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Joint
Egyptian Japanese
Scientific Cooperation
(JEJSC)

The Science, Technology and Innovation Funding Authority

and

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Jointly announce

The Fifteenth call for Proposals for Scientific Cooperation

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General Information and Guidelines for Proposals

Background

Within the Framework of the Science and Technology decade (2007-2016) announced by the Egyptian President, the year 2008 was designated as the Egyptian Japanese year of Science and Technology as an initiative from the Egyptian and Japanese Ministers for Higher Education and Scientific Research. This initiative is considered as a platform for increased scientific cooperation between Japan and Egypt that establishes cooperative networks between Egyptian and Japanese scientists and their educational and technological institutions.

As a result of the efforts exerted during the Egyptian Japanese year of Science and Technology, the Egyptian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the President of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Scientific Cooperation. Later, the Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) signed the details for implementation as the two executing funding agencies. This is the announcement of the fifteenth call for proposals in the framework of the cooperation between the Egyptian and Japanese governments.

Aim of the program

The purpose of this program is to establish a new cooperation or to further advance an existing one in areas of mutual interest. In addition, the program will promote exchange visits between Egyptian and Japanese scientists and will support the coordination of joint seminars laying the ground for a longer-term relationship. This call for proposals supports:

A. Joint research projects; B. Joint seminars.

A. Joint research projects

This activity supports bilateral mobility of scientists within the framework of a jointly submitted research project of a period of 2 years. The purpose of these projects is to establish a new cooperation or to further from an existing one in the following areas:

1. Water
2. Energy
3. Food/ agriculture
4. Health
5. ICT

Eligibility for funding

- Teams of researchers consisting of at least one Egyptian and one Japanese researcher are eligible for funding.
- Teams have to be based at Egyptian and Japanese research organizations and should be working in their home countries.
- Egyptian state and private institutions of higher education, research institutions or commercial enterprises including SMEs are eligible for funding.
- Eligibility for Japanese researchers is announced at <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>

Funding

STDF will provide funding of up to 145,000 Egyptian Pounds per year (Up to 290,000 in total) per project to the Egyptian team, and JSPS will provide annual funding of up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year (Up to JPY 5,000,000 in total) per project to the Japanese team.

It is expected that primary funding for the collaborative research project, including personnel costs, is already available or will be available to both sides from other resources.

The sending side will cover international travel expenses between the two countries, daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel, for its own scientist, in the receiving country and the participants' own country.

A portion of the research costs (consumables and other minor research expenses) will also be covered, given that the total budget does not exceed the maximum budget provided by this grant scheme. The receiving side will cover the costs of daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country for the country's scientist as well as a portion of the research costs (Consumables and other minor research expenses)

Medical insurance should be included in the travel costs. Allowed per diem is \$ 250 per day.

Evaluation criteria:

Submitted proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence
- Feasibility of the research plan
- Necessity of cooperation added value, and mutual research advancement through transfer of knowledge and expertise
- Participation of young researchers
- Quality and originality of the envisaged research approach
- Preferably, the research area covered lies within the national priority areas of scientific research listed above
- Quality of the research team

Application Submission Procedures

- Simultaneously, the Egyptian leader of a research team and the Japanese leader of a research team should submit 2 identical applications online to STDF and JSPS, respectively.
- Applications submitted only by one side will not be considered.

Monitoring

Joint monitoring reports should be submitted to STDF within one month after each visit, while a final report should be submitted within one month after the end of the project to both sides, STDF and JSPS. The reports should include the following:

- Achievement and work done during the visits.
- Relevance of the carried out activities and the achievements to the objectives of the project and expected outcomes.

Duration

- Mutual visits of the academics /scientists should be justified in terms of number, duration, expenses and purpose of each visit. Support for research mobility will be granted for up to two years, based on the successful implementation of the project. The starting date shall be in the period between 1 August 2024 and 31 December 2024.
- **Deadline for submission is the 5th of September, 2023, 2:00 pm Egypt local time, while the deadline is on 5th of September, 2023 at 5:00 pm, Japan local time.**
- Applications received from Egyptian applicants after the deadline will not be considered.
- Applications received from Japanese applicants after the deadline will not be considered.

Contents of the application form

The proposal should include the following sections; if any of these sections is missing the proposal will be considered ineligible.

1- General Data: (for Egyptian & Japanese PI)

- Name
- Title (PhD holder)
- Date of birth
- Field of expertise
- Position/ affiliation
- Contact info

2- Project Details

- Project Title (English and Arabic)
- Project duration
- Project Abstract (English and Arabic)
- Background
- Wider Objectives and Methods
- Originality and Innovation of project
- Justification for Japanese Egyptian Collaboration
- Expected outcomes
- Additional benefit through cooperation with Japanese partner
- Budget justification and Budget table for Egyptian team and Japanese team (PI time% should not be less than 40% and not exceeding 80%)
- Schedule of Visits for the Egyptian and Japanese research team
- Detailed plan of work including the role and work distribution of each side
- Scanned copy of the Institutional Endorsement letter (signed and stamped by the legal representative -president- of the University/Research center and states that the proposal idea was not funded or submitted to another agency, national or international)
- CVs of all Egyptian and Japanese research team members
- A copy of the PhD degree

The proposal should be uploaded in one file of PDF format and all sections should be included in the mentioned order. Otherwise, your proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.

JSPS Call Announcement available at:

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei_bosyu.html

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