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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 Ninth Call for Proposals for Joint Seminars

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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 ninth 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.

B. Seminars

This activity supports seminars and workshops submitted to both STDF and JSPS within the framework of cooperation.

The call is open for all fields of science with focus on humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Seminars held in the period between 1 June 2024 and 31 March 2025.

Eligibility for funding

- Teams of participants consisting of both Egyptian and Japanese scientists and stakeholders are eligible for funding.
- Teams have to be based at Egyptian or Japanese research organizations/ commercial enterprises and scientists 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 85,000 Egyptian Pounds per seminar / workshop to the Egyptian team, and JSPS will provide up to JPY 1,500,000 per seminar/ workshop to the Japanese team.

Allowed per diem is \$ 250 per day.

Medical insurance should be included in the travel costs.

The sending side will cover international travel expenses between the two countries. In addition, for its own scientists, it will cover daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country; and costs to hold preparatory meetings in the participant's own country. The receiving side will cover daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel for its own scientists in the receiving country and local organizing expenses for holding seminars/ workshops including expenses for the conference and required materials and communications.

Evaluation criteria

Seminars will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence
- Necessity of cooperation, added value, and mutual research advancement through transfer of knowledge and expertise
- Participation of young researchers
- How the results of the seminar will be utilized to foster further cooperation

Application Submission Procedures

Each of the Egyptian side and the Japanese side, intending to hold a seminar, should submit online 2 identical seminar proposals to STDF and JSPS, respectively.

Monitoring

A joint report should be submitted to STDF and JSPS within one month after holding the seminar/ workshop. The report should include the following:

- Achievements done during the seminar.
- Results and recommendations of the seminar and future plans based on the achieved results.

Duration

- Duration of each Seminar/ workshop should not exceed one week.
- **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: (of organizers and participants Egyptian and Japanese)

- Name
- Title (PhD holder)
- Date of birth
- Field of expertise
- Institution
- Contact info

2- Seminar Details

- Seminar Title (English and Arabic)
- Seminar duration
- Concept of the Seminar (English and Arabic)
- Background
- Wider Objectives
- Justification for Japanese Egyptian Collaboration
- Expected outcomes
- Potential for industrial or practical application of the seminar results
- 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%)
- Possible dates for holding the seminar
- Time schedule and role of each party
- Institutional recommendations (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 (all in one pdf file)
- A copy of the PhD degree



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The proposal should be uploaded in one file with 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:
STDF contact information:**

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

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