward to meeting you at the forum to actively discuss future possibilities to strengthen collaboration between Japan and Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline F. Benton
Vice-President and Executive Director for Global Affairs
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JANET Forum 2021
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I. Purpose

JANET Forum 2021 provides a unique opportunity for dialogue and exchange among leading Japanese and European universities and research institutions. Specifically, participating Japanese and European universities and academic institutions will present their universities and topics of interest to promote discussions on the possibilities of collaboration, and will be able to participate in one-to-one dialogue in virtual matching event sessions. Through these activities, we hope to deepen and develop international exchange between Japanese and European universities. Each participating institution will be able to submit introductory videos for on-demand viewing.

II. Schedule of Real-time Presentations

Wednesday, 10 November, 8:00-10:00 a.m. (UTC: Coordinated Universal Time)

Online Presentation Session: Four keynote presentations on International Exchange during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic

Thursday, 11 November, 8:00-10:00 a.m. (UTC)

Virtual Networking Sessions: Virtual networking sessions in breakout rooms for participating universities and researchers

Friday, 12 November, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (UTC)

Commemorative Event organized by the Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne to Celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Japan-Germany Relationship
Title: The Opportunities and Risks of Academic Exchange between Japan and Europe in a Post-Coronavirus Era

III. On-Demand Video Presentations by Participants

All video presentations submitted will be posted on the dedicated website of JANET Forum 2021 for viewing and establishing connections from 1 November to 30 November. Participants will be able to connect with viewers through the dialogue/ chat function.

Submission Deadline: **Monday, 11 October 7:00 a.m. (UTC)**

Please introduce your university or any topics that maybe of interest such as exchange of faculty and students, education and research collaboration, academia-industry collaboration, or funding opportunities.

IV. Registration

- Registration is free.
- Registration link

JANET Forum 2021 Registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/tjEn8uUVUj>

- Registration begins: **Wednesday, 1 September, 7:00 a.m. (UTC)**
- Registration deadline: **Monday, 11 October, 7:00 a.m. (UTC)**

We will send you more information about the forum and where to submit your videos once you have registered.

V. Contact

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For more information on JANET and the Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne, you may check their websites shown below.

- JANET: <https://www.janet-info.jp/en/>
- The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne: <https://www.jki.de/>
(The site is in Japanese and German.)

Note: The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne is an overseas office of the Japan Foundation.