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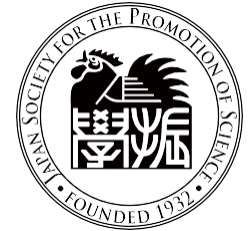
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What is JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

- Established in 1932 (with an imperial endowment)
- It is Japan's core funding agency.
- Places high value on both researcher autonomy and research diversity.



What does JSPS support

- From basic to applied research conducted based on **curiosity-driven** research and the free ideas of researchers.
- Covers the entire spectrum of academic fields including the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.



(JSPS's committee chairmen's meeting in 1937)

Application Selection

- **Bottom-up** approach; invites applications via open calls.
- Competitive funding; evaluates applications via peer review.
- Fair and transparent screening; selects projects based on academic merit.

**Creating Knowledge
in Diverse and
Profound Fields**

**Competitive Research Funding:
Grants-in-Aid**

**Fostering Next Generation
of Researchers who
Challenge the Creation of
New Genres of Knowledge**

**Research Fellowships for
Young Scientists**

**Strengthening the
Support Base for Science
Promotion in Universities
and Research
Institutions**

Joint Programs with MEXT

Strengthening International Research Networks

Collaborations with Overseas Partners

Strengthening the Support Base for Science Promotion

**Research Center for Science Systems-from Researchers' Perspective, and
Center for Science Information Analysis**

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- Focus placed on mobilizing researchers.
- Aimed at establishing robust international cooperative networks.

(1) Supporting International Joint Research, Seminars and Researcher Exchange

Bilateral Programs

International Joint Research Programs

Core-to-Core Program

(2) Providing Platforms for International Training for Young Researchers

Frontiers of Science(FoS)Symposia

HOPE Meetings with Nobel Laureates

(3) International Fellowships for Research in Japan

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan

Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

(4) Support for Outbound Young Japanese Researchers

Overseas Research Fellowships

Overseas Challenge Program for Young Researchers

(5) Building Robust International Research Networks and Infrastructures

Global Research Council (GRC)

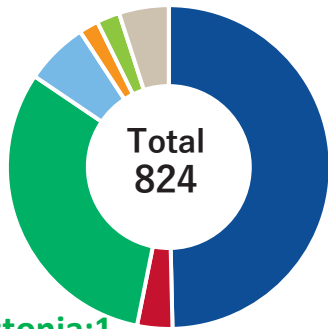
JSPS Overseas Offices

Support for Creating an Overseas Researcher Community

Number of Researchers Exchanged under JSPS Programs

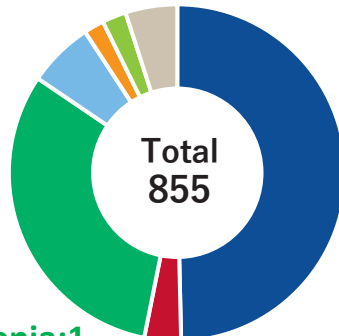
Foreign Researchers → Japan

FY2020



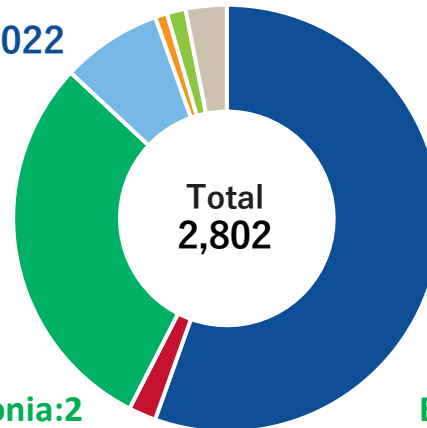
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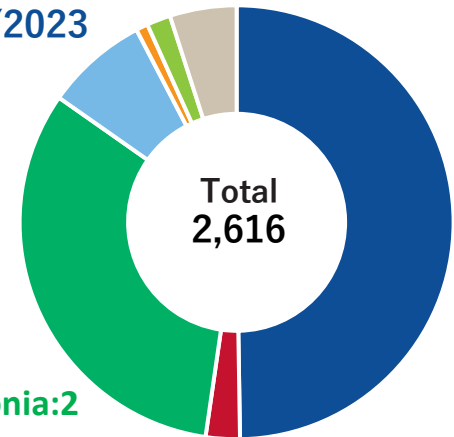
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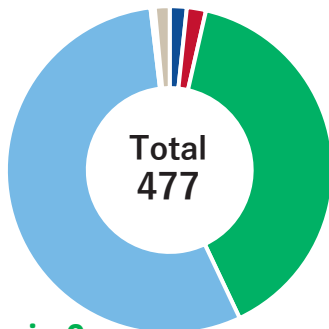
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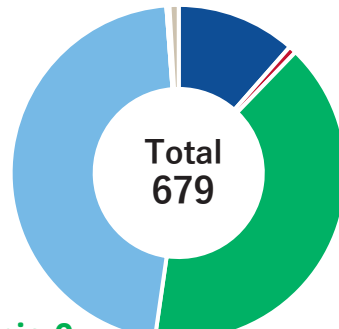
Japanese Researchers → Abroad

