

**JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars
FY2013 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
(February Application Round)**

Notes:

- (1) This “FY2013 Call for Proposals” is an English translation of the official announcement in Japanese. Applicants should observe the accompanying Japanese Application Guidelines (http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei_bosyu.html). If there should be any differences between the original Call for Proposals in Japanese and its translation into English, the original Japanese text is valid.
- (2) This “FY2013 Call for Proposals” provides the application guidelines on the JSPS side. Please consult with JSPS’s counterpart organizations about application guidelines for counterpart countries. (Please refer to the Section 16 for their contact information.)

1. Program outline

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out bilateral cooperative programs between Japan and counterpart countries based on agreements concluded with academies, research councils and other science-promotion organizations in those countries.

The aim of these programs is to form sustained networks evolved from individual scientist exchanges including young scientists. JSPS provides financial support to Japanese scientists implementing such bilateral joint projects and seminars between research teams from Japan and counterpart countries.

From this application round, in addition to joint projects/seminars with counterpart organizations, JSPS will launch a new scheme for proposals named “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars” that provides Japanese researchers an opportunity to conduct research/seminar with researchers around the world who reside in a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. (JSPS also treats researchers who reside in Taiwan and Palestine in this manner.)

2. Counterpart countries in this application round

A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart Institutions

Regions	Countries	Counterpart institutions	Activity types	Maximum number to be selected*	Subject areas
Asia	Korea	National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)	Joint Projects	20	*Please refer to section 16.
			Joint Seminars	10	

	Vietnam	Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)	Joint Projects	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences
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B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars

Countries/Regions	Activity types	Maximum number to be selected*	Subject areas
All countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS also treats researchers who reside in Taiwan and Palestine in this manner.)	Joint Projects	40	Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences
	Joint Seminars		

Notes(for A &B):

- 1 The number to be selected may change due to the budgetary situations and/or other conditions of JSPS and its counterpart organizations.
- 2 Under scheme “B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars,” any country may be selected. However, applicants who wish to implement a project/seminar with an eligible country under “A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart Institutions” are recommended to apply under that scheme. Each applicant is allowed to submit only one application per counterpart country under the FY2013 call (September application round and February application round).
- 3 Each applicant is allowed to submit only one application under “B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars”. In this category, only one country may be selected as the counterpart country. Taiwan and Palestine may be selected in this manner.
- 4 Applicants who will already be conducting a Bilateral Joint Research Project/Seminar on the starting date of this application round may not apply another one with the same counterpart country.
- 5 Please also refer to Section 16, “Instructions for individual countries”.

3. Eligibility of Japanese applicants

Applicants must hold a full-time or equivalent position as a researcher at a university or research institute in Japan that is eligible to receive Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research - KAKENHI. However, institutes that only have eligibility for JSPS’s international program are allowed to apply under this fiscal year’s application round.

4. Other conditions

* Please also refer to Section 16, "Instructions for individual countries."

Activities Terms	Joint Projects	Joint Seminars
Participants from Japan	Researchers conducting research at research institutions in Japan (including postdoctoral researchers and students in doctoral and master courses who are sufficiently capable and experienced to carry out such projects/seminars)	
Participants from counterpart country	"A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS's Counterpart Institutions" Researchers at a university or research institute under the jurisdiction of counterpart institution in subject country "B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars" Researchers at a university or research institute in subject country	
Number of participants	No limitation on number of participants. Participants from the third country are not allowed.	No limitation on number of participants; Researchers from third countries may participate in seminars under the condition that they cover their own expenses
Duration	Please refer to Section 16, "Instructions for individual countries."	Within continuing 1 week
Others	With the exception of fieldwork or presentation of research reports on the joint project in an international conference, travel costs to third countries are not covered	Seminars are to be held either in Japan or the counterpart country

5. Expenses supported by JSPS

*Please also refer to Section 16, "Instructions for individual countries."

JSPS consigns the administration of projects to the Japanese project/seminar leader's affiliated institution. When using funds, please follow JSPS's rules. However, JSPS does not pay the institution a consignment fee.

Regarding "B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars," JSPS only supports the expenses of the Japanese teams. Counterpart researchers are encouraged to secure their own funding from sources in their own countries.

JSPS covers the following expenses of researchers on the Japanese team:

(1) Joint Projects(*)

International travel	International airfare between Japan and counterpart country
	Maintenance allowance(**)
Domestic travel	Domestic travel expenses for members of Japanese team
	Domestic travel expenses and maintenance allowance for scientists of counterpart country during their stay in Japan(***)
Other expenses	Consumables, honoraria, printing, communication, meeting expenses (in Japan), etc.

(*) In each fiscal year, it is recommended that no more than 50% of total funding should be used for expenses other than international/domestic travel.

