FRANCE - JAPAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUNDING SCHEMES

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This document introduces a non-exhaustive inventory of funding options available for developing France-Japan Science & Technology collaborations. It lists a variety of programmes supporting science and technology-related projects, mobility or study. Certain programmes may have slightly changed, yet this document is regularly updated and uploaded on this page.

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT GRANT

ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE

The French government grants’ programme aims to fund Japanese students in scientific fields to complete either a part of their studies in France or a research internship in a French research institution. The language of application can be French or English. The allowances and benefits vary according to the students’ level of study.

- For Bachelor’s (French-Japanese double degree only)/Master’s (all) students:
  - Scholarships: from 1 up to 10 months from September 1st

- For PhD students:
  - Single fellowships: one stay from 3 to 18 months
  - Alternating fellowships: one 1-6 month stay per year, up to 3 years (recommended for collaborative co-mentored theses)

More information in French
More information in Japanese

FRENCH GOVERNMENT EIFFEL SCHOLARSHIPS

ENGINEERING SCIENCES FOR MASTER  ALL SCIENCES FOR PHD

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Programme was established by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education establishments to enroll foreign students in their master's and PhD courses. Students have to choose a French institution according to their project of study, and then the French institution can apply with the students to the Eiffel scholarships.

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EUROPEAN UNION - MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE

The Marie Sklodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) provide grants for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or highly experienced researchers - and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. The MSCA enable research-focused organisations
(universities, research centres, and companies) to host talented foreign researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide.

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**N+I NETWORK - FIER DOC PROGRAMME**

**ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE**

The FIER-DOC (French Innovative Experience in Research) programme is dedicated to candidates who are completing a Master (or who have already got one) and who want to acquire knowledge and experience in the management of "research projects" and eventually to pursue on a doctoral thesis. It aims to acquire the necessary skills to manage research projects (patents, intellectual property, ethics, contract drafting, project management, communication, etc.) useful to any future manager of applied research programmes and to participate in a genuine research experience in France.

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**ACADEMIC-INDUSTRIAL GRANTS**

**ANRT - CIFRE GRANTS FOR PHD STUDENTS**

**ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE**

CIFRE stands for Industrial Agreement of Training through research. It is open to master degree graduated students who wish to become full-time PhD students. The PhD students should be enrolled in a doctoral course in a French laboratory and hired by a French company. With the CIFRE grant, the student will be able to fully work on his research project by dividing his time in the company and the academic laboratory. The grant programme CIFRE contributes to the funding of PhD students in enterprises up to 14 000€/year for 3 years. The company can also benefit from the “Crédit impôt-recherche”. All nationalities are eligible.

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**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

**EUROPEAN UNION - VULCANUS IN EUROPE PROGRAMME**

**ENGINEERING SCIENCES**  **APPLIED SCIENCES**

The programme consists of industrial placements for Japanese students within the European Union. It starts in April and ends in March of the following year in order to accommodate the academic year in Japan. The students follow:

- a seminar in Brussels on European culture, industry and the EU,
- a four-month intensive language course (of the country she/he will choose),
- and an eight-month traineeship in a European company.

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CANON FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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SUMMER PROGRAMMES

EPF - ESTP SUMMER PROGRAMME

EPF-ESTP Summer Programme on Smart Cities & Engineering for Sustainable Architecture offers an in-depth study on topics such as engineering for eco-cities and smart cities, environmental issues, city planning and architecture for the future. Mainly designed for Undergraduate and Master’s students with a major in Engineering, Architecture, Urban planning/design, Sociology or Computer Sciences.

More information
YOU ARE A STUDENT IN FRANCE (Bachelor, Master, PhD)

STUDY GRANTS

MEXT - MONBUKAGAKUSHO PROGRAMME

This programme is open to French master’s and PhD students. It offers a grant to become a “research-students” (auditeur libre) or a “regular student” in a Japanese university. Master’s students’ mobility will last 2 years while PhD students’ mobility will last 3 years. The monthly grant is about 144,000 yen for master’s students and about 145,000 yen for PhD students.