FY2020



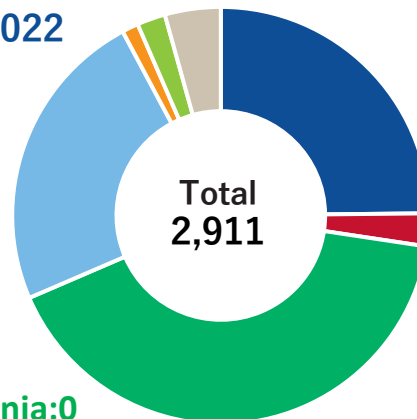
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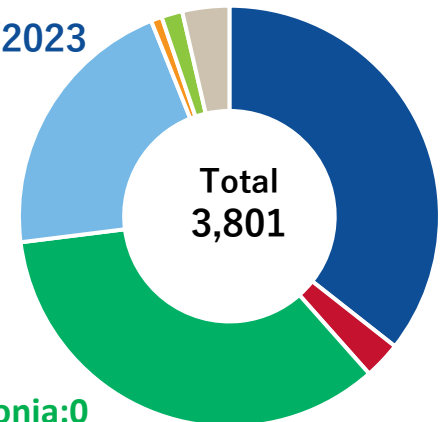
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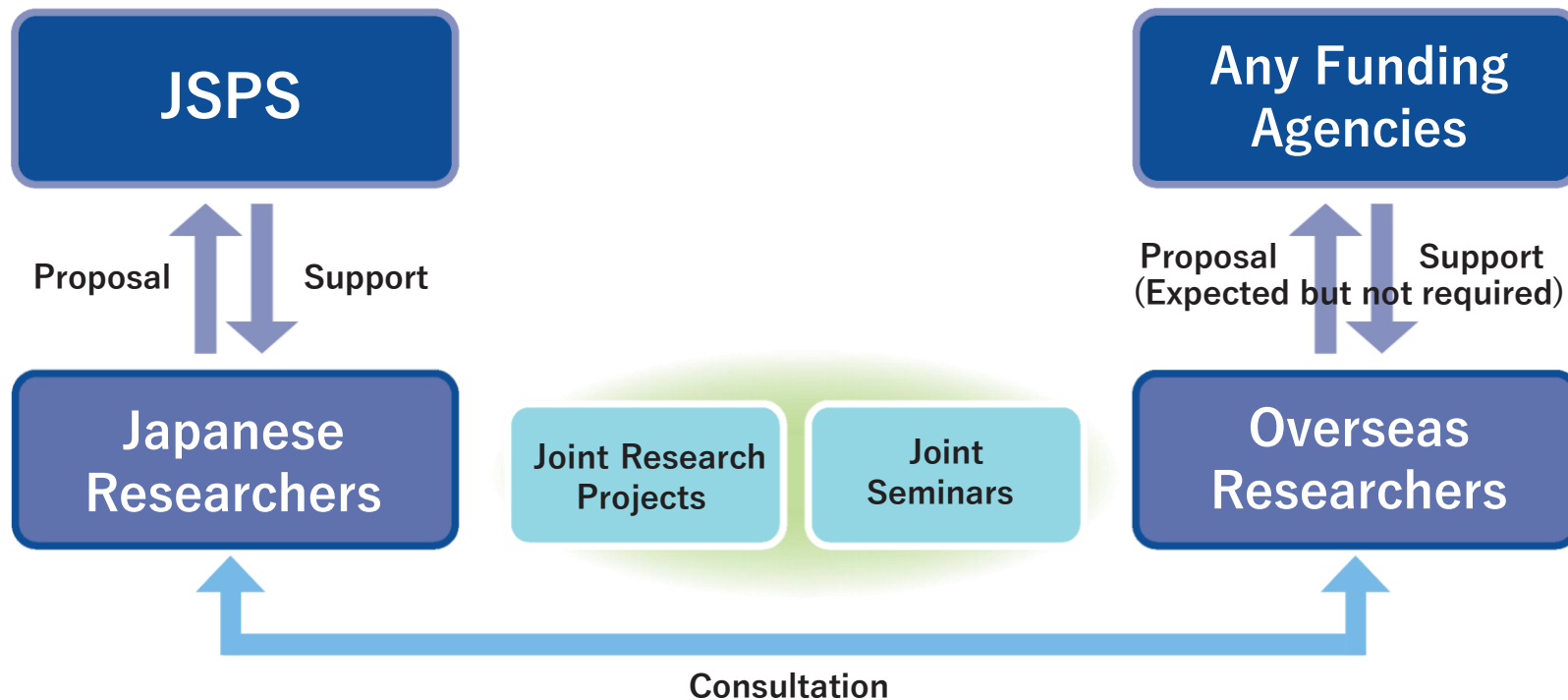
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Bilateral Cooperation: Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars



