

Call for Joint Research Project Proposals

Identification information

Partner country:	Japan
Partner organisation:	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
Programme:	Joint Research Projects
Period:	04/2016 – 03/2018

Legal framework

The call is based on Memorandum on Scientific Cooperation of the year 2011 between The Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the CAS) and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (hereinafter referred to as the JSPS), and in accordance with art. 2 par. 2 of the Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on The Czech Academy of Sciences, as amended, and art. 3 par. 2 of the Statutes of The Czech Academy of Sciences.

Basic definition

Objectives

- Improve cooperation in research between the CAS institutes and Japanese institutions of higher education or research organizations.
- Stimulate involvement of young researchers and students.

Project proposal, applicant and applicant's institute

Proposals from **all research fields** are accepted. Project duration is **2 years, i.e. 24 months**; extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Eligible for project proposal submission are:

- **On the Czech side**, researchers from the CAS institutes.
- **On the Japanese side**, researchers from institutions of higher education or research organizations in Japan.

The applicant is eligible to submit one project proposal within one call.

Research team

- **On the Czech side**, employees of the CAS institute, including employed students.
- **On the Japanese side**, employees of institutions of higher education or research organizations in Japan, whereas the team leader must hold a full-time position.

Financial provisions

Financial contributions shall be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the Parties.

Provision of financial contributions is only possible during the project implementation, i.e. **from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018**. Yearly financial contribution cannot be transferred to another fiscal year.

Management of funds is the responsibility of the team leader's research institute or organisation.

- **On the Czech side**, the financial contribution will be provided by the CAS up to 1 000 000 CZK for the 24 months divided to three Czech fiscal years.

Eligible project related costs are:

For the Czech research team:

Research costs:

- Consumables
- Services
- Small equipment (up to 40 000 CZK)

Mobility costs:

- International travel costs

Non-eligible costs are: personnel costs, equipment costs over 40 000 CZK and overheads.

For the Japanese research team in the Czech Republic:

Mobility costs:

- Accommodation costs
- Daily allowances

- **On the Japanese side**, the financial contribution will be provided by the JSPS up to 5 000 000 JPY in total, i.e. 2 500 000 JPY per a Japanese fiscal year.

Eligible project related costs are:

For the Japanese research team:

Research costs:

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

Mobility costs:

- International travel costs

For the Czech research team in Japan:

Mobility costs:

- Domestic travel costs
- Maintenance allowances

Selection process

Schedule

15/06/2015	Launch of the call for project proposals
08/09/2015	Deadline for submission of project proposals
09/2015	Exchange of application lists
09-10/2015	Document review
11/2015	Panel review of proposals
12/2015	Exchange of review results and joint selection of projects
01/04/2016	Start of joint research projects
31/03/2018	End of joint research projects

Process of project proposal submission

Proposals must be submitted to the CAS and to the JSPS within the above stated deadline; on the Czech side the date of posting is decisive.

Applications submitted by one partner organisation only will not be accepted. Japanese and Czech team leaders should, therefore, be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application.

Czech applicant submits the project proposal to the CAS, namely:

- **by mail** in one copy (printed single sided in the A4 format, signed, stamped and unbound), envelope labelled „JP/ JSPS – selection process 04/2016-03/2018“, addressed to the contact person (see below); and simultaneously
- **electronically** (one file copy - a completed form for administrative purposes) to the e-mail address of the contact person (see below)

Proposals submitted in other than the above described way, will be rejected on formal grounds.

Japanese applicant submits the project proposal to the JSPS. Conditions for submission and relevant form/s are available at the JSPS website:
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>

By submitting project proposal, the applicant:

- agrees to processing of personal data within the meaning of the Act No. 101/2000 Coll., On Personal Data Protection, as amended;
- declares that the information he/she stated is accurate, true and complete and that he/she is aware that if otherwise they will face all the legal consequences;
- declares that, if approved, he/she will during the realization of the project follow:
 - [The Code of Ethics of researchers at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic](#);
 - [The European Charter and Code for researchers](#);
 - [Recommendations of the International Commission "Self-Control in Science" \(Recommendations of the International Commission on Professional Self-Regulation in Science\)](#).

Method of evaluation and selection of projects

Evaluation and selection of projects take place in a two-step selection process:

- At the national level, project proposals are evaluated by both partner organizations based on their internal rules
- At the international level final selection of projects with regard to the results of national assessments; total number of projects approved for funding depends on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals on the Czech side

Quality of the project:

- Scientific relevance (concept, innovative character in relation to the state-of-the art, quality of objectives)
- Methodology, work plan of activities and results
- Impact of project results, their dissemination and use

Quality of research teams:

- Qualification and skills: composition and expertise of research teams
- Involvement of junior researchers and students
- Complementarity in terms of content, methodology and equipment, previous cooperation and outputs
- Justification of collaboration needs

Added value and broader impact of bilateral cooperation:

- Added value to national research projects: linking expertise, standardization of methods
- Contribution to intellectual and/or cultural development, improvement of quality of life, or enhancement of socioeconomic infrastructure

Implementation

Implementation shall be carried out in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the Parties.

Annual reports shall be submitted until 31 January of the following year. Final report shall be submitted no later than two (2) months after the end of project implementation.

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