



*Joint Egyptian Japanese Scientific
Cooperation (JEJSC)*



***The Science and Technology Development Fund
and
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
Jointly announce the
First call for proposals for Scientific Cooperation***

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General Information and Guidelines for Proposals

Background

Within the Framework of the Science and Technology decade (2007-2016) announced by the Egyptian President, the year 2008 was designated as the Egyptian Japanese year of Science and Technology as an initiative from the Egyptian and Japanese Ministers for Higher Education and Scientific Research. This initiative is considered as a platform for increased scientific cooperation between Japan and Egypt and establishing cooperative networks between Egyptian and Japanese scientists and their educational and technological institutions.

As a result of the efforts exerted during the Egyptian Japanese year of Science and Technology, the Egyptian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Hany Helal and the President of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Motoyuki Ono signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Scientific Cooperation. Later, the Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) signed the details for implementation as the two executing funding agencies. This is the announcement of the first call for proposals in the framework of the cooperation between the Egyptian and Japanese governments.

Aim of the program

The purpose of this program is to establish a new cooperation or to further advance an existing one in areas of mutual interest. In addition the program will promote exchange visits between Egyptian and Japanese scientists and will support the coordination of joint seminars and therefore will lay the ground for a longer term relationship. This call for proposals supports:

- A. Joint research projects; and
- B. Joint seminars.

A. Joint research projects:

This activity supports bilateral mobility of scientist within the framework of a jointly submitted research project of a period of 2 years. The purpose of these projects is to establish a new cooperation or to further advance an existing one in areas of mutual interest.

Eligibility for funding

- Teams of researchers consisting of at least one Egyptian and one Japanese researcher are eligible for funding.
- Teams have to be based at Egyptian and Japanese research organizations/ commercial enterprises and they should be working in their home countries.
- Egyptian state and non-state institutions of higher education, non-university research institutions or commercial enterprises including SMEs are eligible for funding.
- Eligible Japanese institutions are listed on the website: <http://www.shinsei.jstps.go.jp/kikan-a/>

Funding

STDF will provide funding of up to 145,000 Egyptian Pounds per project to the Egyptian team, and JSPS will provide annual funding of up to JPY 2,500,000 per project to the Japanese team.

It is expected that primary financing for the collaborative research project, including personnel costs, is already available or will be available to both sides from other sources.

The sending side will cover international travel expenses between the two countries, daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel, for its own scientist, in the receiving country and the participants' own country. A portion of the research costs (consumables and other minor research expenses) will also be covered, given that the total budget does not exceed the maximum budget provided by this grant scheme. The receiving side will cover the costs of daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country for the country's scientist as well as a portion of the research costs (Consumables and other minor research expenses)

Medical insurance should be included in the travel costs.

Allowed Per diem is \$ 250 per day.

Evaluation criteria:

Submitted proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- a) Scientific excellence
- b) Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan and expectation of its advancing the research
- c) Necessity of cooperation, added value gained, and mutual research advancement through transfer of knowledge and expertise.
- d) Impact of outcomes on improving the quality of life, contributing to socioeconomic development, and/or solving prevailing social issues of mutual interest.
- e) Participation of young researchers
- f) Quality and originality of the envisaged research approach.
- g) Quality of the research team.
- h) Quality of the planned collaboration and recognizable value added for the partner institutions.

Application Submission Procedures

- Simultaneously, the Egyptian leader of a research team and the Japanese leader of a research team should submit 2 identical applications to STDF and JSPS respectively.
- Applications submitted only by one side will not be accepted.
- All applications to STDF must be uploaded on its website www.stdf.org.eg

Monitoring

Joint monitoring reports should be submitted to both sides within one month after each visit. And a final report should be submitted within one month after the end of the project. The reports should include the following:

- Achievement and work done during the visits.
- Relevance of the carried out activities and the achievements to the objectives of the project and expected outcomes.

Duration

Mutual visits of the academics / scientists should be justified in terms of number, duration, expenses and purpose of visit. Support for research mobility will be granted for up to two years, based on the successful implementation of the project.

Deadline for submission is the 14th of September 2009.

Applications received from Egyptian applicants after the deadline (11:59 pm Cairo Local Time) will not be considered.

Applications received from Japanese applicants after the deadline will not be considered.

Contents of the application form

The proposal should include the following sections, if any of these sections is missing the proposal will be considered ineligible.