Bilateral joint research projects and joint seminars open to all countries having diplomatic relations with Japan regardless of whether they have a MoU with JSPS.

Support for Japanese Teams:

Joint Research: Up to JPY 2,000,000/year/project for 1-2 years

Joint Seminars: Up to JPY 2,000,000/seminar for up to 1 week

A. Advanced Research Networks

Target: Any country in the world

Objective:

- Promote international collaboration in cutting-edge fields by creating world-class research hubs
- Foster new generations of talented young researchers in Japan and other countries

Grants: Up to JPY 18,000,000/year

*Partner institutions are required to cover their own expenses.

Project Duration: 5 years

B. Asia-Africa Science Platforms

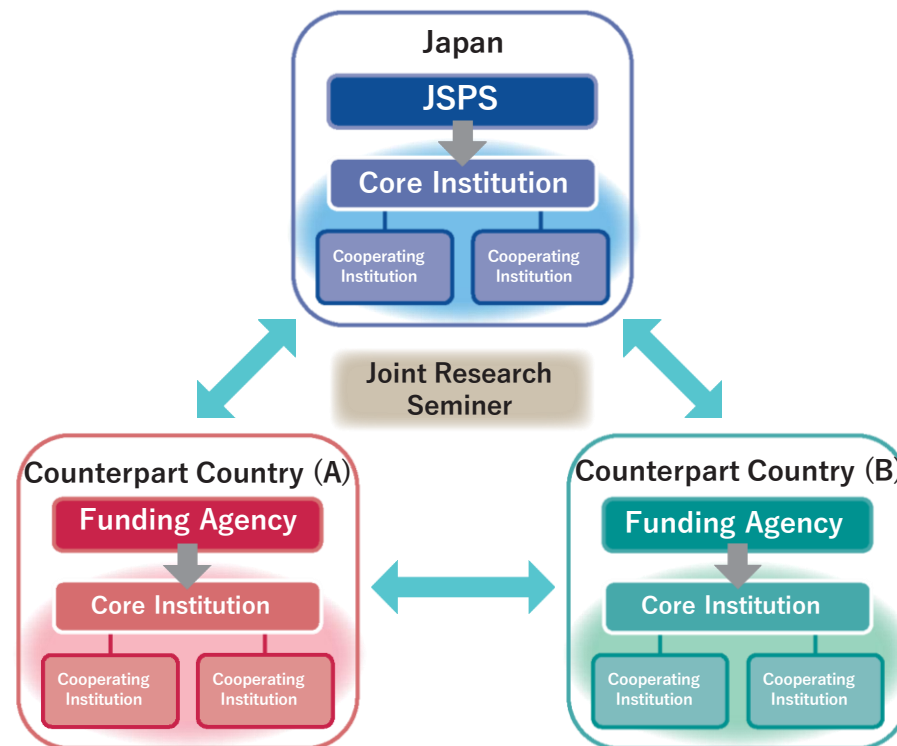
Target : Asian and/or African countries/regions

Objective :

- Japanese research institutions take the lead in building research hubs and fostering young researchers so as to contribute to Asian/African region

