

JSPS Core-to-Core Program

Supplementary Explanation on “Matching Funds” in the Partner Country

Under JSPS Core-to-Core Program Type A (Advanced Research Networks), counterpart core institutions are to obtain funding (“matching funds”) for sharing costs during the project period. An application may be submitted while a counterpart’s funding request is being processed. An official decision of JSPS support, however, will be made upon confirmation of “matching funds” by each counterpart core institution.

Counterpart core institutions of projects selected under Type B (Asia-Africa Science Platforms) must obtain matching funds in the cases of China, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

I. Documents to be submitted by selected Japanese core institutions by March 15 of the starting year (Projects to be started from April).

- ※ Japanese core institution must submit Form 3 and Form 4 for each counterpart country.
- ※ If in or after the second year of a project another counterpart country is added, its core institution must also submit documentation on its provision of matching funds.

- (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 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.

* Regarding ⑦, even when funding received by a cooperating institution in a counterpart country is in the form of matching funding, the signature of the coordinator in the counterpart country is required.

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

1. Institutions that need to obtain “matching funds”

All “Core” institutions in each counterpart country must independently obtain “matching funds” in an amount necessary 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.” As long as counterpart core institutions are able to obtain funding in a necessary amount to share the cost of the collaborative research, JSPS considers them eligible to participate in this program.

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 joint research, joint seminar, and 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.

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

II. **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 it 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 coordinators to prepare the certificates.
15 March, subject year	Deadline for submission of certification of matching funds	Japanese coordinator submits the certificates to JSPS