

**Japan-US Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP)**  
**Proposals for Information Exchange Seminars for the 2010 Fiscal Year**  
**Application Procedure**

We are currently inviting proposals for information exchange seminars under the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program (BRCP) as shown below.

Each seminar will be held to exchange information on activities relating to the research cooperation plan for about 3 to 5 days and will be attended by about 10 researchers from Japan and U.S. side, respectively. The seminars will be held alternately in Japan and United States, in principle.

In addition, when making proposals, it is recommended that careful consideration be paid as to the timing and location of the information exchange seminars in order to facilitate the attendance of scholars who are not affiliated with the host organization.

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. Year of implementation:**

2010 fiscal year (in the period between June 2010 and February 2011)

**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. Eligibility:**

Researchers who are engaged in research at a national, public, or private university or related research institute in Japan.

**4. Expenses:**

The following expenses shall be provided.

- ◆ When the seminar is held in Japan, domestic travel expenses of the Japanese lecturer(s) and seminar expenses.
- ◆ When the seminar is held in the United States, travel expenses and per diem for the Japanese lecturer(s).

The maximum limit for expenses is 2,000,000 yen.

The U.S. principal coordinator(s) shall make arrangements for the payment of their own expenses necessary for attendance.

**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. Principal Coordinator(s):**

Applicant researchers may apply for this program upon making unofficial arrangements with the principal coordinator(s) in the U.S.

## 7. Application Documents:

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| (1) Application for Information Exchange Seminar (Form 3-1) :                      | 1 original |
| (2) Outline of Information Exchange Seminar (in English) (Form 3-2) :              | 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 Japanese principal coordinator shall submit Form 3-3-1 (Japanese) and Form 3-3-2 (English) as reports after the completion of the seminar. 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. Reference:

Please refer to the following website for information about affiliated institutions in the U.S.:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NS-03-024.html>

Once the U.S. component institution has made preparations, this information will be posted on the NIPS website.

Please refer to the following website for information about affiliated institutions in Japan:  
<http://www.nips.ac.jp/jusnou/>

## 12. Additional Information

### (1) 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 3-1, Section 6, "Significance of Proposal and Abstract" and Form 3-2, Section 6, "Content and purpose of the meeting or workshop including topics, names of speakers, and tentative agenda".

### (2) U.S. Coordination Assistance

Before formally submitting the application materials, if Form 3-1 (Japanese version) is submitted, we will be able to assist in coordinating the details with the U.S. affiliated institution(s) before formal submission of the application package.

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