

Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society

COUNTRY: JAPAN

JST – Japan Science and Technology Agency

JST is participating in Belmont Forum 2020 Collaborative Research Action *Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society*.

If applicants have any questions about their eligibility, they are advised to contact JST to enquire about their eligibility for the call before developing the proposal.

Eligibility

The official national call announcement for Japan is available on the JST website (from April 1, 2020): https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/program_e/announce_e/announce_belmont_soils2020.html.

Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Japanese enquiries please see below.

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). Please refer to the MEXT homepage for more information: http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kansa/houkoku/1301688.htm.

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

An up to one year no-cost extension may be possible upon request by the partner to her or his funding agency with clear justification. Appropriate funding agency will assess such requests and decide to grant or not such an extension and its length (with a maximum of one year).

Funding modalities

Japanese applicants may apply for a maximum of 10 million Japanese yen (approx. 76 k€) for participation in a project.

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).

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It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and JST will fund the Japanese partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.

If an application is successful, a consortium agreement will need to be concluded between the partnering researchers from each country and afterwards shared with their respective organisations.

Submission (BFGO and e-Rad)

- 1) **Projects must be written in English and submitted electronically via the Belmont Forum Grant Operations website:** <http://bfgo.org>
- 2) **All Japanese applicants must *also* register their applications on the Cross-Ministerial R&D Management System: e-Rad (available from April 1, 2020):** <https://www.e-rad.go.jp/index.html>

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