

JSPS Researcher Exchange Program FY2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This “FY2022 Call for Proposals” is an English translation of the official announcement in Japanese. Applicants should observe the accompanying Japanese Application Guidelines.

(https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_bosyu/02_bosyu-youkou_4.pdf)

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.

1. Program outline

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out bilateral cooperative programs with science promotion organizations (counterpart organizations) in the following two countries based on agreements for international scientific cooperation. Under them, Japanese researchers visit the counterpart countries. This Program provides them financial support for carrying out research and/or discussions with researchers in those countries. The longer term purpose of these visits is to promote the building of a foundation for joint research and networking that can be sustainably developed.

JSPS receives applications via its online application system. Please refer to “5. Application procedure.”

2. Counterpart countries and organizations

Counterpart Countries	Counterpart organizations	Type	Maximum number selected researchers	Subject areas
Finland	Academy of Finland (AF)	Postdoc	1	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences
Norway	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)	Postdoc	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences

Note:

- Japanese researchers may visit only institutions affiliated with counterpart organizations. They should consult in advance with their counterpart researchers as to whether visiting other institutions would be acceptable.
- The number of researchers to be selected may change due to the budgetary situations and/or other conditions relevant to JSPS and its counterpart organizations.
- Please refer to Section 16 ‘Instructions for individual countries’ for further information.

3. Eligibility

Be a researcher affiliated with a research organization stipulated in Article 2 of Rules for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research—KAKENHI (MEXT report No. 110 issued in 1965). At the time of application, be a full-time researcher (tenure not required) who is eligible to receive KAKENHI grants or a researcher who aspires to hold such a full-time position in the future. Must also meet the below two conditions.

* Stipulated research organizations:

- University or Joint research institute
- Organization under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) that conducts scientific research
- National college of Technology
- Other organization designated by the MEXT minister

- 1) The candidate must be a citizen of Japan or a foreign national with permanent residency status in Japan.
- 2) Persons selected in FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 for this Program are not eligible to apply in FY2022 for a research visit to the same country based on the MoU signed by JSPS and the counterpart organization in that country.

* Please refer to Section 16 'Instructions for individual countries' for eligibility in each counterpart organization.

4. Period of stay

In principle, the researcher(s) must depart Japan during the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

5. Application procedure

JSPS receives applications via its on-line application system. For details, please see https://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/topkokusai/top_kokusai.html

If the applicant has already obtained an ID and password for the system, s/he does not need to apply for new ones. If the researcher's affiliated institution has changed, s/he will need to obtain an ID and password for the International Research Program from the new institution.

Persons who have not received an ID and password to apply for this program from their affiliated institution should obtain an individual application ID and password by accessing the electronic application system at <https://www-kokusai.jsps.go.jp/jsps1/idshinsei/index.htm>

Application period

Wednesday, 25 August 2021 to Wednesday, 5 p.m., 1 September 2021

* Please note that applicant's affiliated institution may set an earlier deadline.

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

6. Other instructions

Each applicant may submit only one application.

Researchers who are or have carried out international joint research activities should clearly specify those activities if their content is related to the researcher exchange program for which they are currently applying.

7. Selection criteria

The following criteria are utilized in the selection process:

- If the research content has high scientific value and if the visit is expected to advance research in the subject field (Scientific value)
- Whether the applicant and researcher in the counterpart country have clearly communicated in advance, and whether the research plan is judged to be both concrete and feasible (Concreteness and feasibility)
- Whether the visit can be expected to spawn joint research and networking that will be sustainably developed in the future (Future potential)

In addition to the above criteria, the following point is also considered:

- When 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 that country.

8. Selection procedure

(1) JSPS selects applicants based on a document review and a panel review conducted by the same examiners. Under this program, each application is given a document review by three examiners. For details, please see the section "Selection procedure" on the Researcher Exchange Program website.

