**Belmont Forum**

**Collaborative Research Action on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SSCP)**

**National Annex: Japan**

**Partners:** This call is supported by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

The official national call announcement for Japan has been published on the JST website (http://www.jst.go.jp). Details of the call and the application process are provided via the website (http://bfgo.org). Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Japan enquiries please see below.

**Eligibility:**

The official national call announcement for Japan is available on the JST website:

<https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/program_e/multilateral_e/belmont-forum.html>

Any independent researcher personally affiliated with (and actively conducting research at) a domestic Japanese research institution, regardless of nationality, is eligible to apply.

'Domestic Japanese research institution' refers to universities, independent administrative institutions, national/public testing and Research Institutions, specially authorized corporations, public-service corporations and enterprises, etc. that satisfy requirements predetermined by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

The Japanese applicants must also complete a research ethics training program conducted by the research institute with which the PI is affiliated, and then declare the completion of the program to JST. If it would be very difficult for the Japanese PI to undertake a program provided by his or her own affiliated institute, they should please contact JST. Please note that unless applicants complete a research ethics program, his / her application will be deemed ineligible. For more details, please refer to call announcement page linked from the JST homepage.

**National funding modalities:**

Japanese applicants may apply for a maximum of 10 million Japanese yen (approx. 80 k€) for participation in a project per year.

The scale of funding provided to successful proposals will depend on the budget of each fiscal year.

Funding will be provided in support of research, travel and personnel expenses, as well as indirect costs (up to a maximum of 10% of direct costs).

A consortium agreement will need to be developed between the participating partners should their application be successful and shared with the relevant Partner Organisations.

**Submission:**

Japanese applicants will have to register their applications on the Cross-Ministerial R&D Management System (e-Rad: <https://www.e-rad.go.jp/index.html>).

An application to e-Rad needs to submitted only at the pre-proposal stage, which should correspond to the pre-proposal application made to BFgo.

Successful Japanese applicants can only be funded by JST if an application to e-Rad has also been submitted.

**National Contact Point:**

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