

Funding Program for Next Generation World-Leading Researchers



This outline information is for foreign researchers belonging to Japanese institutions.

1. Purposes

- To support “Next Generation World-Leading researchers,” especially young researchers, female researchers, and researchers deeply connected with regional activities.
- To promote “Green Innovation” and “Life Science Innovation” selected as the essential components in the “New Growth Policy”(Cabinet decision on December 30, 2009).

2. Qualification requirements

a) Age

- Male applicants must be under 45 years old, except for
 - Male applicants with Medical, Pharmaceutical, or Veterinary Sciences doctoral degrees earned at Japanese institutions.
 - Male applicants who took “child-care leave(s)” designated by Japanese law.
(Age limitations will be extended for a certain period.)
- There are no age limitations of female researchers.

b) Applicants must be principal investigators (including prospective principal investigators) or have same level responsibilities for research activities.

c) Applicants must belong to research institutions in Japan.

d) Research subject

- The research subject must be relevant to “Green Innovation” or “Life Science Innovation”.
- All R&D phases (basic, applied, or development research) and all research fields (natural science, social science, or humanities) are applicable.

“Green Innovation”

The purpose of “Green Innovation” is to contribute to overcome global warming and to construct sustainable society by promoting various challenging R&D subjects, which are not restricted to specific areas such as environment, natural resource, energy and food production.

“Life Science Innovation”

The purpose of “Life Science Innovation” is to contribute to construct healthy lives society by promoting various challenging R&D subjects including basic researches such as finding vital functions or causes of diseases.

3. Grant restrictions

- It is prohibited to receive any other grants unless you resign from this program.
- Maximum research period is four years (from FY2010 to FY2013), and maximum grant including overhead is 200 million yen for four years.

4. Application

- Applicants must submit their research design to the “Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)” directly *and* through the “Cross-ministerial R&D Management System (e-Rad)” by 5 p.m., May 20, 2010.
- Applicants must use the application format provided online and write their research design in Japanese or English.

Application format, contact point, other information and materials (only in Japanese) [<http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-jisedai/index.html>]

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