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_shinsa.html

Notification of both selection and non-selection based on the screening results will be made to the applicants and the heads of their affiliated research institutions around December 2021. Selected candidate researchers are asked to submit a Form of Proposal in English. Based on it, JSPS will recommend the candidate to the counterpart organization. If the proposal is accepted by the counterpart organization, a notification of adoption will be sent to the applicant and the head of his/her affiliated research institution around February 2022. If the proposal is not accepted by the counterpart organization, the applicant is not selected. Please note that the notification of results may be delayed due to the review timeline set by the counterpart organizations.

(2) Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing of their approximate place among the non-selected applications.

- A: Higher position
- B: Middle position
- C: Lower position

(3) Selection results can also be accessed on the electronic application system.

9. Post-selection procedure

Selected candidate researchers must submit a “Form of Proposal” by the prescribed deadline. If not, his/her preliminary selection will be cancelled. (Note that counterpart countries may use different procedures. Selected researchers will receive detailed instructions from JSPS.)

10. Obligation of Japanese researchers

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

11. Measures against misuse of research funds and handling of personal information, etc.

- (1) Measures against misuse of research funds, etc.

JSPS will take appropriate measures (e.g. terminate project, require reimbursement of part or all of allocated funds) in cases of misuse of research funds, specific research misconduct (e.g. fabrication, falsification, plagiarism), unjustifiable acts (e.g. racial discrimination, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, academic harassment, power harassment, abuse of authority, neglect), violation of laws, or fabrication of application contents.

With regard to handling in cases of misusing research funds, see the following website:

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-kousei/data/fuseitaiou_kitei.pdf

- (2) Handling of personal information

Personal information provided by applicants are strictly handled and managed in accordance with the “Act for the Protection of Personal Information Retained by Independent Administrative Institutions” and JSPS’s “Personal Information Protection Policy,” and is used solely for the purpose of implementing the program (including personal information provided by JSPS to external companies commissioned to electronically process and manage data).

The names, positions and affiliations of the selected researchers and their counterpart researchers, and their research titles, visit durations and reports may be disclosed on JSPS’s website and in its publications and circulated to related organizations.

Applicants residing in the European Economic Area (EEA) including the EU must submit a separate letter of consent for using their personal information in line with the provisions of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If application documents contain information on persons residing in the EEA, the said persons’ consent must be obtained to use that information. For details on the GDPR, please visit the following website of the Personal Information Protection Commission, Government of Japan.

<https://www.ppc.go.jp/enforcement/infoprovision/laws/GDPR/>

12. About “Export Control”

Research is carried out on various advanced technologies at Japan’s research institutions. Along with internationalization, the number of foreign students and overseas researchers is increasing at Japanese universities. This is increasing the risk of advanced technologies and equipment or materials used in research being leaked out and of them being used in the development and production of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Accordingly, when research institutions conduct research activities, including those commissioned to them to carry out, they should take systematic measures to ensure that research results and technologies (etc.) that can be diverted for military purposes are not passed to persons feared to carry out prohibited activities such as developers of WMD or members of terrorist groups.

In Japan, export control (*) is carried out based on the “Foreign Exchange and Control Trade Act” (law no. 228, enacted in 1949), hereafter called the “Foreign Exchange Act.” Under this Act, when technologies or materials are to be exported (provided), permission must as a rule be obtained from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Please be sure to follow the country’s laws, guidelines and directives beginning with the requirements of the Foreign Exchange Act. If these laws or guidelines are violated in the implementation of research, in addition to legal measures and penalties taken, the allocation of project funding may be cancelled or the decision to allocate funding withdrawn.

* Japan’s security export control system is carried out based on international agreements via predominately two rules: “list rule” and “catch-all rule.” Under the list rule, when materials and/or technologies related to carbon fiber, computerized numeric-controlled machinery, or other items to be exported (provided) exceed specified specifications and/or functions, permission must as a rule be obtained from the METI minister. Under the catch-all rule, when materials and/or technologies not applicable to regulations under the list rule are to be exported (provided) but do fall under certain regulatory requirements (usage, consumer and inform requirements), permission must as be obtained from the METI minister.

