

**Japan-Indonesia
Joint Call for Proposals:
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and
The National Research and Innovation Agency
of The Republic of Indonesia (BRIN)**

**Japan-Indonesia Research Cooperative Program
2025**

Summary:

Activity Types			Joint Research Projects	Joint Seminars		
				Held in Indonesia	Held in Japan	
Program Name			Japan-Indonesia Research Cooperative Program between JSPS and BRIN			
Subject Areas			All fields of Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Emerging Technologies			
Max # to be selected			2	—		
Duration (Starting date of newly selected project/seminar)			From more than 1 year to 2 years (From 1 April 2026)		—	
Conditions of participation (excluding eligibility)				—	—	
Participants from third countries			—	—	—	
Cost sharing between JSPS and BRIN			JSPS and BRIN will cover the costs of its own country's participants.			
Expenses supported by JSPS	Total amount of JSPS funding		Up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year, and * A one-year duration: up to JPY 2,500,000 in total * The duration up until 2 years: a maximum of JPY 5,000,000 in total	—	—	
	Breakdown of travel expenses	Japanese participants	International travel	- International round-trip airfare from Japan to Indonesia - Travel expenses, daily allowance and accommodation fee in Indonesia, etc.	—	—
			Domestic travel	Travel expenses, daily allowance, accommodation fee, etc.	—	—
		Counterpart's participants		—	—	—
	Notes	Meeting expenses (seminars only)		—	—	—
		Overseas insurance premiums		JSPS covers overseas insurance premiums for Japanese participants, and BRIN for Indonesian participants.	—	—

BRIN support for Japanese participants	–	–	–
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted. Both PIs should, therefore, make sure that their counterparts submit a matching application. For details on the application procedures under this program, the Indonesian PIs should contact BRIN. • The Indonesian PIs are to submit their applications to BRIN by September 3rd, 2025. • The implementation period of joint research project on the Indonesian side begins on April 1st, 2026 and ends on March 31st, 2028. • Indonesian PI are eligible to utilize the researchers mobility program under the Directorate of Talent Management according to applicable program regulation. • The total amount of funding from BRIN: 1 billion Rupiahs per project per year. 		
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1. Introduction

JSPS and BRIN signed in 2025, a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) aiming to form sustainable scientific networks and promote cooperation between researchers from Japan and Indonesia.

Under the scope of this framework, JSPS and BRIN launch this Call for Proposals for research, jointly conceived and to be jointly implemented by researchers in Japan and Indonesia.

The two agencies will jointly fund up to two research projects in this call.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the National Research and Innovation Agency of the Republic of Indonesia (BRIN) are supporting joint research projects through strategic project support measures to promote cooperation between Japan and Indonesia. The measure is aimed at promoting joint research projects of mutual interest and thus contributing to intensified scientific and technological cooperation (STC) with each country.

At Japan-side, the aim of this program is _to form sustained networks evolved from individual scientist exchanges including young scientists. JSPS provides financial support to Japanese scientists implementing such bilateral joint research projects and seminars between research teams from Japan and counterpart countries._

At Indonesia-side, the aim of this program is to establish strong collaboration through joint call; fostering research and innovation by creating broad partnership through enhanced collaboration among Indonesian researchers and international collaborations with researchers from other countries. This program is under the RIIM Kolaborasi Scheme, funded by the investment gains of the Research Endowment Fund managed by the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP) under the Ministry of Finance.

2. Research Fields

This cooperative program will promote and support cooperation between highly qualified researchers affiliated with higher education institutions and research institutions in all fields of humanities, and social sciences, natural sciences and emerging technologies.

3. Researcher Eligibility

3.1 Eligible researchers for JSPS support:

Please refer “3. Eligibility of Japanese applicants” in “JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars FY 2026 Call for Proposals” in the Bilateral Programs website (<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>).

