If you are thinking of collaboration with Japanese researchers to do a joint research project or seminar, JSPS’s new scheme, Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars under the framework of JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars, might work. (the call for proposals: open in December 2013 and closed in February 2014)

**What’s the new scheme for?**
It gives all researchers around the world opportunities to conduct bilateral joint projects/seminars with funded Japanese colleagues.

**Why is it “NEW”?**
Counterpart countries expand from specific countries (*) to countries from all over the world under the new scheme of the JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars.

*Counterpart countries in FY2014 application round for existing JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars:
  - Africa: Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Tunisia
  - Asia: China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
  - South America: Brazil
  - Oceania: New Zealand
  - Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherland, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden

**How does it work?**
If your Japanese colleagues have no funds to do a joint research project or seminar with you, please ask them to apply for Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars.
If you also have no funds for your activity, you could also try to secure funds from relevant funding agencies in your countries/regions by mentioning about the Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars.

**What expenses does it support?**
It supports the expenses of the Japanese teams, mainly travel and accommodation costs.
  - Joint Project (1-2 years): Up to JPY 2,500,000 /a year/ a project
  - Joint Seminar (up to 1 week): Up to JPY 2,500,000 /a year/ a seminar

**What are the target fields?**
All academic fields; Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences including mathematical sciences, physical sciences, chemistry, engineering, biology, agricultural sciences, medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.
JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars
Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars
NEW Scheme Started from FY2013

How does “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars” work?

[Newly Added] Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars

- All countries(*)
- All Academic fields (**)
- Counterpart researchers are expected but not required to secure matching funds from sources in their own countries/regions.
- Up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year for Japanese side
- Duration: Up to 2 years for joint project and up to 1 week for seminars

Cf. [Standard Scheme] Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart institutions

- The specific countries(***)
- Specific fields agreed between JSPS and its counterpart institution
- Matching funds are provided by JSPS and its counterpart institution.

(*) All countries that have diplomatic relationships with Japan. JSPS also treats researchers who reside in Taiwan and Palestine in this manner.
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For further Information for...

For Overseas Researchers

If you would like to implement Joint Research Project/Seminar together with Japanese researchers

Do you have a program for joint projects/seminars including Japan in your country?

- Yes: Please contact the call secretariat in your country to confirm if you have eligibility to apply for the program.
- No: Please ask your counterpart researcher in Japan to apply for the “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars”.

Do you have any funds on your side for implementing the joint projects/seminars?

- Yes: Please contact your counterpart researcher in Japan to discuss the details of your project/seminar so that your counterpart researcher can complete the application form of “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars”.
- No: JSPS recommends you to try to find funds for your research because JSPS covers only the costs of Japanese researchers in “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars”.

For Overseas Funding Agencies

If you would like to promote Joint Research Projects/Seminars between researchers in your country and Japanese researchers

Do you have a program to implement bilateral joint projects/seminars with JSPS?

- Yes: Please introduce to researchers “Bilateral Joint Projects/Seminars with JSPS’s Counterpart institutions”
- No: Please recommend “Open Partnership Joint Projects/Seminars” to researchers in your country so that his/her counterpart researchers can apply to this program in order to obtain fund for Japanese side.

※ JSPS recommends overseas researchers to obtain funds of their side because JSPS covers only the costs of Japanese researchers in this program.

※ JSPS will consider support of all appropriate costs for the Japan side, with the expectation that your organizations will consider supporting the costs of the counterpart researchers.

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