

**JSPS Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars  
FY2012 CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
(February Application Round)**

Notes:

- (1) This “FY2012 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](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 “FY2012 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.

## 2. Counterpart countries in this application round

Regions	Countries	Counterpart organizations	Activity types	Maximum number to be selected*	Subject areas
Asia	Korea	National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)	Joint Projects	22	*Please refer to section 16.
			Joint Seminars	11	
	Vietnam	Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)	Joint Projects	2	Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences

\* The number to be selected may change due to the budgetary situations and/or other conditions of JSPS and its counterpart organizations.

- \* Please note that joint projects with France (INRA, INSERM and ANR) and United Kingdom (BA) are not recruited under the FY2012 call.
- \* Please note that joint projects with Finland (AF) are recruited in September Application Round from FY2012.
- \* 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.

(Eligible institutions are listed at: <https://www-kokusai.jps.go.jp/jps1/kikanList.do> (Posted only in Japanese.))

### 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	Researchers at a university or research institute under the jurisdiction of counterpart organization in subject country	
Number of participants	No limitation on number of participants	No limitation on number of participants; Researchers from third countries may participate in seminars under the condition that they cover their own expenses
Duration	Project durations differ with each JSPS's counterpart organization 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

(\*) Each applicant is allowed to submit only one application to each counterpart organization.

(\*\*) Applicants who will already be conducting a Joint Research Project/Seminar on the starting date of the projects/seminars in this application round may not apply for a Joint Research Project/Seminar with the same counterpart organization.

## 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 research funds, please follow JSPS's rules. However, JSPS does not pay the institution a consignment fee.

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(***)
Research expenses	Consumables, honoraria, printing, communication, meeting expenses (in Japan), etc.

(\*)In each fiscal year, no more than 50% of total funding may be used for expenses other than international/domestic travel.

(\*\*) Counterpart organization 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 organization 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 organization 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 organization

## 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](http://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/topkokusai/top_kokusai.html) (Posted only in Japanese.)

## **Deadline: Wednesday 22 February 2012**

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

### **7. Other instructions**

- (1) Project/Seminar leaders in counterpart countries are to submit their applications to JSPS's counterpart organization 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 Initiatives, JSPS Core-to-Core Program, Asian CORE Program, AA Science Platform Program, A3 Foresight Program, International Training Program (ITP), Japanese-German Graduate Externship, Institutional Program for Young Researcher Overseas Visits, and Young Researcher Overseas Visits Program for Vitalizing Brain Circulation.
- (3) 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.)
- (4) 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

\* JSPS does not support any research projects related to military affairs.

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> No more than 50% of total funding may be used for expenses other than international/domestic travel.)
- Appropriateness of the budget plan
- Appropriateness of the venue in case of seminar

## **9. Selection procedure**

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

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

## **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.

## **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 organizations 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 the program.

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

## 14. Others

- (1) JSPS will not bear responsibility for any injury, sickness or accident incurred during travel related to the projects/seminars.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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)

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- Asian Program Division (Asia and Africa)
  - <TEL> +81 (0)3-3263-2367 / 1755
  - <FAX> +81 (0)3-3234-3700
- Research Cooperation Division I (North/South America, Oceania and Europe)
  - <TEL> +81 (0)3-3263-1763 / 1932
  - <FAX> +81 (0)3-3263-1673
- Call Center (Only for questions regarding JSPS's electronic application system)
  - <TEL> 0120-556739 (Inside Japan only)

## 16. Instructions for individual countries

### 〈Korea (NRF)〉

- Based on an agreement with NRF, JSPS will cover the costs of the Japanese team, and NRF will cover the costs of the Korean team. 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 2012	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 2012 to 31 March 2013	Up to JPY 1,000,000 〔held in Japan〕 Up to JPY 1,200,000 〔held in Korea〕	

- NRF's contact information is as follows:  
 Asia Team  
 Directorate 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 2012 to 31 March 2013	Up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year (Up to JPY 7,500,000 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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