

**Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program**  
Group Joint Study Project Program FY2018: Application Guidelines

Applications are now being accepted for Group Joint Study Projects in FY2018 as part of the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program.

In promoting research and exchange between Japan and the U.S., this program is intended to create a stable collaborative research relationship between the research groups based in Japan and the U.S.

The Group Joint Study Projects will focus on the promotion of research hubs through joint research in critical areas. The projects are tenable at select research institutes in Japan and the U.S. over a continuous two or three year period. Projects will only be considered if they can commence in FY2018. As one of the objectives is the fostering of young researchers, this program recommends the active participation in an experiment, etc. of young researchers.

Applicants should be aware that programs may be subject to change pending final budget decisions and multi-year support may be uncertain because of the expiration of the agreement for this program.

**Application Guidelines**

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| 1. Implementation Period     | Two to three years commencing in FY2018.  |
| 2. Research Fields           | All brain-related research in the following fields:<br>1. Cellular/ Molecular<br>2. Development/ Plasticity/ Repair<br>3. Behavioral/ Systems/ Cognitive<br>4. Neurobiology of Disease  |
| 3. Eligibility               | All applicants must be researchers engaged in brain-related research at a national, public or private university or related research institute in Japan and eligible to apply to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for funding under the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific-Research Program ( <i>Kakenhi</i> ). students may be included as collaborating members.   |
| 4. Expenses                  | Travel expenses and per diem will be provided for the principal and collaborating researchers on the Japanese side to conduct collaborative research in the U.S. These will be provided in accordance with the National Institutes of Natural Sciences regulations, to a maximum of JPY1.2 million per fiscal year. In addition, the U.S. principal researcher shall make arrangements for the payment of any expenses incurred by the U.S. group that are necessary for the joint study. |
| 5. Selection & Notification  | Applications will be screened by the Research Plan Committee, with final decisions made by the representative of each research field. Notification of results is scheduled for the beginning of January 2018.<br><br>The principal researcher of each successful research group must file an application to continue the relevant research project on an annual basis from FY2018 onwards. This will be reviewed by the Research Plan Committee.  |
| 6. U.S.Principal Researchers | Applications should only be submitted once unofficial preliminary arrangements have been made with the prospective host institute in the U.S.   |

7. Application Documentation	<p>(1) Form 2-1: Application for Group Joint Study Project Program FY2018 (in Japanese) (1 x original)</p> <p>(2) Form 2-2: Research Plan (in English) (1 x original)</p> <p>(3) Record of correspondence with the prospective institute in the U.S. (1 x copy)</p> <p>(4) Supporting documentation (where required) (1 x copy per document)</p> <p>All applications must be submitted by post and comprise documents (1) through (4) above.</p> <p>In addition to postal submission, applicants should also send copies of documents (1) through (4) above in either PDF or Word format by email to the address below.</p> <p>In regard to (3), please submit a document that can confirm the agreement to hold the joint study with the other party.</p> <p>Note: Please download the application forms from <a href="http://www.nips.ac.jp/jusnou/eng/">http://www.nips.ac.jp/jusnou/eng/</a> and prepare the forms with the use of word-processing software.</p> <p>In regard to (1), please prepare the form within 5 pages.</p>
8. Application Deadline	Must arrive by September 8, 2017 (Friday)
9. Mailing Address	<p>International Affairs Section  International Relations and Research Cooperation Division  Okazaki Administration Center  National Institutes of Natural Sciences  38 Nishigonaka, Myodaiji, Okazaki, Aichi 444-8585 JAPAN  Tel: +81-(0)564-55-7137 Fax: +81-(0)564-55-7119  E-mail: <a href="mailto:japan-us-brcp@orion.ac.jp">japan-us-brcp@orion.ac.jp</a></p>
10. Notes	<p>The principal researcher of each research group will be notified of the necessary procedures for organizing the implementation of the research project. The principal researcher will be responsible for coordinating travel arrangements for collaborating researchers in his or her group.</p> <p>The principal researcher is required, on completion of the research period, to submit a post-project report (Form 2-4) and publicity photos relating to the Group Joint Study Project. He or she will also be required to present the group's interim report for interim assessment in the second year of the Group Joint Study Project Program and research findings at a debriefing session the following year after the termination of the joint study (scheduled in mid-November to mid-December).</p> <p>Applicants should be aware that by applying they are consenting to their name and reports being published on the NIPS website. Moreover, when presenting their achievements in the 2018 Program, applicants are required to note that funds for research were provided by the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program.</p>
11. Previous Recipients	1) Any applicant who has previously been in receipt of research funding from the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program