3.2 Eligible researchers for BRIN support:

- Any Indonesian citizen researcher affiliated with BRIN or other Indonesian research institution with appropriate legal registration for example universities, industry, and/or private community/organization that satisfy requirements predetermined by BRIN is eligible to apply.
- Other Indonesian research institutions (excluding BRIN) legally registered in Indonesia, must register with the Sistem Informasi Registrasi Lembaga Riset (SEBARIS): <https://sebaris.brin.go.id/daftar>, and comply with its requirement to meet the required administrative and legal obligations.
- The Principal Investigator must hold a doctoral degree (S3).
- Indonesian PIs must engage researchers from Japan who will be asked to take part in research activities.
- Indonesian PIs (exclude BRIN Researchers) may engage researchers from BRIN who will be asked to take part in research activities if only they are utilize the researcher mobility program and BRIN research infrastructure.
- The Principal Investigator must have a track record statement of research and/or publications relevant to the proposed research/project. Team members must have either a relevant research track record or clearly defined roles in the research project of where their skill sets provide added value. All researchers involved must submit their Curriculum Vitae, with their research track record detailed in the research experience section.
- Research institutes in Indonesia and the countries involved in joint research must have a clear work breakdown structure
- The proposed research or project requires a concept that will lead to the future utilization of research outcomes to the benefit of society
- The proposed document requires legal approval from an authorized official of the institution.
- Indonesian applicants will have to register their application on the BRIN Pendanaan System (<https://pendanaan-risnov.brin.go.id>). Each researcher in the research consortium must confirm their participation in the project through the BRIN Pendanaan System.
- The Principal Investigator and team members are allowed to be involved in up to 2 (two)

proposals for this Joint Call for Proposals, either as a Principal Investigator on 1 (one) proposal and a team member on 1 (one) proposal, or as a team member on 2 (two) proposals.

The Indonesian applicants must also complete a research ethical clearance done through the Research Ethical Clearance information system before the project started.

4. Characteristics of Proposals under this call

4.1 Proposal for JSPS

A joint proposal must be written in Japanese or English and must follow the instructions in the JSPS application format. Japan-based Principal Investigators (PIs) must also submit the full application form for the Japan side in Japanese, as required by JSPS. As the proposal formats differ between BRIN and JSPS, the content submitted by both sides must remain aligned. To facilitate identification and matching of proposals, identical project titles must be used, and applicants are encouraged to include a project acronym.

4.2 Proposal for BRIN

- A joint proposal must be written in English and must comply with the Call Guideline and instructions in the Joint Application Form. As the proposal formats differ between BRIN and JSPS, the content submitted by both sides must remain aligned. To facilitate identification and matching of proposals, identical project titles must be used, and applicants are encouraged to include a project acronym.
- Supporting documents required by BRIN—such as a signed approval sheet from the institution's authorized official, Curriculum Vitae of the Indonesian PI and all team members, and the detailed proposed budget (RAB)—must be written in English and submitted along with the proposal to BRIN.

5. Amount of Funding

5.1. Amount of Funding by JSPS:

JSPS will support each Japan-based team up to JPY 2,500,000 per fiscal year. The duration up until 2 years: a maximum of JPY 5,000,000 in total.

5.2. Amount of Funding by BRIN:

BRIN will support up to 1 billion Indonesian Rupiahs per project per year. Based on the results of annual reviews, research funding can be implemented for a maximum of years. The budget for a project may differ each year, depending on the content of activities and the results of annual reviews. The amount will be adjusted each year due to the budgetary limitation for this program. No cross-border funding will be allowed in the implementation of the joint research projects.

Please refer to Annex 1 regarding the detail Fund disbursement for the Indonesia PIs.

6. Eligible costs

6.1. Eligible costs for JSPS:

Please refer “【Indonesia】 National Research and Innovation Agency of the Republic of Indonesia: BRIN” in “JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars FY 2026 Call for Proposals” in the Bilateral Problems website (<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>).

6.2. Eligible costs for BRIN:

Direct expenses are expenses directly used for research purposes at the awarded research institution, and can be used for the following:

- Consumables: This includes acquiring chemicals or materials essential for research or production components;
- Personnel Costs: Funding is available only to compensate field workers for their contributions (funding cannot cover personnel expenses for administrative staff);
- Travel costs: Travel expenses are applicable for domestic travel that directly related to research activities, as well as facilitating the mobility of Indonesian and foreign researchers through BRIN's researcher mobility scheme managed by the Directorate of Talent Management. The Researcher Mobility Scheme is exclusively for BRIN researchers. However, Indonesian researchers from other institutions may apply for researcher mobility funding only if they collaborate with BRIN research group. Further information about the researcher mobility scheme, including its provisions and access to the BRIN research group database, can be found at <https://manajementalentabr.in.go.id/>;
- Meals for meeting that directly related to the research, takes place within the office of the respective institution; and
- Equipment/software purchases with maximum up to 10% of the budget or 50 (fifty) million IDR.

