

Bilateral Exchange Program JSPS-NRF Joint Research Project Application Guideline for FY2005/ 2006

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Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
National Research Foundation**

1. Purpose

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the National Research Foundation (NRF) conduct programs in accordance with their mutual agreement on international scientific collaboration. The JSPS-NRF bilateral exchange program is aimed at providing support for research jointly conducted by Japanese and South African researchers.

JSPS will accept applications for this program through its electronic application system.

NRF will receive 3 hard copy applications via the research office of the research institutions on the attached application form

2. Eligible Countries, Counterpart Organizations, Programs, Number of Projects Selected, and Target Fields

Country	Counterpart Organization	Programs	Number of projects selected	Target Fields
South Africa	National Research Foundation (NRF)	Joint Research Project	4	Humanities/Social Science, Natural Science

3. Eligibility

The applicant must be a researcher employed full-time at one of the following research institutions.

- (1) Japanese national, public, or private universities or inter-university research institutes.
- (2) Japanese national laboratories or other organizations actively engaged in research, including independent administrative institutions, public corporations, non-profit organizations, and prefectural research institutes.

Please refer to the following URL for details. (available only in Japanese)

<https://www.shinsei.jsps.go.jp/jsps1/kikanList.do>

4. Requirements

Each project must meet the following criteria.

	Joint Research Projects
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">① Projects recognized as having high scientific value in the areas of potential development of new concepts and knowledge or unique methodologies.② Projects should clearly show the significance of Japanese and South African researchers jointly conducting research or holding meetings, including the exchange of knowledge and expertise between Japanese and South African researchers. (Projects should be clear on the necessity and significance of conducting programs with South Africa.)③ Projects should, in principle, <u>encourage the participation of young scientists.</u>④ Projects that are expected to make a societal contribution, including inheriting, passing on, and developing culture which serves as a foundation for society, improving the quality of life in society, and overcoming and solving issues facing modern society.
Japanese participants	Japanese participants must be full-time researchers employed at universities or other research institutions, or individuals holding a PhD or who are in the last half of their PhD courses.
South African principal researcher	South African principal researcher should be a researcher employed at research institutions or any of the higher education institution.
Composition of participants	Research Projects should be jointly conducted by Japanese and South African teams.
Duration	Up to 2 years
Commencement and Implementation Periods	Researchers must start their research between January 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007 and should be completed within two years of starting date.
Total amount of support provided	Up to 2.5 million yen per fiscal year/ In SA up to R 300 000.00 per fiscal year
Other requirements	In principle, trips to third countries are not allowed. (Field trips are exceptions.)

5. a) Support Provided by JSPS
(The following allowances will be provided to the Joint Research Projects principal researcher's affiliated institution.)

1) Joint Research Projects

< Allowances for Japanese researchers >

1. International travel costs:
Around-trip air ticket to and from the designated research location
2. Medical insurances in South Africa
3. Domestic travel allowance in Japan:
Domestic travel expenses for conducting Joint Research Projects
4. Research expenses:
Costs of expendable supplies, printing fees, communication expenses, conference expenses, honorarium, and miscellaneous expenses, etc.

< Allowances for South African researchers >

1. Living allowances and domestic travel expenses in Japan.

b) Support Provided by NRF

1. International travel costs: Return Airfare economy class to and from designated research location.
2. Local travel allowance while in Japan conducting joint research.
3. Research costs in South Africa, which include research consumables and supplies, printing fees, communication expenses, honorarium and miscellaneous expenses, etc.

6. Electronic Application Procedures

JSPS will accept applications submitted by an applicant's university or institution through its electronic application system. For detailed application procedures, please visit our website (available in only Japanese) at <http://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/>

Application Deadline

17:45 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2005

(Note that the deadline for applications may vary by institution.)

In South Africa applications will be submitted in a hard copy format and send to the:

International Science Grants: Japan 2005 Call

Ms Rose Msiza/ Ms Hillaria Mafolo

National Research Foundation, PO Box 2600, 0001 PRETORIA

Email: Nokukhanya@nrf.ac.za Tel: 012- 481 4032 Fax: 012-481 4044 or the NRF website: www.nrf.ac.za

Due Date: Friday 09 September 2005 at 16:30

7. Selection and Notification

By September 30, 2005, JSPS and NRF will exchange a list of applications for Joint Research Projects submitted to each organization. All applications are to be evaluated by each organization by November 30, 2005. Then, JSPS and NRF will hold discussions and decide which Joint Research Projects will be selected based on their own evaluations. JSPS will inform the president of affiliated institutions on Japanese side of their proposals' acceptance/rejection in December, 2005.

Application results are available through JSPS's electronic application system.

8. Post-selection Procedures

Principal researchers of Joint Research Projects are requested to submit their research proposals by a prescribed date. The amount to be provided by JSPS will be decided based on the proposal.

9. Administrative Duties of Joint Research Projects Principal Researchers and Their Affiliated Institutions

(1) Chief Accountant

An accountant at the principal researcher's institution will be designated as Chief Accountant of the Joint Research Projects and will be responsible for managing finances from their affiliated institution's office. **Notes) This is just an administrative matter in Japanese side.**

(2) Principal researchers of Joint Research Projects must submit a report through his/her university or institution using the prescribed format.

(3) When the research results from Joint Research Projects are published, it should be clearly stated that JSPS and NRF have supported the project.

10. Notes

(1) JSPS shall not be responsible for any sickness or accidents during the implementation period for Joint Research Projects.

(2) The names of the awardees, research meetings, and research themes as well as the names of principal researchers of Joint Research Projects in partner countries and reports are subject to public disclosure.

11. Contact

Contact for Joint Research Projects with South Africa

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For further details concerning application submission period at NRF and documents to be submitted, South African researchers are requested to contact the following address.

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