



Gordon named Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Fellow

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The Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has selected John Gordon of the Inorganic, Isotope and Actinide Chemistry group to be an Invited Fellow. The JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan (Invitational Fellowships) promote international academic exchange by hosting overseas researchers. Individual Fellows are competitively selected following the submission of applications by a host researcher in Japan.

Gordon's selection as Invited Fellow will allow him to spend up to 60 days in Japan between October 2017 and March 2018. He will interact with researchers at his host institution (Nagoya University) and develop scientific interactions and collaborations centered upon modern catalysis science. Gordon will also travel around the country to present seminars and to visit with researchers at other universities and national laboratories. This prestigious honor will afford Gordon the opportunity to interact with some of the most respected scientists in Japan. He plans to establish mutually beneficial scientific interactions between Japan and the USA, particularly in the area of chemistry for sustainable and renewable energy applications.

Gordon's achievements

Gordon received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame. He has been with the Laboratory for 21 years. Gordon specializes in developing chemocatalytic methods that convert molecules available from renewable and sustainable sources into useful chemicals and fuels. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the American Institute of Chemists, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Gordon has received a Los Alamos Fellows Prize for Leadership in Science. He holds eleven patents.

About the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science was established with an imperial endowment in 1932 to contribute to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities. Over the more than 80 years since then, JSPS has initiated and carried out programs to promote scientific research. Its current goals are the following: 1) creating diverse world level knowledge, 2) building robust international cooperative networks, 3) fostering the next generation

while enhancing the education and research functions of universities, and 4) building evidence-based science-promotion systems and strengthening linkage with society.

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