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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 Tenth Call for Proposals for Joint Seminars

June, 2024

General Information

➤ 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 **tenth 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.**

➤ Eligibility for funding

- a. Teams of participants consisting of both Egyptian and Japanese scientists and stakeholders are eligible for funding.
- b. Teams have to be based at Egyptian or Japanese research organizations/ commercial enterprises and scientists should be working in their home countries.
- c. Egyptian state and private institutions of higher education, research institutions or commercial enterprises including SMEs are eligible for funding.
- d. 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 **450,000** 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.

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.

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

➤ Evaluation criteria

Submitted 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, must submit all seminar proposals to both the JSPS and STDF websites 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.

Deadline for submission is the **3rd of September, 2024, 2:00 pm Egypt local time**, while the deadline is on **3rd of September, 2024 at 5:00 pm, Japan local time**.

- The proposal must be submitted by the Egyptian PI to STDF website at: <http://www.stdf.eg/>
- Applications submitted only to one side will not be considered.
- Applications received as a hard copy or via email will not be considered.
- Applications received from the Egyptian applicants after the deadline will not be considered.
- Applications received from the Japanese applicants after the deadline will not be considered
- A plagiarism check will be applied to all proposals. Accordingly, the proposal must be submitted in one readable PDF format (i.e. not scanned), to facilitate plagiarism checks.

In tandem with the Japanese Assessment and Review process, and according to similar criteria, applications are reviewed by Egyptian technical experts. Only the applications that are deemed eligible by both the Japanese and Egyptian criteria will undergo the review process.

➤ **Duration of Seminar**

- Duration of each Seminar/ workshop should not exceed one week.
- Seminars will be held in the period between **1 June 2025 and 31 March 2026**.

➤ **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.**

➤ **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- 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

2- Required Documents

- Cover Page
- CVs of all Egyptian and Japanese research team members (all in one readable PDF file)
- 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)
- Acknowledgement form should be signed & stamped by the president of the Egyptian PI's institution (university/research centers) and the PI of the project.
- A copy of the PhD degree

The Seminar proposal should be written in English and uploaded in one file of readable PDF format. Otherwise, your proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.

JSPS Call Announcement available at:

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

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Cover Page

Title of the Project:			
Field:		Affiliation:	
Requested Budget:		Duration (Up to 2 Years):	

General Data

Egyptian Principal Investigator			
Name:			
Title/Position:		Date of birth:	
Field of expertise:		Gender:	
Faculty:		University/Institute:	
Department:		City:	

Contact Details (For Egyptian Principal Investigator)

Email address:			
Mobile:		Telephone:	
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Japanese Principal Investigator			
Name:			
Title/Position:		Date of birth:	
Field of expertise:		Gender:	
Faculty:		University/Institute:	
Department:		City:	

Email address:		Affiliation:	
Mobile:		Telephone:	
Home Address:		Fax:	

Approvals	Egyptian Principal Investigator	Institution Name:
	Name:	Institution President Name:
	Signature:	Signature:
	Date:	Date:
		Stamp:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accepted to comply with all the terms of the foregoing application, mentioned in STDF general conditions and guidelines for submitting an STDF research proposal, including, but not limited to:

1. The total number of the application pages should not exceed **37 pages** including a cover page, as well as all sections of the proposal (as mentioned in STDF General Conditions and Guidelines for Submitting STDF Research Proposal). **Only one PDF file is allowed to be uploaded as a proposal, including all required documents. Any supplementary files will not be considered**
2. At any time, a contracted STDF project team member should only be participating in a maximum of 3 projects (or a maximum of 2 projects as a PI/Co-PI).
3. Each PI can only submit a maximum of two proposals until notified with the evaluation results of his/her submitted proposals. The PI can re-submit a revised version of the previously submitted proposal only once and after applying STDF-suggested modifications. At the time of submitting the revised proposal, the PI is required to declare that an older version of the project proposal has been previously submitted to STDF.
4. The same project should not be submitted in more than one grant.
5. STDF guidelines, IPR rules, code of ethics, ...etc. (www.stdf.eg), should be read carefully and adhered to. These are integral parts of STDF contracts.
6. All proposals – in addition to PI and other data - must be uploaded to the STDF website (www.stdf.eg) by the designated deadline. Uploaded PI data should conform to the corresponding data in the application form. The PI must be a PhD holder.
7. STDF technical decisions made by remote reviewers or panels of experts are final.
8. Proposal applications will not be considered eligible and will be discarded in the following cases:
 - a. Proposals submitted by e-mail or sent as hard copies or uploaded to the STDF website after the deadline.
 - b. Proposals not conforming to the designated format.
 - c. Proposals whose uploaded PI data does not conform to PI data in the proposal file.
 - d. Proposals in which the allowable limit of any item of the budget or the total budget maximum limit has been exceeded.
 - e. Proposals in which the maximum allowable contracted STDF project participation limit has been exceeded (The PI & Co-PI can't contribute with less than 40% of their time and the contribution of any team member can't exceed 80% (in all the submitted/running projects), except the technicians and full-time research students (non-teaching assistance).
 - f. Proposal does not include a scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter by the legal representative president of the PI's institution stating the project title, the name, position, and affiliation of the PI in charge of the proposal, that the project idea was not funded or submitted to another agency (national or international), or otherwise declare, and that the institution approves the project.
 - g. Proposal does not include a scanned copy of the signed acknowledgment form.

Signature of the PI:

Approval and Stamp of the institution president

Date: _____

Date: _____



Institutional Endorsement letter

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)