



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MEMORANDUM

FOR : STATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES

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Undersecretary for Research and Development

SUBJECT : Call for Proposals for the 2024 DOST- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Joint Research Project

DATE : 16 June 2023

We are pleased to announce the call for proposals for the 2024 Joint Research Program under the DOST- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) cooperation.

This bilateral exchange program provides support for research to be conducted jointly by Filipino and Japanese researchers in line with their mutual agreement on international scientific collaboration.

Interested applicants are requested to coordinate with their prospective collaborator / counterpart in Japan to craft their proposals. The Filipino researcher must submit the proposal to DOST while the Japanese counterpart should submit the same to JSPS for separate review and evaluation. Only projects approved by both DOST and JSPS will be implemented under this program.

Below is the timeline for your kind reference:

Date	Remarks
16 June 2023	Call for applications
5 September 2023	Deadline of submission
Late September - October 2023	Initial marching of project proposals
December 2023 - February 2024	Evaluation of project proposals and final matching of priority projects
From April 2024 onward	Start of project/funding

For the application guidelines and procedure, please refer to the enclosed document. The call for proposals will close on **05 September 2023, 5:00 PM**.

For further inquiries, you may contact Ms. Jinah Ruth Jomao-as of the International Technology Cooperation Unit (ITCU) at jsps@dost.gov.ph.

Thank you.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Department of Science and Technology – Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

2024 DOST-JSPS Joint Research Program

I. BACKGROUND

DOST-JSPS Joint Research Program, first launched in 2004, is a bilateral exchange program jointly conducted by Filipino and Japanese researchers in accordance with their mutual agreement on international scientific collaboration. It has the following objectives:

1. To contribute to scientific advancement by conducting bilateral research (including seminars) in a specific research field.
2. To provide opportunities for young researchers of Japan and the Philippines to meet, interact, and exchange ideas to build a robust S&T community in the region.

II. GENERAL CRITERIA

1. The applicant should be a Filipino PhD-holder, employed full-time in any DOST-recognized national, public or private universities, or research institution.
2. The research project should be aligned with the DOST Priority Areas under the Harmonized National Research and Development Agenda. Further, the duration of the project should run for a maximum of two (2) years.
3. The research project should be a collaborative work between a Filipino and a Japanese scientist/researcher. This means that matching applications must be submitted by the Filipino proponent and Japanese counterpart to DOST and JSPS, respectively. Both sides must jointly submit their applications for them to be considered. Additionally, it is crucial that the program title provided by both PIs is consistent and identical.
4. DOST shall provide annual funding of up to PHP1.25 million in support of the research project, including international travel expenses between Philippines and Japan; research-related domestic travel expense in the Philippines; medical and accident insurance; and daily allowances, accommodation, and domestic travel expenses in Japan of the Filipino team.

III. APPLICATION

Filipino applicants must submit their proposal online through the DOST Project Management Information System (DPMIS) on or before the closing date on **05 September 2023, 5:00 PM**. Email/physical submissions will not be considered.

Proponents must also provide the following additional requirements to be uploaded in Step 5 of the 6-step submission process:

1. Curriculum vitae capturing the capability to undertake research; and
2. Accomplishment reports and audited financial statements of previous DOST-funded projects, if any.

3. Endorsement letter signed by the applicant's head of institution addressed to the DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development.

The relevant links to the call for proposals are as follows:

- DPMIS: <https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/>
- DPMIS Video Tutorial: <https://bit.ly/DPMISvideo>
- DOST Forms (Guide only):
<https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/index.php/transparency/downloads/category/2-dost-forms>

Filipino applicants are advised to closely coordinate with his/her Japanese partner to meet the application requirements and deadline set by DOST and JSPS.

IV. EVALUATION

DOST and JSPS will review all the applications using a parallel evaluation process, with each institution deciding according to its regulations. This will entail an assessment of the quality of the proposed collaborative projects, including the competence and experience of the project proponent of both sides, and the expected outcomes of the collaboration.

The following criteria are to be taken into consideration when evaluating the applications:

1. Scientific excellence of the project;
2. Mutual advancement of research through transfer of knowledge and expertise;
3. Impact of outcomes on improving quality of life, contributing to socio-economic development, and/or solving prevailing social issues;
4. Contribution to fostering young researchers;
5. Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan and expectation of its advancing the research

DOST and JSPS, on mutual agreement, will select up to two (2) research projects for implementation in 2024. The results of the evaluation will be announced in March 2024.