

Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP)
Recruitment for Group Joint Study Projects for the 2010 Fiscal Year
Application Procedure

We are currently inviting applications for groups joint study projects under the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP) as shown below.

Group joint study projects, focusing on promoting research bases by conducting joint research in critical areas, are tenable at select research institutions in Japan and the U.S. over a continuous two- to three-year period. We invite project plans that can be commenced in the 2010 fiscal year.

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. Implementation Period:

Two to three years starting from fiscal 2010

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 fields

3. Eligibility:

Researchers who are engaged in research at a national, public, or private university, or related research institute in Japan; collaborating group members may include graduate students (only graduate students in the last phase of their doctoral course).

4. Expenses:

Travel expenses and per diem for the group's principal investigator and collaborating group members of the Japanese side will be paid according to the regulations of the National Institutes of Natural Science.

The maximum limit is 1.2 million yen per fiscal year. The U.S. principal investigator shall make arrangements for the payment of their group's own expenses that are necessary for the joint study.

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.

From the fiscal year following the decision, the principal investigators of the selected groups will annually submit an application to continue each group's joint study for scrutiny by the Research Plan Committee.

6. Arrangements with U.S. Principal Investigators:

Applicant researchers may apply for this program upon making unofficially arrangements with the principal investigator in the U.S.

7. Application documents:

- (1) Application for the Group Joint Study Project (Form 2-1): 1 original
- (2) Group Joint Study Project Research Plan (in English) (Form 2-2): 1 original
- (3) Copies of correspondence showing the arrangements with the U.S. partner group: 1 copy

(4) Supplemental materials (only when necessary):

1 copy

Submit items (1)-(4) as noted above by mail.

In addition, please submit all of the above documents (items 1 to 4) 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:

The principal investigator for the group will be notified of the necessary procedures for implementing the joint study.

The principal investigator will make arrangements for the travel of the collaborating group members.

The principal investigator will submit Form 2-4-1 (Japanese) and Form 2-4-2 (English) as reports after the research is completed. 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 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 2-1, Section 8-(1), "Research Plan, Overview of Proposed Research and Future Outcomes", and Form 2-2, "Research Plan".