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The MEXT also coordinates priority international programmes for PhD & master’s students, on identified topics in several Japanese universities.

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SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

More than 30 cities or prefectures or private foundations offer one-year scholarships for international foreign students and PhD students.

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JSPS PRE-POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN RESEARCHERS

Standard programme: This programme funds 12 to 24 months stays in Japan for young postdoctoral researchers (up to 6 years after the thesis completion).

Short-term programme: This programme funds 1 to 12 months stays in Japan for pre and post-doctoral researchers from the Europe Union countries, the US and Canada.

Applications from researchers employed in a French institution must be submitted to the CNRS and the JSPS.

More information on CNRS website
More information on JSPS website

EUROPEAN UNION - VULCANUS IN JAPAN PROGRAMME

The programme consists of industrial placements for EU / COSME* students in Japan. It starts in September and ends in August of the following year in order to accommodate the academic year in EU Member States. The students follow:

- a one-week seminar on Japan,
- a four-month intensive Japanese language course,
- and an eight-month traineeship in a Japanese company.

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HOSEI INTERNATIONAL FUND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Invitations are extended to young scholars from abroad who are, at the least, enrolled in a doctoral degree programme in order to apply to the Hosei International Fund Fellowship Programme to carry out non-degree research programmes at Hosei University under the direction of, and/or, in cooperation with Hosei faculty and researchers.

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"ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH-SPEAKING FORMER JSPS FELLOWS" - TAKENOKO GRANTS

**ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE**

The "Association of French-speaking former JSPS fellows" supports the mobility of French students from Bachelor (3rd year) to Master (1st or 2nd year) who wish to complete their training by integrating a laboratory or a research team in Japan. The support is of 800€.

[More information](#)

"ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH-SPEAKING FORMER JSPS FELLOWS" - BRIDGE GRANTS

**ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE**

The BRIDGE grants support former JSPS fellows. It aims at reinforcing their collaboration with Japanese laboratories where they used to work and initiating new cooperation. The mobility in Japan is up to one month. Only active members of the "Association of French-speaking former JSPS fellows" are eligible.

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RIKEN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE

**NATURAL SCIENCES** | **NEUROSCIENCES** | **QUANTUM PHYSICS** | **COMPUTER SCIENCES**

International programme Associate is a non-Japanese doctoral candidate attending a Japanese or overseas graduate school participating in RIKEN’s joint graduate school programme. IPAs conduct research at RIKEN under the supervision of RIKEN scientists as part of work toward obtaining a PhD. RIKEN’s joint graduate school programme is based on agreements with a number of Japanese and overseas universities and aims to identify and foster talented young scientists capable of contributing to the advancement of science for the global community. French partner universities are: Université de Caen Basse Normandie ; Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (UCBL) ; Université de Strasbourg ; Université Paris-Sud.

[More information](#)

SUMMER PROGRAMMES

**CNRS - JSPS SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**HUMANITIES** | **SOCIAL SCIENCES** | **NATURAL SCIENCES**

This programme offers to master’s, PhD students and postdocs from France to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers at a Japanese university or a research institute over a period of two months during the summer (June – August).

[More information](#)
RIKEN CENTER FOR BRAIN SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAMME

BRAIN SCIENCES

The Summer Programme is designed to encourage and further the education of young neuroscientists and emerging researchers as they enter the international neuroscience community. Applicants may choose either a two-month laboratory internship (Plan A) within a RIKEN CBS laboratory, or an intensive 5-day lecture course (Plan B) featuring a distinguished international faculty. Those participating in the internship may also enroll in the lecture course.

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ELYT SCHOOL

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND ENGINEERING

Created to promote exchanges between student-engineers and students in French and Japanese masters, ELyT School Summer School is organized each year alternately between Lyon and Sendai, and relies on strong links woven between the CNRS, the University of Lyon and Tohoku University in Japan.

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NETWORKS

N+I NETWORK

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

This network gathers several French Engineering schools and allows their French students to look for an engineering curriculum abroad in a partner university. The “n+i” network is an intermediary between the students and the partner universities/companies abroad.