1. General Data: (for Egyptian & Japanese PI)
 - Name
 - Title
 - Date of birth
 - Field of expertise
 - Institution
 - Contact info
2. Project Details
 - Project Title (English & Arabic)
 - Project duration
 - Area of research (please select one of the following themes: engineering, material, agriculture, ICT, basic sciences, medical, pharmacy, humanities)
3. Project Abstract (English & Arabic)
4. Background
5. Wider Objectives
6. Originality and Innovation of project
7. Justification for Japanese Egyptian Collaboration
8. Expected outcomes
9. Additional benefit through cooperation with Japanese partners
10. Budget justification & Budget Table for Egyptian Team & Japanese Team
11. Schedule of Visits for the Egyptian and Japanese research team.
12. Detailed plan of work including the role and work distribution of each side.
13. Institutional Endorsement (JPG or GIF format)
14. CVs of all Egyptian and Japanese research team members

The proposal should be uploaded in one file pdf format and all sections should be included in the same order otherwise your proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.

B. Seminars

This activity supports seminars and workshops submitted to both STDF and JSPS within the framework of cooperation.

Eligibility for funding

- Teams of participants consisting of both Egyptian and Japanese scientists and stakeholders are eligible for funding.
- Teams have to be based at Egyptian or Japanese research organizations/ commercial enterprises and scientists should be working in their home countries.
- Egyptian state and non-state institutions of higher education, non-university research institutions or commercial enterprises including SMEs are eligible for funding.
- Eligible Japanese institutions are listed on the website: <http://www.shinsei.jps.go.jp/kikan-a/>

Funding

STDF will provide funding of up to 85,000 Egyptian Pounds per seminar/ workshop to the Egyptian team, and JSPS will provide up to JPY 1,500,000 per seminar/ workshop to the Japanese team.

Allowed Per diem is \$ 250 per day.

Medical insurance should be included in the travel costs.

The sending side will cover international travel expenses between the two countries. In addition, for its own scientists, it will cover daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country; and costs to hold preparatory meetings in the participant's own country

The receiving side will cover daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel for its own scientists in the receiving country and local organizing expenses for holding seminars/ workshops including expenses for the conference and required materials and communications.

Evaluation criteria:

Seminars will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a) Scientific excellence
- b) Feasibility and concreteness of the seminar and its outcome
- c) Necessity of cooperation, added value gained, and mutual research advancement through transfer of knowledge and expertise.
- d) Impact of outcomes on improving the quality of life, contributing to socioeconomic development, and/or solving prevailing social issues of mutual interest.
- e) Participation of young researchers
- f) How the results of the seminar will be utilized to foster further cooperation.

Application Submission Procedures

- Each of the Egyptian side and the Japanese side, intending to hold a seminar, should submit 2 identical seminar proposals to STDF and JSPS respectively.
- All applications to STDF must be uploaded on its website www.stdf.org.eg

Monitoring

A joint report should be submitted to STDF and JSPS within one month after holding the seminar/ workshop. The report should include the following:

- Achievements done during the seminar.
- Results and recommendations of the seminar and future plans based on the achieved results.

Duration

Duration of each Seminar/ workshop should not exceed one week.

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Applications received from Japanese applicants after the deadline will not be considered.

Contents of the application form

The proposal should include the following sections, if any of these sections is missing the proposal will be considered ineligible.

1. General Data (of organizers and participants Egyptians and Japanese):
 - Name
 - Title
 - Date of birth
 - Field of expertise
 - Institution
 - Contact info
2. Seminar Details
 - Seminar Title (English & Arabic)
 - Seminar duration
 - Field of science (please select one of the following themes: engineering, material, agriculture, ICT, basic sciences, medical, pharmacy, humanities)
3. Concept of the seminar (English & Arabic)
4. Background
5. Wider Objectives
6. Justification for Japanese Egyptian Collaboration
7. Expected outcomes
8. Potential for industrial or practical application of the seminar results
9. Additional benefit through cooperation with Japanese partners
10. Budget justification & Budget Table for both Egyptian and Japanese Teams
11. Possible dates for holding the seminar.
12. Time schedule and role of each party
13. Institutional recommendations (JPG or GIF format)
14. CVs of all Egyptian and Japanese research team members (all in one pdf file)

The proposal should be uploaded in one file pdf format and all sections should be included in the same order otherwise your proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.