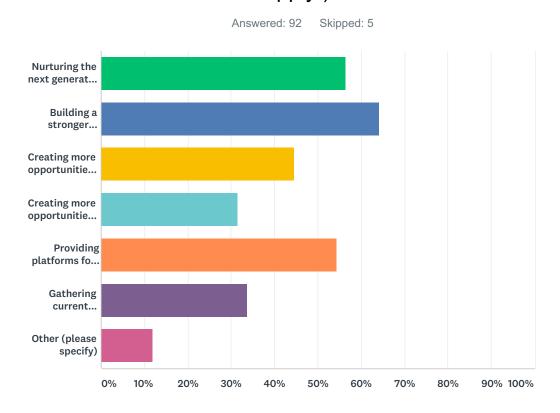
Q19 In the medium to long term, what should be our funding priorities for strengthening Japan-related research in Australia? (Please check all that apply.)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nurturing the next generation of scholars	56.52%	52
Building a stronger presence for Japan-related research beyond Japanese Studies	64.13%	59
Creating more opportunities for knowledge-sharing and networking through conferences and other events	44.57%	41
Creating more opportunities to develop skills specific to Japan-related research	31.52%	29
Providing platforms for researchers to share their knowledge with the broader public	54.35%	50
Gathering current information and statistics about Japanese Studies in Australia	33.70%	31
Other (please specify)	11.96%	11
Total Respondents: 92		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Post doctoral scholarships in Japanese Studies	2/7/2018 3:02 PM
2	See comments above	1/31/2018 12:43 PM
3	The opportunities are there for sharing knowledge and gathering information. Capable persons (not just scholars) working and doing research in areas related to Japan are necessary. Without such persons, there is no knowledge to share	1/24/2018 3:26 PM

4	One of the reasons Japanese studies is so ghettoized is that in order to become an expert in japanese studies you need to master the Japanese language. This leaves little time for anything else! So people end up not having enough expertise in other fields (or at least, this is what we are led to believe). I don't know how to solve this problem.	1/24/2018 1:46 PM
5	Suggestions There is a need to make visible the full range of academic contacts with Japan outside Japanese Studies. For example the JSPS fellowship scheme takes young scientists to Japan but there is little promotion of their work and few opportunities for them to stay connected with Japan after they return. Working with the Academy of Science to build an alumni network and linking activities with JF activities would be useful	1/24/2018 11:15 AM
6	Suggestions Japanese government could better appreciate that Australia has a large number of Japan Studies experts who also teach and nurture large numbers of international students studying Japan and Japanese. These international students will later return to their own countries with an understanding of Japan acquired in Australia.	1/21/2018 4:14 PM
7	Career opportunities Employment	1/17/2018 12:31 PM
8	Suggestions I would say supplementing grants schemes (such as the ARC) that focus on Australian national interest and providing an opportunity for researchers to get support for their Japan-related work.	1/17/2018 11:39 AM
9	Suggestions No need to spend even more money doing the rest—you already do them and it produced very limited impact beyond the world of Japanophiles. The stats are only useful to justify your new initiatives and drive change. I think the key is to move away from your Japanese Studies focus. Stop funding the same people who do little to change the field. Bring someone senior from abroad (not the ones already in a cosy relationship with the power brokers based at Aust universities—that's a sure way to waste money and resources). This includes engaging scholars doing Japan-related research outside Japanese Studies in Australia, as well as Japanese studies scholars at reputable overseas institutions. While the idea of having a stronger presence in a community like ASAA is good, the reality is that much of Asian Studies suffers from the same kind of mediocrity and irrelevance outside its niche 'market', so spending energy getting involved in them doesn't produce useful results. How about you create a parallel initiative to move away from the language of 'Japanese Studies' in new initiatives, and have a non Japanese Studies audience in mind when circulating information over time (e.g. create a new channel of communication), while continuing to do what you've done for the JS community so nobody feels threatened. The alternative is to keep a small niche community as is the status quo—that's fine, too, if you have the spirit of why fix what's not broken. You may not even have the right resources, capacity or expertise at your end to do these things. You could start by hiring a new research officer with a	1/16/2018 5:57 PM
	PhD at JF, and do some staff exchange with reputable foundations so you can get to know how they do innovative things.	
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