Not only the export of things but also the provision of technologies is covered under the Foreign Exchange Act. When list-rule technologies are to be provided to non-residents of Japan or to be provided in another country, permission must be obtained in advance. Included in the provision of technologies is technical information or data contained in blueprints, specification documents, manuals, specimens, prototypes and other items provided via paper, email, CD, DVD, USB memories, or other recording media. Also included is working (processing) knowledge provided via technical guidance or training and through technical support via seminars. Various controls are imposed under the Foreign Exchange Act with regard to technology exchange when hosting students from foreign countries and conducting joint research and other activities with them.

Details on the security export control are contained on the following METI websites:

-<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/>

-<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/seminer/shiryo/handbook.pdf>

-<https://www.cistec.or.jp/index.html>

-https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/law_document/tutatu/t07sonota/t07sonota_jishukanri03.pdf

13. Registration on JSPS-Net

The JSPS Researchers Network (JSPS-Net) is a social networking service oriented to researchers who have participated in JSPS programs. It networks researchers who are carrying out activities across national borders and supports the creation of researcher communities.

JSPS-Net assists each registered researcher in carrying out their activities on a world stage. By linking up researchers working in the same field and cross different fields, researchers working in the same or in different regions, and connecting them with people who are interested in their research or desirous to support it, JSPS-Net establishes communities and by promoting networking spawns future international exchange while advancing international joint research.

JSPS-Net also provides a service for matching Japanese researchers who wish to host a young researchers or overseas researcher with such researchers looking for a host.

Researchers participating in this program are invited to join JSPS-Net.

<https://www-jsps-net.jsps.go.jp>

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 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. JSPS does not pay for travellers insurance.
- (3) JSPS does not support the issuing of visas or the arrangement of accommodations related to this program. If the Japanese applicants are already at an overseas institution, please check your visa status to confirm that it permits you to carry out your research plan.
- (4) JSPS does not support the expenses of accompanying persons.
- (5) Later changes in the visit plan may result in cancellation of support.
- (6) 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.
- (7) “researchmap” (<https://researchmap.jp/>) is, as a general guide to Japanese researchers, Japan’s largest researcher information database. Registered information on research results can be openly disseminated over the Internet. As researchmap is linked to e-Rad and many university faculty databases, it allows registered information to be accessed by other systems, obviating the need to reregister every time a researcher wants to submit an application, access a database, or register the same research results. Furthermore, researchmap can be used for surveying the Japanese government’s science and technology policies and for statistical purposes. Participants in this program are invited to register on researchmap.

15. JSPS contact information

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Email: tokuteikoku * jsps.go.jp (replace * with @)

URL: <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/researcher.html>

Call Center (Only for questions regarding JSPS's electronic application system)

TEL: 0120-556739 (Inside Japan only)

16. Instructions for individual countries

Finland (AF)

Eligibility	Researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree or who are expected to obtain one by 31 March 2022. (Including prospective researchers in the social sciences and humanities who have accrued the required doctoral course credits.)
Duration	12-24 months
Expenses from AF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- International airfare- Maintenance allowance: 1,500 EUR/month- Family allowance: 500 EUR/month- Accommodations: 1,000 EUR/month (researcher him/herself pays any amount over)- Expenses for domestic travel in Finland: 650 EUR/year
Expenses from JSPS	Expenses for domestic travel (in Japan)
Others	N/A
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Norway (RCN)

Eligibility	Researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree on or after 1 February 2016, or who are expected to obtain one before their visits.
Duration	6-12 months
Expenses from RCN	Maintenance allowance (including international airfare) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- first one month: 56,000NOK- from the second month: 32,000NOK/month
Expenses from JSPS	Expenses for domestic travel (in Japan)
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exchange should end no later than 31 March 2023.- Please refer to (https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/tokuteikoku/shinsei_saiyo.html).- Postdoc fellows may apply for an extension of the fellowship, conditioned upon RCN's budgetary situation. Maximum visit period is 24 months.
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