

## JSPS Researcher Exchange Program FY2014 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Note:

- This “FY2014 Call for Proposals” is an English translation of the official announcement in Japanese. Applicants should observe [the accompanying Japanese Application Guidelines](#). 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.
- JSPS invites researchers from counterpart countries to Japan based on agreements with its counterpart organizations. In such cases, visiting researchers are recruited, screened and nominated to JSPS by the counterpart organizations.

### 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 researcher exchanges including young researchers. JSPS provides financial support to Japanese researchers visiting counterpart countries to carry out research and/or discussions with researchers in those countries.

### 2. Counterpart countries and organizations

Regions	Counterpart Countries	Counterpart organizations	Type	Maximum number to be selected*	Subject areas
North America	Canada	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Short-term	2	Natural Sciences and Engineering (excluding the Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences)
			Long-term	4	
Central/ South America	Argentina	National Council of Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET)	Short-term	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
	Mexico	National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT)	Short-term	3	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
Long-term			1		
Oceania	Australia	Australian Academy of Science (AAS)	Short-term	8	Natural Sciences

Europe	Austria	Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) and Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH)	Short-term	6	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
			Long-term	3	
	Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Science of Bulgaria (MES)	Short-term	1	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
			Long-term	1	
	Czech Republic	Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR)	Short-term	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
	Denmark	Universities Denmark (DU)	Short-term	3	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
			Long-term	4*	
	Finland	Academy of Finland (AF)	Postdoc	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
	France	Institut National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale (Inserm)	Short-term	3	Life Science and Health
	France and other countries with EPDI institutes	Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques (IHÉS) and European Post-Doctoral Institute for Mathematical Sciences (EPDI)	Postdoc	1	Mathematical Sciences
	Germany	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Short-term	3	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
	Norway	Research Council of Norway (RCN)	Long-term	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
			Postdoc	2	
	Poland	Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN)	Short-term	3	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
			Long-term	2	
	Romania	Ministry of National Education (MEN)	Short-term	4*	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	Short-term	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences	
Slovenia	Ministry of Education, Science and Sports (MIZS)	Short-term	3	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences	

Note:

- Japanese researchers may visit only those institutions affiliated with counterpart organizations. Please consult with counterpart researchers about eligibility of institutions in their country.
- The number to be selected may change due to the budgetary situations and/or other conditions relevant to JSPS and its counterpart organizations.
- The maximum number of Japanese researchers to be selected for long-term visits to Denmark and Romania will depend on the length of their respective tenures.
- Please refer to section '15 Instructions for individual countries' for further information.

### 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.

Those who were selected in FY2011, FY2012, or FY2013 are not eligible to apply for visits to the same counterpart organization.

Eligibility of postdoc applicants:

a. Finland (Postdoc)

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Prospective researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree, or who are expected to obtain one by 31 March 2014.
- Prospective researchers in the social sciences and humanities who have accrued the required doctoral course credits, or who are expected to obtain a doctoral degree by 31 March 2014.
- Applicants are not required to hold full-time positions.
- Only persons of Japanese nationality or non-Japanese holding Japanese citizenship are eligible.

b. Norway (Postdoc)

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Prospective researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree on or after 1 February 2008, or who are expected to obtain one before their visits.
- Applicants are not required to hold full-time positions.
- Only persons of Japanese nationality or non-Japanese holding Japanese citizenship are eligible.

c. JSPS-IHÉS (EPDI) Fellowship

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Prospective researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree in mathematics in or after 2012 or who are expected to obtain one before their visit.
- Applicants are not required to hold full-time positions.
- Only persons of Japanese nationality or non-Japanese holding Japanese citizenship are eligible.

### 4. Period of stay

Japanese researchers must depart Japan during the period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Note:

For Austria, Denmark, Slovakia, and JSPS- IHÉS (EPDI) Fellowship, please refer to Section 15 'Instructions for individual countries.'

