

JSPS Core-to-Core Program (A. Advanced Research Networks)
Supplementary Explanation
on “Matching Funds” in the Partner Country

Under this Program, 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.

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 Form1 and Form 2 for each counterpart country

- (1) Form 1: Brief summary of the matching funds
- (2) Form 2: 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 2, 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 Project title
- ⑥ Project number
- ⑦ Contact person for funding (name, affiliation, e-mail, etc.)
- ⑧ Cost-sharing method (pattern 1 or pattern 2)
- ⑨ Signature of coordinator

※ If the counterpart country expects to use multiple funding sources, please fill in items ①-⑦ 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 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 (5 years). 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.

* If after the project starts the period of matching funding expires during the Japanese fiscal year, please submit certification that new matching funds have been obtained to cover the rest of the project period. This certification must be submitted to JSPS through the Japanese coordinator one month before the period expires at the latest.

2. Schedule (to be decided)

October 4 (Wed)	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 2018	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	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	Deadline of submission of the certification of the matching fund	Japanese coordinator submits the certificates to JSPS

3. Reference

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研究拠点形成事業（A. 先端拠点形成型）相手国マッチングファンド概要

Brief summary of the matching funds

Under the JSPS Core-to-Core Program (A. Advanced Research Networks)

相手国名 Country		
相手国拠点機関名 Core Institution		
経費負担区分 Cost-sharing Method (Pattern 1/Pattern 2) ^{*i)}		
Fund No.1	相手国側学術助成機関名 Name of Funding Agency (Name of the institution that provides financial support for this project)	
	プログラム名 Name of Program	
	支給期間 Funding duration	
	金額（上記支給期間に支給される総額） Amount of funding ^{*ii)} [現地通貨] (in local currency) (日本円換算額) (in Japanese yen)	_____
		¥ _____
Fund No.2	相手国側学術助成機関名 Name of Funding Agency (Name of the institution that provides financial support for this project)	
	プログラム名 Name of Program	
	支給期間 Funding duration	
	金額（上記支給期間に支給される総額） Amount of funding ^{*ii)} [現地通貨] (in local currency) (日本円換算額) (in Japanese yen)	_____
		¥ _____

- i) Please choose “Pattern 1” or “Pattern 2” from the column “Cost-sharing Method” in the “Appendix to the Outline of JSPS Core-to-Core Program, FY2017”

[Pattern 1]

The Sending side covers international airfare and costs of maintenance and, domestic travel in the counterpart country. The hosting side covers the cost of holding the seminars.

[Pattern 2]

The sending side covers international airfare and the receiving side covers maintenance and the domestic travel costs. The hosting side covers the cost of holding the seminars.

- ii) Please fill in the amount of matching funds in the local currency and its conversion to Japanese yen
- iii) Please add more lines if needed.

JSPS Core-to-Core Program on *(title of the research project)*

Dear Prof. (*Japanese Coordinator*),

This is to confirm that the (partner country) side's financial support for implementing the JSPS Core-to-Core Program on "(title of the project)" is as follows.

Institution (Core Institution/Cooperating Institution):

Approximate amount to be allocated to the project:

Funding duration:

Funding source:

Program:

Project title:

Project number:

Funding source reference (contact person, e-mail, etc)

Cost-sharing method (Please select one of the below options.)

[Pattern 1]

Sending side covers international airfare and costs of maintenance and, domestic travel in the counterpart country. The hosting side covers the cost of holding the seminars.

[Pattern 2]

The sending side covers international airfare and the receiving side covers maintenance and the domestic travel costs. The hosting side covers the cost of holding the seminars.

Prof. (*Coordinator or Cooperator in partner country*)

(*Affiliation*)

(*Core institution or Cooperating institution*)