Applications are now being accepted for the Training Course Dispatch to the U.S. Program FY2021 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 students who are enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a Japanese to learn new ways of thinking and skills and to seize opportunities to start research exchange by participating training courses in U.S.

Participants are expected to start research exchange through their result after the training course has been completed.

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

Application Guidelines

1. Eligibility
   Students who are enrolled in the Ph.D. program at a Japanese university

2. Research fields
   All brain-related research in the following fields:
   1. Cellular/ Molecular
   2. Development/ Plasticity/ Repair
   4. Neurobiology of Disease

3. Period
   Period necessary for participating in the training course that the applicant is admitted to. (Excluding mere participation in conferences
   (Must not overlap into two financial years)

4. Expenses
   Travel and living expenses provided within the range of the project budget.
   (in accordance with the National Institutes of Natural Sciences rules, etc.)

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 2021.

6. Application Documentation
   (1) Form 4-1: Application for Training Course Dispatch to the U.S. Program FY2021 (in English) (1 x original)
   (2) Program of the training course or its URL (1Xcopy)
   (3) Additional information (If necessary) (1Xcopy)

   All applications must be submitted by post and comprise documents (1) through (3) above.

   In addition to postal submission, applicants should also send copies of documents (1) through (3) 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. The character size and the font should respectively be 10 point or larger and “Times New Roman”. In regard to (1), please prepare the form within approximate 2 pages.
7. Application Deadline  Must arrive by September 4, 2020 (Friday)

7. Mailing Address  International Affairs Section
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9. Notes  Training courses such as at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) and at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory are subject to this program. Mere presentation at a conference in the U.S is not covered by this program.

          Successful applicants are required, on completion of their period in the U.S., to submit a report (Form 4-3) and publicity photos relating to the training course dispatch to the U.S Program.

          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 2020 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.