## 5. Application procedure

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

**Period of Acceptance: Monday 2 September 2013~Thursday 12 September 2013**

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

\*\*Under no circumstances will JSPS accept applications submitted after the deadline.

## 6. Other instructions

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 researcher exchange being applied for.

## 7. Selection criteria

The following criteria are utilized in the selection process:

- Scientific excellence of research
- Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan based on communication established between the applicant and the counterpart researcher
- Prospects for initiating contacts between individual researchers that will lead to team-to-team collaboration and strengthened networks in the future.

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

- When the applicants have already conducted a long-term stay in the counterpart country for study and/or research purposes, they must clearly state the significance of revisiting the country.
- For short-term visits, the principal purposes of the visits must be discussions and lectures.
- For long-term visits, applicants must clearly state their purpose for the visit. (e.g. need to use specific equipment, to conduct field work)

## 8. Selection procedure

JSPS and its counterpart organizations conduct separate reviews of applications they receive. Based on the results, they make joint selections. (Procedures may differ from country to country.)

## 9. Post-selection procedure

Selected Japanese candidate researchers must submit a "form of proposal" and original copies of correspondence with their host researchers.

Note:

Different procedures may apply in some countries. Selected Japanese researchers will receive detailed instructions from JSPS.

## **10. Obligation of Japanese researchers**

- (1) Selected Japanese researchers must submit a report, which will be given public access, according to instructions by JSPS.
- (2) Due acknowledgement of support by JSPS and counterpart organizations should be made in any publication resulting from the program.

## **11. 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, plagiarization), unjustifiable acts (e.g. discrimination, harassment), or violation of laws.

## **12. 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 the program.

The names and affiliations of the selected researchers, research titles and reports may be disclosed on JSPS’s website and in its publications.

## **13. Others**

- (1) JSPS does not support any research project related to military affairs.
- (2) Each applicant may submit only one application.
- (3) JSPS will not bear responsibility for any injury, sickness or accident incurred during travel related to the program. Please be sure to purchase international travel insurance (sickness and accident) if the receiving organization will not insure you during your stay in the counterpart country.
- (4) JSPS does not support the issuing of visas or the arrangement of accommodations related to this program. If the Japanese applicants are already at overseas institutions, please check your visa status to confirm that it permits you to carry out your research plan.
- (5) JSPS will not support the expenses of companions.
- (6) Later changes in the visit plan may result in cancellation of support.
- (7) Researchers on both sides must negotiate with each other to ensure the protection and proper distribution of intellectual property resulting from the program, in accordance with the laws and regulations of their countries. JSPS does not participate in such negotiations.

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## 15. Instructions for individual countries

### <Canada (NSERC)>

Type	Short-term	Long-term
Duration	14-30 days	3-10 months
Expenses from JSPS	International airfare	
Expenses from NSERC	Maintenance allowance: 4000CAD/month, 131.50 CAD/day	
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed research must clearly be intended to advance knowledge in one of the natural sciences or in engineering (excluding the Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences)</li> <li>- Other considerations for assessing eligibility of proposed research are listed at the end of the following document:  <a href="http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Politiques-Politiques/subjectevalHealth-sujetevalSante_eng.asp">http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Politiques-Politiques/subjectevalHealth-sujetevalSante_eng.asp</a></li> <li>- Eligible Canadian institutions are restricted to the Canadian universities listed  at: <a href="http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/ListEligibleInstitutions-ListEtablissementsAdmissible_eng.asp">http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/ListEligibleInstitutions-ListEtablissementsAdmissible_eng.asp</a></li> </ul>	

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### <Argentine (CONICET)>

Type	Short-term
Duration	Within 30 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from CONICET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance allowance</li> <li>- Accommodations</li> <li>- Domestic travel expenses</li> </ul>
Others	<p>[Term]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange should end no later than 31 March 2015.</li> </ul> <p>[Host researcher]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Argentine host researchers should be CONICET researchers.</li> </ul>

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### <Mexico (CONACYT)>

Type	Short-term	Long-term
Duration	21 days-3 months	6-12 months
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare	
Expenses from CONACYT	- Maintenance allowance: [Short/Long-term] 1,600 pesos/day - Domestic travel expenses: According to CONACYT regulations	
Others	- Applicants are required to inform CONACYT of their intention to apply for the program through their Mexican host researchers.	