Grants : Up to JPY 8,000,000/year from JSPS

Project Duration : 3 years

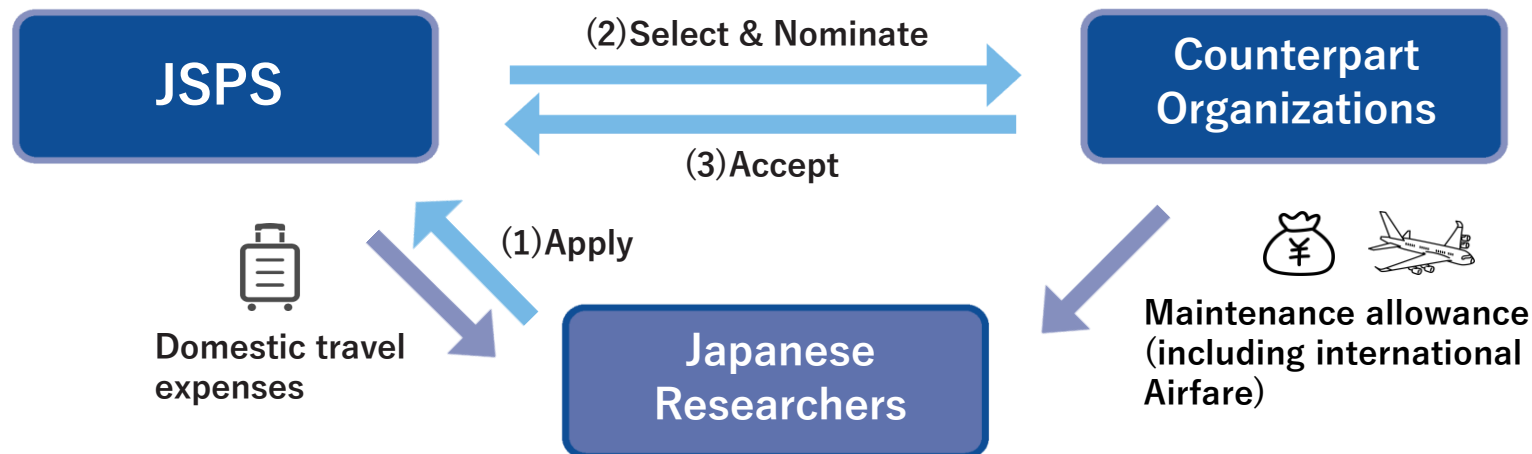


Number of applications/selected proposals

	FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023		FY2024	
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A. Advanced	41	9	38	8	17	8	14	8	20	6
B. Asia-Africa	50	10	38	10	33	10	26	8	47	10

