

JSPS Core-to-Core Program Supplementary Explanation on “Matching Funds” in the Partner Country

Under JSPS Core-to-Core Program (A. Advanced Research Networks), counterpart core institutions are to obtain project funding from science-promotion agencies or other funding organizations in their respective countries. An official decision of JSPS support will be made upon confirmation of “matching funds” by each counterpart core institution. ※Counterpart core institutions of which selected projects are on B: Asia-Africa Science Platforms must be provided with matching funds when they are from China, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

1. Documents to be submitted by Japanese core institutions of selected projects around March of the starting year (Projects to be started from April)

※Japanese core institution must submit Form 3 and Form 4 for each counterpart country

- (1) Form 3: Brief summary of the matching funds
- (2) Form 4: Confirmation letter by coordinator in the counterpart country stating that the counterpart core institution has secured matching funds and that a cost-sharing method is agreed upon

※Please refer to "Condition of Matching Funds" (page 2) for details on matching funds

※In filling out Form 4, the following points must be stated:

- ① Amount of the funding obtained for the research exchange under this project
- ② Funding duration (from date/month/year to date/month/year)
- ③ Funding source
- ④ Funding program
- ⑤ Contact person for funding (name, e-mail, etc.)
- ⑥ Cost-sharing method (pattern 1 or pattern 2)
- ⑦ Signature of coordinator

※ If the counterpart country expects to use multiple funding sources, please fill in items

①-⑤ for each source.

“Condition of Matching Funds” under the Core-to-Core Program

① Institution(s) that needs to obtain “matching funds”

All “Core” institutions in each counterpart country must independently obtain “matching funds” in the necessary amount to conduct the research exchange under the project.

“Cooperating” institutions do not need to obtain “matching funds”. However, please note that the cost of researchers in “cooperating institutions” also needs to be covered by the subject country. Therefore, the coordinator of the “Core” institution needs to verify that the necessary amount of funding is secured to cover the cost for all the participating researchers in his/her country.

② Types of “Matching Fund” Schemes

It is desirable to use a “matching fund” scheme similar to that of the Core-to-Core Program, which supports research exchanges. However, if it should not be possible for a core institution to obtain such financial support from a funding agency or external funding source, part of its own research funds may be allocated to the research exchange as “matching funds”.

③ Amount of “Matching Funds”

It is not necessary for the matching funds to be in the same amount as the financial support on the Japanese side. However, the amount of matching funds must be at a level needed to reciprocally conduct joint research, joint seminar and the research exchange.

④ Duration that “matching funds” are needed

Matching funds must be obtained in an amount to cover the implementation period of the project . Although funding for multi-year support is desirable, one grant is not required for the entire period. Multiple grants (funds) may be used; they can be of various durations and do not have to be aligned with Japan’s fiscal year (which starts in April).

Please note that if matching funding in a counterpart country is not secured, the adoption of the project may be canceled.

2. Schedule (to be decided)

Early October, previous year	Deadline of submitting proposal to JSPS	Japanese coordinator collects information from counterpart coordinators on their matching funds and fills in the proposals regarding the status of each matching fund.
November	Paper review	_____
January, subject year	Hearing review	Japanese coordinator collects information from counterpart coordinators on the latest status of their matching funds and explains at the review hearing.
Mid-February, subject year	Notification of selection results	If the proposal is successful, the Japanese coordinator is asked to submit a certification on the matching funds of each counterpart country. Japanese coordinator asks his/her counterpart coordinator to prepare the certificates.
Early-March, subject year	Deadline of submission of the certification of the matching fund	Japanese coordinator submits the certificates to JSPS