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### <Australia (AAS)>

Type	Short-term
Duration	14-28 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare - Maintenance allowance 【Per diem】4,000 JPY 【Accommodations】14,000JPY/night *The total amount of maintenance allowance and accommodation costs should not exceed 432,000 JPY/month.
Others	N/A

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### <Austria (BMWf/OeAD)>

Type	Short-term	Long-term
Duration	14-30 days	6-8 months
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare	
Expenses from BMWf/OeAD	- Maintenance allowance [Short-term] 14 days: 90EUR/day 15 days and over: 1,381 EUR/month [Long-term] 1,381 EUR/month - Domestic travel expenses at cost - Insurance costs	
Others	[Term] - All exchanges should start before 31 December 2014, and end no later than 31 January 2015 *If you ask OeAD Housing Office to arrange your accommodation, please note that you will be charged the fee based on the number of months regardless of the staying period. (Example: If you stay from April 15 to May 14, you will be charged for two months.) In addition, OeAd may ask you to start your stay from the first of the month.	

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### <Bulgaria (MES)>

Type	Short-term	Long-term
Duration	14-30 days	6-8 months
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare	
Expenses from MES	- Maintenance allowance [Short-term] 15 BGN/day [Long-term] 450 BGN/month - Accommodations: Provided for free - Domestic travel expenses at cost	
Others	N/A	

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### <Czech Republic (ASCR)>

Type	Short-term
Duration	14-30 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from ASCR	- Maintenance allowance: 526 CZK/day - Accommodations: Provided for free - Domestic travel expenses at cost
Others	[Host] The main host has to be a research institute of ASCR. [Term] Visits should not include the period between 10 and 31 December.

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### <Denmark (DU)>

Type	Short-term	Long-term
Duration	14-30 days	3-12 months
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare	
Expenses from DU	- Maintenance allowance [Short-term] 1) Within 28 days: 1,415DKK/day 2) for days following 28 days: 1,062.5 DKK/day [Long-term] 27,659.58 DKK/month plus allowances in agreement with the Danish salary scheme and basic project support fee to the host university - Domestic travel expenses: 3,000DKK if necessitated by the program - Health insurance according to information from the DU	
Others	[Term] - Exchanges should end no later than 31 December 2014. [Maximum number to be selected for Long-term] - 1-4 based on period of respective tenures (aggregate period: up to 12 months) [Visa] - If the duration of your stay in Denmark will exceed three months, you will need to acquire a visa and work permit before arriving. For detailed information, please see the following website: <a href="http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/work/researchers.htm">http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/work/researchers.htm</a>	

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**<Finland (AF)>**

Type	Postdoc
Duration	12-24 months
Expenses from AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International airfare</li> <li>- Maintenance allowance: 1,350 EUR/month</li> <li>- Family allowance: 350 EUR/month</li> <li>- Accommodations: 850 EUR/month</li> <li>- Domestic travel expenses: 650 EUR/year</li> </ul>
Others	N/A

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**<France (Inserm)>**

Type	Short-term
Duration	14-30 days
Expence form JSPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International airfare</li> <li>• Maintenance allowance                【Per diem】4,000 JPY                【Accommodations】14,000JPY/night</li> </ul> <p>*The total amount of maintenance allowance and accommodation costs should not exceed 432,000 JPY/month.</p>
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be under the age 40 at the time they start their visit to Inserm</li> <li>&lt; Term &gt;</li> <li>• Exchanges should end no later than 31 March 2015</li> </ul>

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<France (IHÉS) and other countries with EPDI institutes: "JSPS-IHÉS (EPDI) Fellowship">