(**) Counterpart institution may provide maintenance allowance for Japanese scientists during their stay in its country when such arrangement has been mutually agreed upon.

(***) Provided only when JSPS and counterpart institution have agreed upon such arrangement.

(2) Joint seminars held in Japan

Domestic travel	Domestic travel expenses for members of Japanese team
	Domestic travel expenses and maintenance allowance for scientists of counterpart country during their stay in Japan(*)
Meeting expenses	Consumables, honoraria, printing, communication, meeting expenses, reception, excursion etc.

(*) Provided only when JSPS and counterpart organization have agreed upon such arrangement.

(3) Joint Seminars held in counterpart country

International travel	International airfare between Japan and counterpart country
	Maintenance allowance(*)
Following expenses incurred in Japan	
Domestic travel	Domestic travel expenses for members of Japanese team (for preparatory meeting and/or debriefing held in Japan)
Meeting expenses (**)	Consumables, honoraria, printing, communication, meeting expenses (for preparatory meeting and /or debriefing), etc.

(*) Counterpart institution may provide maintenance allowance for Japanese scientists during their stay in its country when such arrangement has been mutually agreed upon.

(**) Costs for holding the seminars are to be covered by the counterpart institution.

6. Application procedure at JSPS

JSPS receives applications via its on-line application system. For details, please refer to http://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/topkokusai/top_kokusai.html (Posted only in Japanese.)

Deadline: Friday 22 February 2013

* Please note that applicants' affiliated institutions may set earlier deadlines.

7. Other instructions

(1) [Only for "A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS's Counterpart Institutions"]

Project/Seminar leaders in counterpart countries are to submit their applications to JSPS's counterpart institution in their country. For further instruction, please refer to Section 16.

(2) The Japanese project/seminar leader is not allowed to hold a collateral position as a coordinator, research representative, or chief seminar organizer under following JSPS programs: G8 Research Councils Initiative for Multilateral Research Funding, Japanese-German Graduate Externship, JSPS Core-to-Core Program, Asian CORE Program, AA Science Platform Program, A3 Foresight Program, International Training Program (ITP), Institutional Program for Young Researcher Overseas Visits, and Young Researcher Overseas Visits Program for Vitalizing Brain

Circulation.

Researchers funded under the “Funding Program for Next Generation World-Leading Researchers (NEXT Program),” implemented by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, are not eligible to be the representative of a joint project under this program. (Joint seminars are exempt from this restriction.) When researchers under the NEXT Program become the Japanese project/seminar leader under this program, they are to terminate their projects under the NEXT Program with approval from JSPS.

- (3) Researchers who are now or have been supported under any of JSPS’s international programs in the past 5 years are required to describe the results or expected results of that research activity and, if any, its relevance to the project/seminar being applied for.

8. Selection criteria for JSPS review

The following criteria are utilized in the selection process:

- Scientific excellence of projects/seminars
- Necessity of cooperation, added value gained, and mutual research advancement through transfer of knowledge and expertise
- Impact of outcomes on improving the quality of life, contributing to socioeconomic development, and/or solving prevailing societal issues
- Participation of young researchers and contribution to fostering them
- Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan and expectation of its advancing the research

In addition to the above criteria, the following points are also considered:

- Contribution to researcher interaction in advancing the research during the project/seminar. (<Only for the joint projects> It is recommended that no more than 50% of total funding be used for expenses other than international/domestic travel.)
- Appropriateness of the budget plan
- Appropriateness of the venue in case of seminar
- [Only for “B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars”] Appropriateness of balance among counterpart countries/regions. Whether counterpart countries are included under “A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart Institutions” taken into consideration.

9. Selection procedure

(1) Notification of the selection results will be made in writing through the head of the applying institution.

A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart Institutions

JSPS and counterpart institutions conduct separate reviews of the applications they receive. Based on these review results, they make joint selections.

B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars

JSPS conducts reviews of the applications JSPS receives and makes selections.

* Procedures may differ from country to country. Please refer to Section 16, “Instructions for individual countries.”

(2) Selection results can be confirmed on the JSPS on-line application system.

10. Post-selection funding request to JSPS

Upon selection, Japanese project/seminar leaders must submit an implementation plan and funding request using the prescribed form. JSPS will make funding allocations based on these documents and/or its budgetary condition.

To register onto the e-Rad system, Japanese project/seminar leaders must submit their researcher number (8 digits) and effort value (percentage of effort dedicated) for the subject project/seminar.

11. Obligation of Japanese project/seminar leaders and their affiliated institutions

(1) Project funds allocated by JSPS are to be administered by the institution with which JSPS concluded an agreement and to which the project/seminar leader is affiliated.

(2) Project/seminar leaders must submit a report by the designated due date, which will be given public access, according to instructions by JSPS.

