

Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program

Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018: Application Guidelines

Applications are now being accepted for the Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program 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 particularly intended for young researchers to learn new ways of thinking and skills and to seize opportunities to start joint Japan-U.S. research by participating in U.S. research.

Participants in the Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program will take part in joint research in a U.S. host institute in FY2018. They are expected to produce outstanding results through their research, and to maintain close and cooperative relationships with their host institute after the period of dispatch has been completed.

Applicants should be aware that programs may be subject to change pending final budget decisions.

Application Guidelines

1. 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 (*Kakenhi*). In principle, applications are only considered from applicants who obtained a PhD within 10 years as of September 8, 2017. (Applicants who obtained the degree on or after September 9, 2007)
2. Research fields All brain-related research in the following fields:
 1. Cellular/ Molecular
 2. Development/ Plasticity/ Repair
 3. Behavioral/ Systems/ Cognitive
 4. Neurobiology of Disease
3. Period Maximum 9 months
(must not overlap into two financial years)
4. Expenses Travel and living expenses provided
(in accordance with the National Institutes of Natural Sciences regulations)
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.
6. Contact with U.S. Applications should only be submitted once unofficial preliminary arrangements have been made with the prospective host institute in the U.S.
7. Application Documentation
 - (1) Form 1-1: Application for Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018 (in Japanese) (1 x original)
 - (2) Form 1-2: Curriculum Vitae of Applicant for Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018 (in Japanese) (1 x original)
 - (3) Form 1-3: Research Plan FY2018 (in English) (1 x original)
 - (4) Form 1-4: Curriculum Vitae (in English) (1 x original)
 - (5) Letter of acceptance by the prospective institute in the U.S. (1 x copy)

(6) Supporting documentation (where required) (1 x copy per document)

All applications must be submitted by post and comprise documents (1) through (6) above.

In addition to postal submission, applicants should also send copies of documents (1) through (6) above in either PDF or Word format by email to the address below.

Note: Please download the application forms from <http://www.nips.ac.jp/jusnou/eng/> and prepare the forms with the use of word-processing software. In regard to (1), please prepare the form within 3 pages.

8. Application Deadline Must arrive by September 8, 2017 (Friday)

9. Mailing Address International Affairs Section
International Relations and Research Cooperation Division
Okazaki Administration Center
National Institutes of Natural Sciences
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Tel: +81-(0)564-55-7137 Fax: +81-(0)564-55-7119
E-mail: japan-us-brcp@orion.ac.jp

10. Notes

Successful applicants are required, on completion of their period in the U.S., to submit a post-dispatch report (Form 1-5) and publicity photos relating to the researchers dispatched to the U.S. Program. Applicants will also be required to present their research findings at a debriefing session, the following year after their dispatch (scheduled in mid-November to mid-December 2019).

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 clearly specify their institute of affiliation in Japan, and note that funds for research were provided by the Japan-U.S. Brain Research Cooperation Program.

11. Additional Information 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 7, Research Plan at U.S. Institute in Form 1-1 (Application) and in Form 1-3 (Research Plan Abstract).
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 letter of acceptance by the prospective institute in the U.S.

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Application for Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018

Field:

1. Applicant

Name:

Seal:

Title and Affiliation:

Address of the Affiliation:

Contact Information

Tel:

E-mail:

2. Research Title

Title in Japanese:

Title in English:

3. Expected Period of Dispatch (yyyy/mm/dd):

From to (months)

4. Host Institute in the U.S.

Name of Institute:

Address:

Host Researcher:

E-mail:

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

6. Division of Roles between the Researchers:

7. Research Plan in the Host Institute in the U.S.:

8. Reference

Name:

Seal:

Title and Affiliation:

Reason for Recommendation:

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Curriculum Vitae of Applicant for Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018

1. Name (Furigana):
2. Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): Age:
3. Sex: M/F
4. Academic and Professional Background after Graduation from University:

5. Research History:

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

7. 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 and research period with respect to each grant.)

RESEARCH PLAN FY2018

Field: _____

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| Name | | Age | |
| Title and Affiliation | | | |
| U.S. Host Researcher & Institute | | | |
| Expected Period of Stay (mm/dd/yyyy) | From: To: Total months: | | |
| Research Title | | | |
| Research Plan Abstract | | | |

CURRICULUM VITAE

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|---|------------|
| Name: | Sex: M / F |
| Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): | |
| Affiliation: | |
| Title (Present post): | |
| Contact Information: Work Address: Tel: Email: | |
| Academic Background after Graduation from University: | |
| Professional Background: | |
| Major Publications (Max. of 10 publications): | |

Japan-U.S Brain Research Cooperation Program
Researchers Dispatched to the U.S. Program FY2018: Report

Field:

1. Researcher

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

2. Research Title:

3. Researcher and Institute in the U.S.

Name:

Title and Affiliation:

Institute:

4. Period of Dispatch (yyyy/mm/dd): From _____ to _____

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

6. Other (Practical problem and special instruction)

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

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Field: _____

1. Researcher

Name

Title

Affiliation:

2. Research Title:

3. U.S. Joint Researchers/Institutes

Please give the name, title and affiliation.

4. Research Period, from/to (mm/dd/yyyy):

5. Abstract, Results, and Research Significance (300 Words):

6. Other (Research concerns, particular points of note):

*Please attach any reference materials as necessary.