In addition to the above, please note that Indonesian grants cannot cover these following:

- Capital expenditure;
- Personnel expenses for PI, Co-PI, research assistant, and administrative staff;
- Expenses for organizing and hosting events (such as workshop, focus group discussion) outside the office of the respective institution;
- Expenses for publication and international conference (including registration and attending the international conference).

7. Submission

The Principal Investigator from Japan must submit the collaborative proposal to JSPS and the Principal Investigator from Indonesia must submit the joint proposal to BRIN. **Identical copies of the proposal must be submitted to JSPS and BRIN, respectively.**

7.1. Submission procedure for JSPS:

Application documents by the Japan-based researcher should be submitted through the JSPS Online Application System.

Please refer “【Indonesia】 National Research and Innovation Agency of the Republic of Indonesia: BRIN” in “JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars FY 2026 Call for Proposals” in the Bilateral Problems website (<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>).

7.2. Submission procedure for BRIN:

Application documents by the Indonesian researcher should be submitted through BRIN Pendanaan System (<https://pendanaan-risnov.brin.go.id/>)

8. Timeline

Call announcement: July 14, 2025 at 15:00 (Japan Time)

at 13:00 WIB (Indonesia Time)

Deadline of submission: September 03, 2025—at 17:00 (Japan Time)

— at 15:00 WIB (Indonesia Time)

Expected selection results announcement: Januari 2026 (tentative)

Expected start of granted projects: April 2026 (tentative)

9. Assessment and Selection

9.1. Evaluation Procedure

Committees consisting of experts selected by JSPS and BRIN respectively will evaluate all proposals. Based on the results of the evaluation, JSPS and BRIN will make a common decision regarding funding of selected proposals.

9.2 Criteria for evaluating proposals

The following general evaluation criteria will apply to each proposed proposal:

- Consistency with the research field of the call
- Capability of Research Leaders
- Expected scientific results of the joint research
- Synergy effects of international collaboration
- Validity of research plan
- Validity of exchange plan
- Expected economic and social impact of the joint research
- Feasibility of implementation (given proposed plan, participants, budget, facilities, means of cooperation, etc.)

10. Contract between Researchers

10.1. the Japan-based PIs

Please refer “Post-selection procedures” in the Bilateral Problems website (https://www.jsp.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/saiyou_jimu.html). *Only in Japanese.

10.2. the Indonesian PIs

A contract for cooperative research MUST be entered into among institutions with which collaborating researchers are affiliated for implementing actual research collaboration. The contract for cooperative research shall include conclusions of discussions among the institutions which are entitled to intellectual property arising as a result of research collaboration, and the institutions concerned on issues regarding treatment of research information brought by

researchers involved for the implementation of research collaboration, of research achievements as a result of research collaboration and of intellectual properties among the concerned institutions.

10.3. Ethical Clearance and Foreign Research Permit

Ethical clearance from Ethics Committee must be obtained before the research commences. Foreign parties involved in the joint research activities who will conduct research activities in Indonesia have to obtain a research permit. To obtain a research permit, foreign parties must apply for Research Ethical Clearance and foreign research permit request. This application is done through the Research Ethical Clearance information system (<https://klirensetik.brin.go.id>)

10.4. Material Transfer Agreement

Awardee agree that any tangible research materials required to be taken from the Republic of Indonesia for research purposes of the approved collaborative project shall be transferred through a Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) between concerned research organizations in strict compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Indonesia. In addition, Awardee also agree to strictly comply with the rules of the Security Export Control in Japan based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act under international export control regimes when taking advanced goods and technologies from Japan overseas.

10.5. Intellectual Property

In the event of joint research cooperation, it is the responsibility of the respective member of the collaborating project partners to determine in advance how any exploited IP will be divided amongst the partners in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective countries of the institutions Participants and the institutions' policies and procedures. Details of this agreement shall be included in the collaborative agreement.

10.6. Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge

10.6.1 The Parties recognize the importance of the protection of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources (hereinafter referred to as the "GRTK"). Awardee to carry out any research activities in accordance with the provisions of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) FAO, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Nagoya Protocol, and other related international agreements, particularly taking into account the principle of prior informed consent and of fair and equitable benefit sharing.

10.6.2 Details regarding the management of GRTK shall be included in the Collaborative Agreement of any collaborative projects.

10.7. Data and Material Management

Data and information resulting from the research activities shall be submitted and stored at the National Scientific Repository of BRIN through the page <https://rin.brin.go.id/> in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;

Material or specimens resulted from the research activities must be lodged with the BRIN cq. Directorate of Scientific Collection Management.