(3) Due acknowledgement of support by JSPS and counterpart institutions should be made in any publication resulting from the projects/seminars.

12. Measures against misuse of research funds, etc.

JSPS will take appropriate measures (e.g. terminate project/seminar, require reimbursement of part or all of allocated funds) in cases of misuse of research funds, improper practices (e.g. fabrication, falsification, plagiarism), unjustifiable acts (e.g. discrimination, harassment), or violation of laws.

13. Handling of personal information

Personal information provided by applicants will be handled according to the “Act for the Protection of Personal Information Retained by Independent Administrative Institutions” and JSPS’s “Personal Information Protection Policy”, and be used solely for the purpose of implementing JSPS program.

The names and affiliations of the project/seminar leaders, project/seminar titles, budgets, duration, annual research plans and reports may be disclosed on JSPS’s website and in its publications.

14. Others

- (1) JSPS does not support any research project related to military affairs.
- (2) JSPS will not bear responsibility for any injury, sickness or accident incurred during travel related to the projects/seminars.
- (3) Project/seminar leaders on both sides are obligated to ensure the protection and proper distribution of intellectual property resulting from projects/seminars, in accordance with the laws and regulations of their countries. It is requested that the PI's(leading researcher's) home institution set certain rules on attribution of intellectual property.
- (4) JSPS does not support the issuing of visas or the arrangement of accommodations related to joint projects and seminars.

15. JSPS contact information

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

<Address> [Until December 16, 2012] 8 Ichibancho, Chiyodaku, Tokyo 102-8472 Japan
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- Research Cooperation Division I (North/South America, Oceania and Europe; B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars)
<TEL> +81 (0)3-3263-1763 / 1932
- Call Center (Only for questions regarding JSPS's electronic application system)
<TEL> 0120-556739 (Inside Japan only)

16. Instructions for individual countries

A Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS's Counterpart Institutions

〈Korea (NRF)〉

- Based on an agreement with NRF, JSPS and NRF will cover the costs as follows:
[Joint Projects] JSPS will cover the costs of the Japanese team, and NRF will cover the costs of the Korean team.
[Joint Seminars] The sending side will cover international travel expenses while the receiving side will cover domestic travel expenses and maintenance allowances. Costs associated with holding seminars will be covered by the receiving side.
- Please use the application form prescribed for Joint Projects/Seminars with NRF.
- The Korean team leaders are to submit an application to NRF. Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted. Japanese/Korean team leaders should, therefore, be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application. Please also note that applications on the both sides must contain the same contents.
- Subject Areas are as follows;
 - Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Science/Engineering(Excluding Biology and Medicine)
 - Biology/Medicine
 - Interdisciplinary Study

	Duration	Funding from JSPS	Remarks
Joint Projects	Up to 2 years *Start date must be on 1 July 2013	Up to JPY 1,200,000 per fiscal year (Up to JPY 2,400,000 in total)	
Joint Seminars	Up to 1 week * Seminars must be held during the period of 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014	Up to JPY 1,200,000	

- NRF's contact information is as follows:
 - Asia Team
 - Center for International Affairs
 - National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)
 - (Tel) +82-(0)2-3460-5704
 - (Fax) +82-(0)2-3460-5709

〈Vietnam (VAST)〉

- Based on an agreement with VAST, the sending side will cover international travel expenses while the receiving side will cover domestic travel expenses and maintenance allowances.
- When the counterpart Vietnamese team leaders are not affiliated with a research institution under the jurisdiction of VAST, VAST does not provide funding even when the project is adopted on both sides. Therefore, the Vietnamese team leader should apply after confirming whether their own research institution will cover expenses on the Vietnam side according to the funding rule mentioned above.
- The counterpart Vietnamese team leaders are to submit their applications to VAST. Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted. Japanese/Vietnamese team leaders should, therefore, be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application.

	Duration	Funding from JSPS	Remarks
Joint Projects	Up to 3 years *Start date must be during the period of 1 August 2013 to 31 March 2014	Up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year (For 3-year projects: Up to JPY 7,500,000 in total; For 2-year Project: Up to JPY 5,000,000 in total)	

- VAST's contact information is as follows:
 International Cooperation Department
 Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
 (Tel) +84-(0)4-3756-4607
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B Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars

- JSPS will cover the costs of the Japanese team.

	Duration	Funding from JSPS	Remarks
Joint Projects	Up to 2 years *Start date must be during the period of 1 August 2013 to 31 March 2014	Up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year (Up to JPY 5,000,000 in total)	
Joint Seminars	Up to 1 week * Seminars must be held during the period of 1 August 2013 to 31 March 2014	Up to JPY 2,500,000	

- Counterpart researchers are encouraged to secure their own funding from sources in their own countries.