

Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP)
Recruitment of Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. for the 2010 Fiscal Year
Application Procedure

We are currently recruiting researchers to be dispatched to the U.S. for the 2010 fiscal year under the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP) as shown below.

Researchers are required to be engaged in joint research projects in the United States during the 2010 fiscal year. We invite exceptional personnel to apply so that they can create cooperative research relationships through the outcome of their research during their stay in the United States and continue to maintain these relationships after returning to Japan.

Please be advised in advance that these application procedures are being conducted during a period wherein budget allocations have not been decided.

Application Procedure

1. Eligibility:

Researchers who are engaged in research at a national, public, or private university or related research institute in Japan who is, in principle, under 35 years of age.

2. Research Fields: Brain-related research

- (1) Neural mechanisms of recognition and learning
- (2) Neural mechanisms of activation and control of movement
- (3) Neural mechanisms of emotion and memory
- (4) Other related research fields

3. Dispatch Period:

Successful researchers may be dispatched for up to 9 months, however, their period of stay in the U.S. may not extend beyond the end of the fiscal year 2010.

4. Expenses:

Travel expenses and living expenses will be provided according to the regulations of the National Institutes of Natural Sciences.

5. Selection Criteria and Decision:

Applications will be considered and decided by the Research Plan Committee. Notification of the selection results is anticipated to be the end of December.

6. Arrangements with U.S. Institutions:

Applicant researchers may apply for this program upon making unofficial arrangements with the prospective host institution in the U.S.

7. Application Documents:

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| (1) Application for Researchers Dispatched for Joint Study (Form 1-1): | 1 original |
| (2) Information Sheet on the Applicant Researcher to be Dispatched for Joint Study (Form 1-2): | 1 original |
| (3) Research Plan (in English) (Form 1-3): | 1 original |
| (4) Curriculum Vitae (in English) (Form 1-4): | 1 original |
| (5) Copies of correspondence showing the arrangements with the U.S. institution: | 1 copy |
| (6) Supplemental materials (only when necessary): | 1 copy |

Submit items (1)-(6) as noted above by mail.

In addition, please submit all of the above documents (items 1 to 6) in PDF or Word format by e-mail. Application forms may be downloaded from <http://www.nips.ac.jp/jusnou>

8. Deadline for submission:

Friday, September 18, 2009

9. Mailing address:

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10. Notes:

Successful applicants will be required to submit Form 1-5-1 (Japanese) and Form 1-5-2 (English) as reports after the termination of the dispatch. It is also anticipated that a briefing session regarding the results of the research will be held.

Please be advised that the names of successful applicants and their reports may be made public on our institute's website.

When presenting the results of research conducted through this program, successful candidates are requested to clearly specify their home institution and indicate that they have received financial support through the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP).

11. Notice for previous applicants:

In the case that past recipients of this research cooperation program re-apply, please clearly state the necessity and the reason in Form 1-1, Section 7, "Research Plan at the Proposed Institution" and Form 1-3, "Research Plan Abstract".