



UK-Japan Neuroscience Symposium

Christ's College
Cambridge
23-26 March
2026



Welcome

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are delighted to welcome you to the 7th Japan-UK Neuroscience Symposium held in Cambridge at Christ's college. This event brings together a wide array of translational and fundamental neuroscience topics, showcasing cutting-edge research from leading laboratories in both Japan and the UK. We hope you enjoy the inspiring talks and make the most of the informal networking opportunities included in the program.

The symposium series aims to promote the exchange of knowledge and foster collaboration between the neuroscience communities of our two nations in a welcoming and interactive environment. We are particularly thrilled to see such strong participation from early-career researchers, whose enthusiasm and ideas will undoubtedly sustain this partnership into the future.

Finally, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to AMED and the MRC for their generous and continued support in making this meeting possible.

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Mayu Takahashi
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Program Day 1

Yusuf Hamied Centre, Christ's College Cambridge
23rd March 2026

12:00 - Registration, luggage check, mount posters
Lunch Available at Yusuf Hamied Court Rm2/3

13:15 - 13:25 **Opening Remarks:**

Mark Palmer (MRC)

Kenichi Watanabe (AMED)

Plenary 1

(Chaired by Kei Cho)

14:00 - 14:55 **David Klenerman (Cambridge University)**

Session 1: Neuropsychiatric and developmental disorders

(Chaired by Zoltán Molnár & Takahiro Kato)

15:00 – 15:25 **Yukiko Gotoh (Tokyo University)**

15:30 – 15:55 **Valentina Mosienko (Bristol University)**

16:00 – 16:25 **Takahiro Kato (Hokkaido University)**

16:30 – 16:55 **Break & Refreshments**

17:00 – 17:25 Neil Harrison (Cardiff University)

17:30 – 17:55 Sayaka Takemoto-Kimura (Nagoya University)

18:00 – 18:25 Zoltán Molnár (Oxford University)

18:30 – 19:00 Drinks reception

19:00 – Welcome Dinner

Program Day 2

Yusuf Hamied Centre, Christ's College Cambridge
24th March 2026

Session 2: Learning and Memory

(Chaired by Tom McPherson and Kei Choi)

08:30 - 09:00 **Coffee available**

09:00 – 09:25 **Helen Baron (Oxford University)**

09:30 – 09:55 **Kosuke Hamaguchi (Kagoshima University)**

10:00 – 10:25 **Aidan Horner (University of York)**

10:30 – 10:55 **Break & Refreshments**

11:00 – 11:25 **Izumi Fukunaga (OIST Graduate University)**

11:30 – 11:55 **Anurag Pandey (Cardiff University)**

12:00 – 12:25 **Teruhiro Okuyama (Tokyo University)**

12:30 - 13:25 **Lunch**

13:30 – 16:30 **Team Building Event**
- meet for Cambridge outing at 13:30

17:00 – 18:30 **Poster Blitz**
(Chaired by Kei Cho and Mayu Takahashi)

19:00 – **Poster Session**

Informal dinner and poster viewing

Program Day 3

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25th March 2026

Session 3: Neurodegenerative mechanisms and disease

(Chaired by Jemeen Sreedharan and Michisuke Yuzaki)

09:30 - 9:00 Coffee available

09:00 - 09:25 Michael Coleman (Cambridge University)

09:30 - 09:55 Takeshi Iwatsubo (Nat. Cnt. Neurol. + Psychiatry)

10:00 - 10:25 Teresa Niccoli (UCL)

10:30 - 10:55 Break and Refreshments

11:00 - 11:25 Michisuki Yuzaki (Keio University)

11:30 - 11:55 Heather Mortiboys (Sheffield University)

12:00 - 12:25 Kanae Ando (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

12:30 - 13:25 Lunch

Session 4: Sensorimotor Processing and Behaviour

(Chaired by Kenji Doya & Kevin Fox)

13:30 – 13:55 Rasmus Petersen (Manchester University)

14:00 – 14:25 Emi Hasegawa (Kyoto University)

14:30 – 14:55 Enny Van Beest (UCL)

15:00 – 15:25 Break & Refreshments

15:30 – 15:55 Mayu Takahashi (Tohoku University)

16:00 – 16:25 Samuel Cooke (KCL)

16:30 – 16:55 Takanori Uka (Yamanashi University)

17:00 – 17:10 Short Break & Refreshments

Plenary 2

(Chaired by Mayu Takahashi)

17:15 – 18:10 Kenichi Ohki (Tokyo University)

18:15-18:55 Drinks Reception

19:00 - Banquet Dinner

Program Day 4

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26th March 2026

Session 5 New technologies and therapeutic advances

(Chaired by Gaynor Smith and Haruhiko Bito)

08:30 - 09:00 Coffee available

09:00 – 09:25 Haruhiko Bito (Tokyo University GSM)

09:30 – 09:55 Ann Rosser (Cardiff University)

10:00 – 10:25 Makoto Higuchi (National Institute for QST)

10:30- 10:55 Break and Refreshments

11:00 – 11:25 Andrea Serio (KCL & Francis Crick)

11:30 – 11:55 Aurelio Cortese (Sungkyunkwan University)

12:00 – 12:25 Zhan Florjanic Baronik (UCL)

**12:45 – Feedback, collaborations, the next meeting
and closing remarks**

13:15 – Coach departs for Heathrow