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Inserm/JSPS Program

2025 call for proposals for a joint seminar in Japan in 2026

DEADLINE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

15 September 2025 at 10.00 (CEST)

Since 1974, Inserm and JSPS have given researchers an opportunity to meet to develop new scientific and technological cooperation of excellence and with high added value, between Inserm research laboratories and the Japanese scientific community.

**In 2025,** Inserm and JSPS will provide financial support for the organisation of a joint scientific seminar **in Japan for 2026.**

1. Theme of the seminar

The theme of the seminar will be Life and Health Sciences. Priority will be given to proposals in the following areas:

- Cancer,

- Healthy ageing (nutrition/health, neurodegenerative diseases),

- Regenerative medicine,

- Biomedical imaging,

- Health technologies (omics technologies, robotics),

- Personalized medicine.

1. Format of the seminar

The seminar will involve a small number of experts (up to 10 speakers per country, including the coordinator), from at least two different laboratories (minimum 1 per country), among whom the participation of young researchers is highly anticipated. It will have to be coordinated by a French researcher and a Japanese researcher.

The duration of the seminar is the period during which a seminar takes place. Days spent on travel, preparatory meetings and debriefings are not counted in the duration of the seminar.

The seminar must take place in Japan over 2 to 3 days between April and 31 December 2026.

1. Eligibility criteria for seminar proposals

The French coordinator and speakers must work in an Inserm laboratory.

1. Selection criteria for seminar proposals

The submitted seminar projects will be evaluated independently and then jointly selected by Inserm and JSPS.

The selection of seminar projects will focus on:

1. scientific excellence and relevance to the theme of the speakers,
2. prospects for cooperation between Inserm and Japan,
3. the novelty of the collaborations envisaged,
4. the added value of cooperation between Inserm and Japan in the targeted area,
5. the feasibility of the seminar (including in terms of budget),
6. the participation of young statutory French researchers.
7. Financing of the seminar

Inserm will cover the costs of:

* The costs of international travel between France and Japan for its own participants,
* Expenses related to accommodation, meals and local travel of its own participants.

The French budget for the selected seminar will be subject to validation by the International Relations Division of Inserm's Partnerships and External Relations Department and will not exceed €12,000.

The JSPS will cover the costs of:

* Local travel expenses, daily allowances, accommodation for participants.
* Costs associated with organising the seminar.
1. How to apply

Projects must be submitted in parallel to Inserm AND JSPS according to the respective procedures. Projects not co-submitted to Inserm and JSPS will not be eligible.

We invite the Inserm teams to check that their Japanese counterparts co-submit their project to the same call for proposals (i.e.: "Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars JSPS/Inserm", not "Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars"). Any application sent to the JSPS in response to another call for proposals will not be considered.

To facilitate coordination between the Inserm teams and their Japanese partners, the following link describes the **procedure to be followed on the JSPS side for your Japanese colleagues:**

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/call.html>

The following link (in Japanese) links to the Inserm/JSPS programme:

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei_bosyu.html>

**Applications on the Inserm side must be submitted electronically to the email address mentioned below, by filling in the corresponding form attached to this document:**

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1. Results of the call and final report

Results will be announced in December 2025.

A final report will have to be delivered at the end of the seminar.