

**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
2026**

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 (During the period between 1 April 2027 and 31 March 2028)	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
			Domestic travel		
		Counterpart's participants		_____	_____

	Notes	Meeting expenses (seminars only)	_____	_____	_____
		Overseas insurance premiums	JSPS covers overseas insurance premiums for Japanese participants.	_____	_____
BRIN support for Japanese participants			_____	_____	_____
Remarks			<u>Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted.</u> 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 3 September 2026. • The implementation period of joint research project on the Indonesian side begins on 1 April 2027 and ends on 31 March 2028. • Indonesian PIs 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: Up to IDR 1,000,000,000 for each joint research project per fiscal year. • For Indonesian side BRIN sets limit on the total number of projects that BRIN can support under ths collaboration program with all its counterpart agencies. For details, please refer to BRIN's application guidelines.		
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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 under this call, with the number of research project subject to change as mutually agreed by both parties.

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 2027 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/business entity, and/or private

community/organization that satisfy requirements predetermined by BRIN is eligible to apply. _

- Other research institutions legally registered in Indonesia, excluding BRIN, are encourage to 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 (PI) submitting proposal to BRIN must hold at least a Master degree (S2) with active enrollment in a Doctoral degree (S3) program.
- Applicants who are civil servants (ASN) shall continue to be dully assigned to their official duties and shall not have been relieved of or granted any exemption from such duties.
- The PI and team members must have a research track record and expertise relevant to the proposed research or clearly defined roles in the research project where their skill sets provide added value as stated in their Curriculum Vitae, with their research track record detailed in the research experience section.
- The PI and team members are allowed to be involved in up to 3 (three) proposals for this Joint Call for Proposals, either as a Principal Investigator on 1 (one) proposal and a team member on 2 (two) proposals, or as a team member on 3 (three) proposals.
- The proposed document requires legal approval from an authorized official of the institution.

Please note that the Indonesian applicants shall comply with the research ethical clearance from the Research Ethics Committee before the project started, including research permit for the foreign researchers involved in research project, by submitting an application to the Ethics Committee Authorized institution.

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 and shall comply with the applicable RIIM Kolaborasi guideline. 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 an authorized official of the institution, the Curriculum Vitae of the Indonesian PI and all team members, and the proposed budget details (RAB), must be written in English and shall comply with the applicable RIIM Kolaborasi guideline, and submitted along with the proposal to BRIN.

5. Amount of Funding

The total number of projects selected under this joint call is up to two research projects, with the number of research project subject to change as mutually agreed by both parties.

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/year, funded by the investment gains of the Research Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP) under the Ministry of Finance. Based on the results of annual reviews, research funding can be implemented for a maximum of two 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 according 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:

All funding terms and conditions shall be determined in accordance with the applicable RIIM Kolaborasi guideline prevailing at the time of designation as a grantee.

- Personnel costs for the entire project team members shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire amount funded (terms and conditions applied).
- Direct costs: expenses directly used for research purposes at the awarded research institution, and can be used for the following:
 - Purchase/procurement of chemicals/consumables or material essentials for research or production components

- Honorarium to compensate field workers for their contributions
- Honorarium for expert fee.
- All expenses arising from the convening of meetings
- Article Processing Charge (APC) for publishing research articles in a reputable high impact (Q1) international journal
- Capital expenditure shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the entire amount funded
- Costs for land and livestock rental for agricultural research and software license within a specified period
- Domestic travel that directly related to the research activities
- International travel for the purpose of obtaining research data shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the entire amount funded (terms and conditions applied)
- International travel in the form of Visiting Professor or joint research visits will be covered only if researcher applies for the researcher mobility scheme managed by the Directorate of Talent Management.

Please note that the researcher mobility scheme is exclusively for BRIN researchers only. 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://manajementalenta.brin.go.id>.

- Indirect costs: all expenses arising from monitoring and evaluation activities conducted by beneficiary institutions shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total amount funded.

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

- Institution/management fee.
- Software purchases.
- Patent registration fee for BRIN researchers.
- Capital expenditure for land purchase, building purchase, or asset acquisition.
- Indirect/overhead expenses including but not limited to communication costs.
- Other expenses that are not approved.

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. 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.



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.jsp.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: June 01, 2026 at 10:00 (Japan Time)

June 15, 2026 at 13:00 (Indonesia Time)

Deadline of submission: September 03, 2026 at 17:00 (Japan Time)

September 03, 2026 at 15.00 (Indonesia Time)

Expected selection results announcement: Januari 2027 (tentative)

Expected start of granted projects: April 2027 (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.jsps.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

The Indonesian team shall comply with the research ethical clearance from Ethics Committee before the research commences by submitting an application to the Ethics Committee Authorized Institution. Foreign parties involved in the joint research activities who will conduct research activities in Indonesia have to obtain a research permit by applying to the Research Ethical Clearance information system (<https://klirensetik.brin.go.id>).