11. Reporting

11.1. the Japan-based PIs

Please refer “Post-selection procedures” in the Bilateral Problems website (https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/saiyou_jimu.html). *Only in Japanese.

11.2. the Indonesian PIs

The Indonesian PIs shall submit to BRIN a progress of research activities, output achievements, financial report, and a research plan for the year ahead. A financial report showing that at least 80% of the grant has been used is required for requesting a second term payment instalment.

At the end of the period of funding and after completion of the joint research, the Indonesian PIs shall submit a final report which shall include a description of the research activities, outputs and outcomes, and financial report to BRIN within one month.

The expected output for Indonesian applicant includes:

1. Two journal articles with minimum under review status to Q1 or Q2 international journal, where the Indonesian lead is first author or co-author and/or corresponding author; and/or
2. Intellectual Property with minimum registered status, with a principle of equity noted as a collaborative agreement.

The report shall include a general summary of the activities of both the Japanese and the Indonesian research teams. If papers describing results of the research activities are presented to academic journals, societies etc., a list of those papers and other related information should be attached to the final report. Detailed instructions for preparation of the final report will be provided to the Indonesian Principal Investigator during the final year of the project. Completed projects will be duly evaluated and excellent outcomes may be made public. All outputs produced by the project must include the logo of BRIN and LPDP.

12. Contact information

Japan-based applicants: inquiries to JSPS regarding this Call for Proposals should be sent to kenkyouka13@jsps.go.jp

Indonesia-based applicants: inquiries to BRIN regarding this Call for Proposals should be sent to dana-risnov@brin.go.id.

Annex 1.

Fund Disbursement for the Indonesian PIs.

1. Research funding is disbursed through a transfer from the LPDP operational account to the recipient institution's account;
2. The disbursement of research funding as mentioned in point (1) is done per proposal title;
3. The disbursement of research funding is carried out under the following conditions;
 - a. 1 (one) stage per period with the funding amount for the first period not exceeding or equal to IDR 250,000,000 (two hundred fifty million Rupiah) after the PIs meets the requirements for fund disbursement.
 - b. 2 (two) stages per period with the funding amount for the first period exceeding IDR 250,000,000 (two hundred fifty million Rupiah) after the PIs meets the requirements for fund disbursement.
4. The disbursement stages in subsequent periods follow the disbursement stages of the first period as mentioned in point (3);
5. If there is a remaining balance of research funding at the end of the period, the disbursement of research funding in the following period can only be done after the recipient institution returns the entire remaining balance;
6. The requirements for disbursing research funding after meeting the disbursement conditions are as follows:
 - a. A cooperation Agreement between BRIN and the recipient institution, signed by both parties;
 - b. The proposal along with the budget details (RAB) according to the approved funding amount;
 - c. Revised research activity plan documents according to reviewer feedback and board meeting results;
 - d. Other required documents.
7. Disbursement requirement documents are uploaded through eRispro <https://risprolpdp.kemenkeu.go.id>;
8. For researcher mobility activities, proposals should be submitted and follow the procedures of the BRIN Talent Management Directorate.

Return of Remaining Funds and Misused Funds:

1. During each Evaluation, the Directorate of Research and Innovation Funding, under the Deputy for Facilitation of Research and Innovation (hereinafter refer to as DFRI BRIN) verifies the remaining unused funds and/or funds that have been used for unintended purposes;
2. If there are remaining funds and/or funds used for unintended purposes, they must be returned by the beneficiary to LPDP;

3. If there are remaining funds and/or funds used for unintended purposes that must be returned by the beneficiary, DFRI BRIN will request the return of funds from the beneficiary;
4. DFRI BRIN ensures that the return of funds is made by the beneficiary to LPDP no later than 60 calendar days after the notification letter is received by the beneficiary; and
5. The return of funds by the beneficiary is done through a transfer via the account or virtual account specified by LPDP.

CLOSING REMARKS

This document serves as a mandatory reference for all applicants and stakeholders involved in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the **Japan-Indonesia Joint Call for Proposals: Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and The National Research and Innovation Agency of The Republic of Indonesia (BRIN) Japan-Indonesia Research Cooperative Program**, coordinated by the Directorate of Research and Innovation Funding at BRIN.

All parties participating in this scheme are required to comply with the rules, requirements, and procedures set forth in this guideline.

Jakarta, 14 July 2025

Director of Research and Innovation Funding



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