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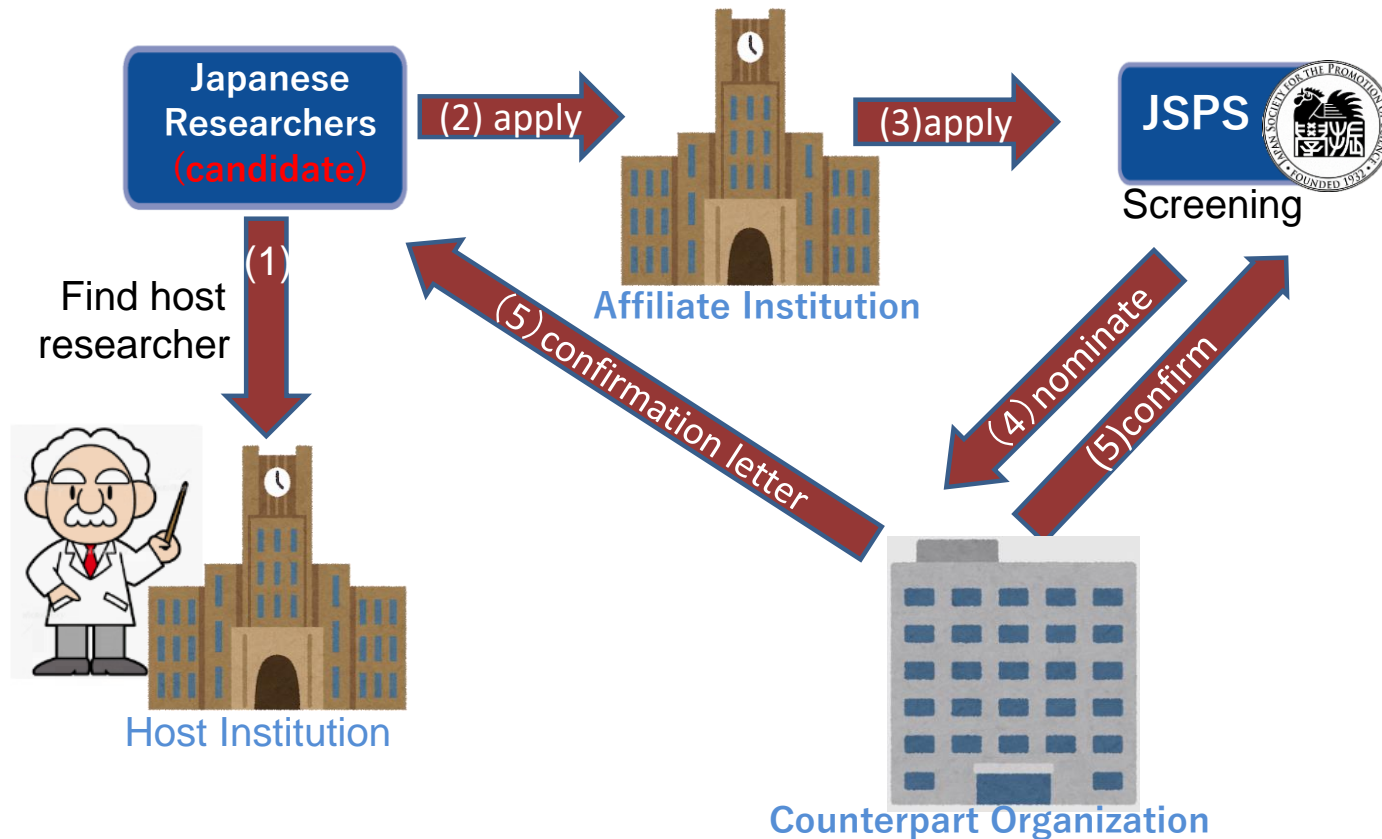
Bilateral Cooperation: Researcher Exchange Program



Purpose: To provide Japanese researchers the opportunities to research in the counterpart countries based on agreement for international scientific cooperation (MoC)

Counterpart country	Counterpart Organizations	Duration	Maximum Number of Fellowships
Finland 	Research Council of Finland: RCF	12-24 months	1
New! Estonia 	Estonian Research Council: ETAG	6-12 months	1

Researcher Exchange Program Application procedure





FY2025 brief schedule

Mid JUN- End of AUG 2024	Accepting applications
Early FEB25	Counterpart organization to send the confirmation letters to the candidate & JSPS
APR 2025-MAR 2026	Dispatch Researchers to the counterpart countries

Researcher Exchange Program: Program Outline

Eligible field: all fields including natural sciences, the humanities and social sciences

Counterpart Organizations	Expense covered by Counterpart Organizations	Duration	Eligibility	Number of fellowship
 Research Council of Finland(RCF)	International Airfare Maintenance allowance: 1,600EUR/month Family allowance: 500EUR/month Accommodations: 1,000EUR/month Domestic travel expense: 650EUR/year Support for the MYEL charge(insurance)	12-24 months	-Doctoral degree -Japanese citizens or permanent resident	1
 Estonian Research Council(ETAG)	International airfare Maintenance allowance: 1,600EUR/month Family Allowance:500EUR/month Accommodations: 1,000EUR/month Domestic travel expense: 650EUR/year	6-12 months	-Doctoral degree -Japanese citizen or permanent resident	1

※JSPS provides expenses for domestic travel in Japan including fellow's family members

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Features

1. Pursuit of knowledge valued above all else.
The program is open to all researchers regardless of nationality or academic field
2. Tailored to a full spectrum of researchers, from early-career researchers to eminent scientists
3. Flexible durations ranging from short to long terms
4. Estonian counterpart as Nominating Authority is ETAG (Standard Program)

Career Stages of Researchers

- PhD Students/Postdocs
- 6 years after PhD
- Mid career-Professor

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan

Summer Program

2 months About 100(Nomination Only)

Short-term (PE)

For researchers in Europe and North America
1-12 months About 140

Short-term (PA)

For researchers from the ASEAN member countries and African countries
1-12 months About 20(Nomination Only)