More information
The ANR and JST research agencies signed a new collaboration agreement in scientific research that resulted in the CREST programme. It was concretized in 2018 by the launch of a joint call with two priority areas:

- **computational foundation**: Technology for Computing Revolution for Society 5.0
- **symbiotic interaction**: Creation and development of core technologies interfacing human and information environments

The 2019 joint call was pre-announced in January 2019.

More information on ANR website

More information on JST website

This programme aims to reinforce the collaborations between the projects’ teams from INRIA and high level research teams from all around the world. The Japanese teams will receive support from the JSPS. The grant provided to the French team will be about 10,000€/year for 3 years. The Japanese team will receive the same amount from the JSPS.

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CNRS launches a call for proposals that aims at enabling independent and talented young scientists to create and lead an original project within a CNRS affiliated laboratory. The CNRS-Momentum funding is allocated for a period of 3 years and has identified 13 different eligible thematic for this call.

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The CNRS and INSERM jointly coordinate the call ATIP Avenir, open to young researchers from all nationalities, allowing them to conduct a research project in France in the fields of life science and health for 3 years.

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Eligible European countries may apply to a collaborative project with Japanese teams who can participate as long as they secure their financial budget with their own national agencies. Two calls for projects opened with Japan on the following research areas:

- **Advanced technologies** (Security/Cloud/IoT/BigData) for a hyper connected society in the context of smart city
- **5G and Beyond**

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The European Interest Group CONCERT-Japan launches annual call on various priority fields between Europe and Japan. All researchers from the following participating funding agencies are eligible among: JST (Japan), CNRS (France), BMBF (Germany), MINECO (Spain), RCN (Norway), MITA (Lithuania), SAS (Slovakia), CAS (Czech Republic), MEYS (Czech Republic), BNSF (Bulgaria), NCBR (Poland). Last call for projects concerned Functional Porous Materials.

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Programme components:
- A – Advanced Research Networks
- B – Asia-Africa Science Platforms

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HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAMME

LIFE SCIENCES

This international programme funds research projects and mobility for postdoctoral or experienced researchers in the field of Life Sciences. France and Japan are both members of the HFSP.

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MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

FRENCH GOVERNMENT - HUBERT CURIEN PARTNERSHIP (PHC) SAKURA

ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE

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More information for French teams
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FRENCH GOVERNMENT - EXPLORATION FRANCE

ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT - EXPLORATION JAPON

ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE

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EM EASED PROGRAMME - EURO-ASIAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

EM-EASED programme is mainly dedicated to research exchanges and is intended to establish a mobility scheme for about 72 individuals including doctorates (58%), post-doctorates (17%) and staff (25%). The programme is strongly focused on, but not restricted to, energy related projects. This research programme includes Engineering and Technology, as well as Mathematics and Computer Science, Natural Sciences or Architecture fields.

It involves 6 European partners, including Ecole Centrale Paris in France, 5 Japanese partners and 3 Korean partners. It aims at strengthening the collaborations between the involved research teams and between administrative staffs too, so as to share about good practice, pedagogic activities, knowledge and academic acknowledgement.

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SEMINAR PROGRAMMES

INSERM-JSPS CALLS

This annual call funds visits from Japanese researchers in France and French researchers in Japan as well as bilateral seminars in the fields covered by INSERM.

More information on INSERM website
More information on JSPS website
CNRS - JSPS BILATERAL PROGRAMME

This programme aims at organizing joint seminars in all fields of sciences between French and Japanese researchers. The scientific event should last 8 days maximum either in France or in Japan. The grant for the French researchers will be of 6 000€. 5 projects are selected per year.

More information on CNRS website
More information on JSPS website

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

JSPS INVITATION FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH IN JAPAN

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Long term stays: 2 to 10 months.
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More information

PROGRAMME FROM THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOUNDATION IN PARIS

The Foundation Sciences Mathématiques de Paris offers a financial support for external scientists (junior/senior professors) to be invited in its affiliated laboratories for a two-to-three months stay. Appointed scientists will also have the opportunity to visit and to work with members of external laboratories.