Type	Post-doc
Duration	18 months to 2 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stay at IHÉS: 1 year</li> <li>- Stay at one or two institutions of EPDI: 6 months to 1 year (Maximum 3 months at the MFO)</li> </ul>
Expenses from JSPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International airfare</li> <li>- Maintenance allowance  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[During the stay at IHÉS] 216,000 JPY/month</li> <li>[During stay at EPDI institution] 432,000 JPY/month</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Travel expenses for transfers among EPDI institutes</li> </ul>
Expenses from IHÉS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accommodations</li> <li>- Lunch on weekdays</li> </ul>
Others	<p>[Term]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange should start in September or October 2014.</li> <li>- Please note that CRM Barcelona, INIMS Cambridge, Institut Mittag-Leffler and MFO will run special programs for the 2014/2016 period.</li> <li>- For details, please see the following website (Japanese only)  <a href="http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo_norway.html">http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo_norway.html</a></li> </ul> <p>[EPDI other than IHÉS]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences (INIMS), Cambridge, UK</li> <li>- Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik (MPIM), Bonn, Germany</li> <li>- Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik in den Naturwissenschaften Leipzig (MIS), Leipzig, Germany</li> <li>- Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach (MFO), Oberwolfach-Walke, Germany</li> <li>- Erwin Schrödinger Institut (ESI), Vienna, Austria</li> <li>- Institut Mittag-Leffler, Djursholm, Sweden</li> <li>- Banach Center, Warsaw, Poland</li> <li>- Centre de Recerca Matemàtica (CRM), Barcelona, Spain</li> <li>- Forschungsinstitut für Mathematik (FIM), Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>

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### <Germany (DAAD)>

Type	Short-term
Duration	14-50 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from DAAD	- Maintenance allowance [Within 21 days] 82-101 EUR/day [22 days and over] 1,840-2,240 EUR/month - Domestic travel expenses: 150 EUR (fixed amount) *Domestic travel expenses will be given only when the researcher is visiting two different institutions.
Others	N/A

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### <Norway (RCN)>

Type	Senior Researcher (Long-term)	Postdoc
Duration	1-6 months	6-12 months
Expenses from RCN	Maintenance allowance (including international airfare) - first one month: 49,000NOK - from the second month: 27,000NOK/month	
Others	[Term] - Exchange should end no later than 31 March 2015. - Please refer to <a href="http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo_norway.html">the detailed instruction (Japanese only)</a> ( <a href="http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo_norway.html">http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo_norway.html</a> ). - Postdoc fellows may apply for an extension of the fellowship, depending on RCN's budgetary situation. The maximum scholarship period is 24 months.	

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**<Poland (PAN)>**

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Duration	14-42 days	3-12 months
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare	
Expenses from PAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance allowance [Short-term] 90 PLN/day [Long-term] 800-900 PLN/month</li> <li>- Accommodations: Provided for free ([short-term] 160 PLN/day; [Long-term] 1,600 PLN/month, at maximum)</li> <li>- Domestic travel expenses at cost</li> <li>- Insurance costs</li> </ul>	
Others	N/A	

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**<Romania (MEN)>**

Type	Short-term
Duration	14-60 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from MEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance allowance: 60 lei/day</li> <li>- Accommodation and domestic travel expenses are provided according to the legal provisions in force in Romania.</li> </ul>
Others*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total length of stay not to exceed 120 man-days per year</li> <li>- Every visiting researcher is required to buy his/her travel insurance before his/her visit to Romania. Medical care will be provided from MEN in case of emergencies.</li> </ul>

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Duration	14-30 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from SAS	- Maintenance allowance: 27.90 EUR/day - Accommodations: Provided for free - Domestic travel expenses at cost
Others	[Term] - Visits should not include the period between 1 and 31 December, 2014.

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**<Slovenia (MIZS)>**

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Duration	14-60 days
Expenses from JSPS	- International airfare
Expenses from MHEST	- Maintenance allowance: 15 EUR /day - Accommodations and domestic travel expenses at cost - Insurance costs
Others	N/A

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