Joint Research

Standard

1-2 years About 330

Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

Long-term

2-10 months About 60

Joint Research

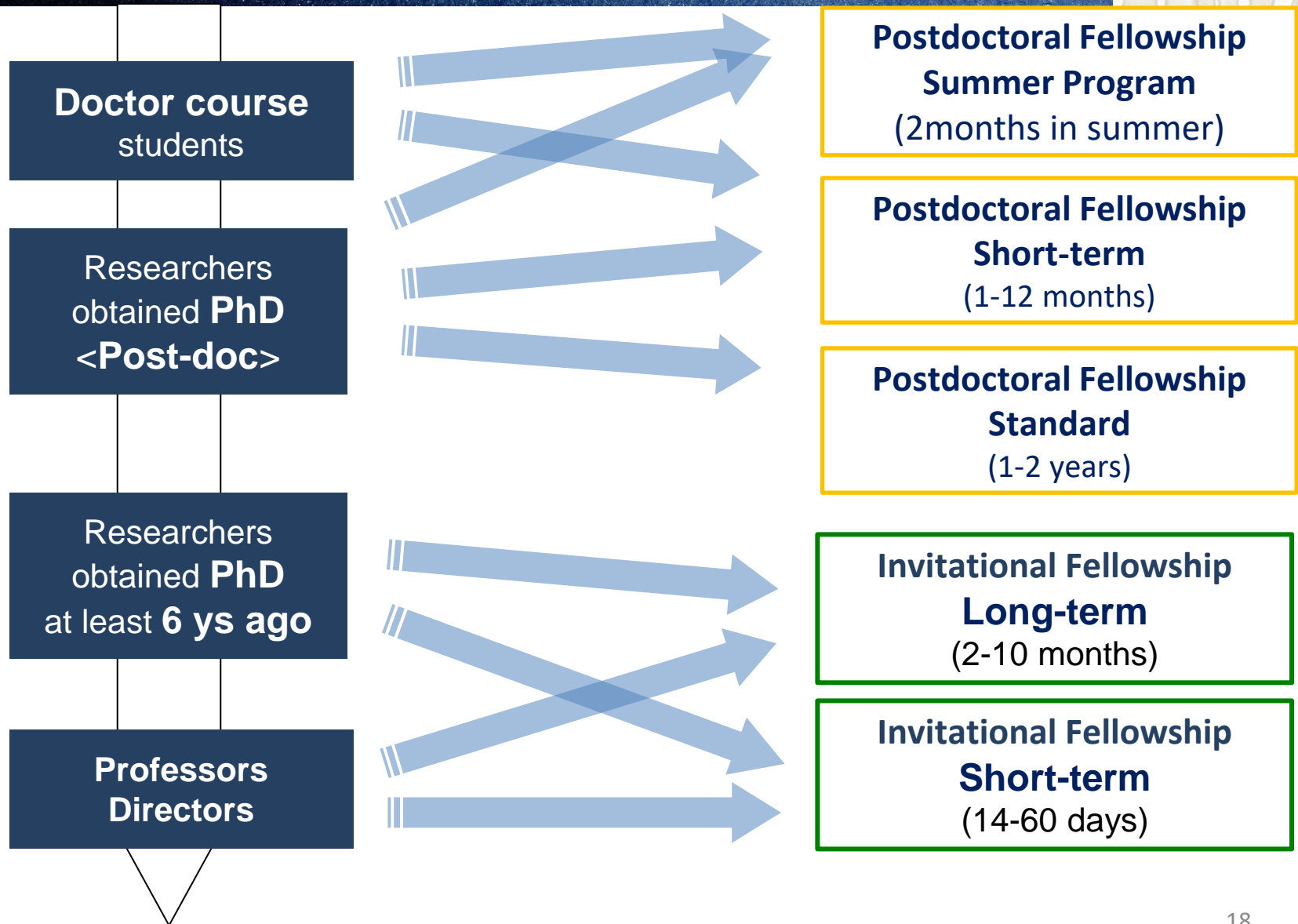
Short-term

14-60 days About 160

Discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures and other activities.

Researchers Exchanged (with Estonia/Total)	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Postdoctoral Fellowships	4/1,083	1/757	1/714	2/1,143	2/1,028
Invitational Fellowships	0/236	0/44	0/56	0/384	0/232

JSPS Fellowships



Application procedure

Open Recruitment

Submit to **JSPS Tokyo** by your **host**



Candidate ⇒
**host
researcher**

Host Institutions
⇒ **JSPS Tokyo**

Screening and decision is
made
by **JSPS Tokyo**

Please make sure to discuss and prepare well with your host researcher in Japan.