and is reapplying for funds should set out his or her reasons for reapplication in detail in Section 8, Research Plan (1) Overall Research Plan and Future Prospects in Form 2-1 (Application) and in Form 2-2 (Research Plan)

2) For the research plan that calls for compliance with the protection of human rights and laws and regulations, please make sure to include the examination situation of the Institutional Review Board, etc. in the record of correspondence with the prospective institute in the U.S.

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Application for Group Joint Study Project Program FY2018

Field:

1. Principal Researcher for Group Joint Study Project

Name (Furigana):

Seal:

Title and Affiliation:

Address of the Affiliation:

Contact Information

Tel:

E-mail:

2. Research Title

Title in Japanese:

Title in English:

3. Japanese Group Organization

Principal Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Collaborating Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

4. U.S. Group Organization

Principal Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Collaborating Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

5. Research Period (Max. of 3 years) (yyyy/mm/dd):

From                      to                      (              years)

6. Motive for Application (Please note in detail the need for joint study.)

7. Division of Roles between the Researchers:

## 8. Research Plan

(1) Abstract and Future Outlook of the Entire Research Plan

(2) Specific Research Plan in FY2018

(3) Expected Result of Research

## 9. Dispatch Plan

Dispatch Plan in FY2018

Dispatched Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Period of Dispatch (yyyy/mm/dd):

Host Institute:

Dispatch Plan in FY2019

Dispatched Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Period of Dispatch (yyyy/mm/dd):

Host Institute:

Dispatch Plan in FY2020

Dispatched Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Period of Dispatch (yyyy/mm/dd):

Host Institute:

## 10. Major Publications (Max. of 10 publications):

## 11. Grants from Other Institutions (Please note major grants including grants that are under application and scheduled for application. Please specify research title, amount of research fund, research period, and roles of the principal researcher, collaborating researcher, etc. with respect to each grant.)

Field:\_\_\_\_\_

Project Title:

Japanese Group

Principal Researcher:

Name

Title

Affiliation

Contact Details

Tel

Email

Collaborating Researcher(s):

(Names, Titles, Affiliations, Contact Details for all)

U.S. Group

Principal Researcher:

Name

Title

Affiliation

Collaborating Researcher(s):

(Names, Titles, Affiliations for all)

Proposed Period : From

To

( Years)

Research Plan (150-200 Words) :

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Group Joint Study Project Program FY2018 - FY20\_\_: Report

Field:

1. Principal Researcher for Group Joint Study Project

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

2. Research Title

3. Japanese Group Organization

Principal Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Collaborating Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

4. U.S. Group Organization

Principal Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Collaborating Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

5. Research Period (Max. of 3 years) (yyyy/mm/dd): From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ years)

6. Abstract, Result, and Significance of the Study (1,000 Japanese characters):

7. Other (Practical problem and special instruction)

Note: If you have any reference material, please attach them.

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Group Joint Study Project Program FY2018 - FY20\_\_ : Report

Field: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Principal Researcher

Name

Title

Affiliation

2. Project Title:

3. Japanese Group

Names, Titles and Affiliations of Principal Researcher and Collaborating Research Members

4. U.S. Group

Names, Titles and Affiliations of Principal Researcher and Collaborating Research Members

5. Research Period, from/to (mm/dd/yyyy) and total number of years.

6. Abstract, Results, and Research Significance (300 words):

7. Other (Research-related concerns, particular points of note):

\*Please attach any reference materials as necessary.