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ANR - JST - CREST PROGRAMME

SYMBOITIC INTERACTION  COMPUTATIONAL FOUNDATION

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More information on ANR website
More information on JST website

INRIA-JSPS AYAME PROGRAMME

COMPUTER SCIENCES  MATHEMATICS

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More information on INRIA website
More information on JSPS website

EUROPEAN UNION - COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES  5G AND BEYOND

Eligible European countries may apply to a collaborative project with Japanese teams who can participate as long as they secure their financial budget with their own national agencies.

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JSPS CORE-TO-CORE PROGRAMME: ADVANCED RESEARCH NETWORKS

LEADING EDGE-FIELDS

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EIG CONCERT-JAPAN

PRIORITY TOPICS

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EUROPEAN UNION - INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Individual scholarships concern researchers of all nationalities, who carry out research related to the scholarship in a European institution.

➢ The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions assure the international mobility of European researchers, along with the mobility of international researchers in Europe, be it for students, PhD students or experienced researchers.
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➢ The ERC programme (for “European Research Council”) features four types of individual scholarships: “Starting Grants” for young researchers; “Consolidator Grants”; “Advanced Grants” for senior researchers; and “Proof of concept” that targets only recipients of one of the three above-mentioned scholarships, to help them carry out their project further.
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**THE MATSUMAE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS**

- NATURAL SCIENCES
- ENGINEERING SCIENCES
- MEDICAL SCIENCES

The MATSUMAE International Foundation offers research grants to foreign researchers, holding a PhD and with an age limit of 49 years old, who have never been in Japan before, to spend 3 to 6 months in Japan doing research.

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**THE JAPAN FOUNDATION**

- POLICY-ORIENTED PROJECTS

The Japan Foundation implements various programmes about the Japanese studies allowing research projects conducted in Japan by overseas researchers, grants to promote Japanese studies abroad, support for intellectual exchange conferences, etc.

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**SEMINAR PROGRAMMES**

**INSERM-JSPS SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

- HEALTH SCIENCES

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More information on INSERM website
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**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

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RIKEN “FOREIGN POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER PROGRAMME”

The programme offers aspiring young foreign researchers with creative ideas and who show promise of becoming internationally active in the future and to pursue innovative research at RIKEN under the direction of a RIKEN laboratory head.

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NIMS - GREEN PROGRAMME

Aiming to accelerate materials research for the solution of environmental and energy issues, GREEN (Global Research Center for Environment and Energy based on Nanomaterials Science) invites researchers from universities and research institutes in Japan to work on self-defined research topics in the field of environment and energy using nanotechnology (topics well linked to GREEN’s mission are particularly welcome) at NIMS, through a public recruiting process.

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THE “ASSOCIATION BERNARD GREGORY” PORTAL

Everywhere in the world, a PhD is considered synonymous with excellence. Companies everywhere hire PhD-holders in every field to manage complex projects. ABG develops services to promote this matching of needs with skills, which always holds promise for innovation and growth.

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You are an R&D company in Japan or in France

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CIFRE stands for Industrial Agreement of Training through research. It is open to master’s graduated students who wish to become full-time PhD students. The PhD students should be enrolled in a doctoral course in a French laboratory and hired by a French company. With the CIFRE grant, the student will be able to fully work on his research project by dividing his time in the company and the academic laboratory. The grant programme CIFRE contributes to the funding of PhD students in enterprises up to 14 000€/year for 3 years. The company can also benefit from the “Credit impôt-recherche”. All nationalities are eligible.

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ERASMUS JOINT MASTER DEGREES - PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPAN

The Erasmus programmes support the development of joint master degree programmes with Japanese universities.

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT - EIFFEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Programme was established by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education establishments to enroll foreign students in their master’s and PhD courses. Students have to choose a French institution according to their project of study, then the French institution can apply with the students to the Eiffel scholarships.

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