Via Nominating Authorities

Submit to the nominating authority in Estonia (**ETAG**)

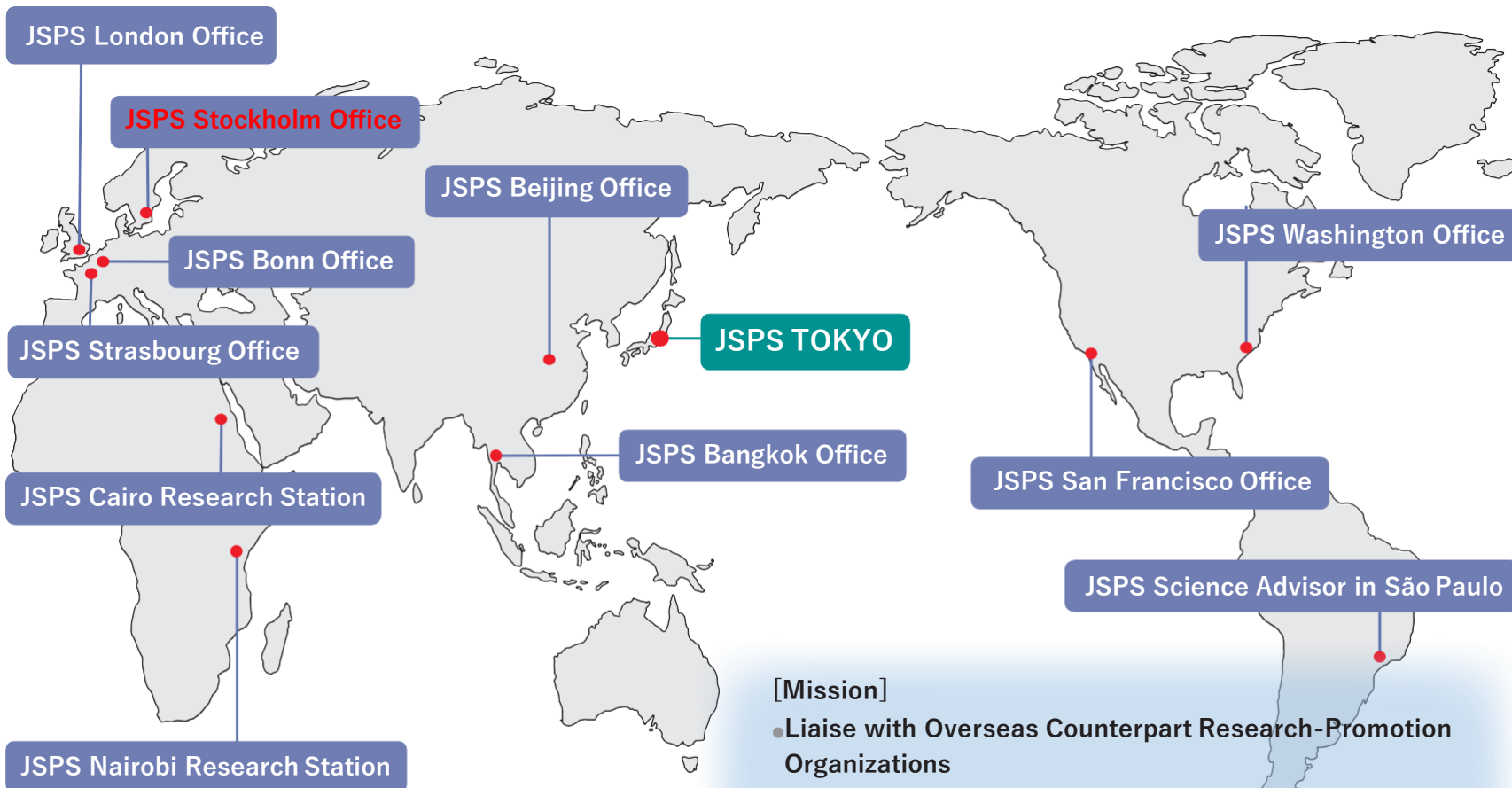


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[Mission]

- Liaise with Overseas Counterpart Research-Promotion Organizations
- Hold Symposiums
- Support Alumni Networks Formed among Former Participants in JSPS Programs
- Disseminate Information on Scientific Trends in Japan
- Support Overseas Activities of Japanese Universities

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