

**SHARE** Japanese postdocs are getting older

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Rob Wallach wrote an article entitled "Postdocs power research. (1)" Postdocs in UK are mostly young people who are passionate about what they do (1). According to Ministry of Education in Japan (2), as of 2016, there are 15910 postdocs in Japan. In Japan, the average age of male postdocs is 36 while that of female postdocs is 37. Japanese postdocs are financially unstable. Because many of postdocs cannot obtain their tenured positions in Japan. Many of Japanese postdocs do not seek positions in foreign countries.

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