10.4. Material Transfer Agreement

Grantee 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, Grantee 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 Intellectual Property will be divided amongst the partners in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective countries of the institutions Participants as well as the policies and procedures of the institution. The 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”). Grantee 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

Grantees are required to provide a data management plan for handling primary data and research outputs. Primary data and information resulting from the joint research activities shall be reported and preserved 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 submitted and stored at the Directorate of Scientific Collection Management BRIN.

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 through eRispro <https://risprolpdp.kemenkeu.go.id/>. 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 minimum deliverable that must be achieve for Indonesian applicant includes scientific publications and/or intellectual property, and additional outputs such as prototypes, innovative product, technology, system models, policy recommendation or implementation of the research results. The details of mandatory output are as follows:

1. Publications:

- For funding with a duration of 1 (one) year: the PI must have at least one publication as the first author in an international journal with a medium or high reputation that is currently under review.
- For funding with a duration of 2 (two) years: the PI must have at least 1 (one) publication are accepted and 1 (one) publication under reviewed as the first author in international journal with a medium or high reputation, for 2 (two) years project (an accumulation from the first year).

2. Joint Publications with Partners:

- For funding with a duration of 1 (one) year: the PI must have 1 (one) publication as the first author or as the co-author in an international journal with medium or high reputation that is currently being reviewed
- For funding with a duration of 2 (two) years: the PI must have at least 1 (one) publication accepted and 1 (one) publication under reviewed as the first author or as the co-author in international journal with a medium or high reputation, for 2 (two) years project (an accumulation from the first year; and/or

3. Intellectual Property:

- Minimum registered intellectual property status, with a principle of equity as a collaborative agreement; and
- Grantees must comply with intellectual property rules.

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 publications resulting from the joint research activities under the RIIM Kolaborasi funded by the investment gains of the Research Endowment Fund managed by the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP) must include an acknowledgement narrative that clearly recognizes the contributions of those who supported the research project, such as BRIN and LPDP as funding institutions, and JSPS.

Here is an example of how to write it:

Acknowledgement.

This research was supported by the RIIM BRIN and LPDP Grants, grant number ... (please fill in with contract number). We also express our gratitude to BRIN and JSPS.



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.

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Annex 1.

Fund Disbursement for the Indonesian PIs.

1. Research funding is disbursed through a transfer from the LPDP operational account to the grantee 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 Indonesian Rupiahs) 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 Indonesian Rupiahs) 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 grantee institution returns the entire remaining balance;
6. The requirements for disbursing 1 (one) stage research funding after meeting the disbursement conditions are as follows:

No	Application Requirements	First Year	Advanced years
1	Letter of request for disbursement of funds from funding recipient	√	√
2	Agreements/other similar documents	√	×
3	Approved version of research proposal and budget plan from the funding recipient	√	×
4	Planned use of funds from funding recipients	√	√
5	Tax Invoice specifically for funding recipients with taxable for VAT purposes (PKP) status	√	√
6	Absolute Accountability Letter (SPTJM) from funding recipients	√	×
7	Evaluation results of funding recipients	×	√
8	Report on realization of use of funding from the previous year	×	√
9	Report on the performance achievements of funding	×	√

	recipients from the previous year		
10	Official assignment letter for the research team	√	×
11	Statement of integrity signed by research team	√	×
12	Commitment letter from the industry partner (if any)	√	×
Description: √: required ×: not required			

7. The distribution of research funds in 2 (two) stages of disbursement with the following requirements:

a. First Stage Fund Distribution

- 1) The first stage of fund disbursement is 50% (fifty percent) of the funding amount.
- 2) The distribution of the first stage of funds is based on the compliance with the requirements for the distribution of the first stage of funds as follows:
 - a) letter of request for disbursement of first stage funds;
 - b) agreements/other similar documents;
 - c) research proposal;
 - d) plan for use of first stage funds from funding recipients;
 - e) tax invoices specifically for funding recipients who have taxable for VAT purposes (PKP) status; and
 - f) letter of absolute responsibility (SPTJM) from the funding recipient.

b. Second Phase Fund Distribution

- 1) The second stage of fund disbursement is a maximum of 50% (fifty percent) of the funding amount.
- 2) The distribution of the second stage of funds is based on the completeness and compliance with the requirements for the distribution of the second stage of funds as follows:
 - a) letter of request for disbursement of second phase funds;
 - b) the recapitulation report on the use of the first stage funds has reached at least 80% (eighty percent) of the first stage funding amount;
 - c) monitoring report on progress towards achievement of research activity performance indicators;
 - d) statement of responsibility for purchases (SPTJB);
 - e) plan for use of second phase funds from funding recipients; and
 - f) tax invoices are specifically for funding recipients who have taxable for VAT purposes (PKP) status.

8. Disbursement requirement documents are uploaded through eRispro <https://risprolpdp.kemenkeu.go.id>;
9. 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 grantee to LPDP.
3. If there are remaining funds and/or funds used for unintended purposes that must be returned by the grantee, DFRI BRIN will request the return of funds from the grantee.
4. DFRI BRIN ensures that the return of funds is made by the grantee to LPDP no later than 60 (sixty) calendar days after the notification letter is received by the grantee.
5. The return of funds by the grantee is done through a transfer via the account or virtual account specified by LPDP.