

## Outline of the JSPS Core-to-Core Program

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From FY2003, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science has initiated a new program for the purpose of building and expanding a cooperative international framework in leading-edge fields of science among universities and research institutions in Japan and the following 15 western nations: The US, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand.

This program is given two implementation components: "Strategic Research Networks" and "Integrated Action Initiatives." The objective of the first is to expand and strengthen research networks that will from a relatively long-term perspective sustain and advance cooperative relations between researchers and research institutions in Japan and in other scientifically advanced nations. The second component is provided to support short-term collaborations among such researchers that will lay the foundations for establishing cooperative research networks. Based on an evaluation of the results of these short-term collaborations, they may be elevated to Strategic Research Networks projects.

As to the concrete activities to be carried out under the program, for each designated field coordinator will be appointed in both Japan and the counterpart nations. Transcending their own affiliated institutions, the co-chairs will form research groups to advance collaborations that combine the three

components of joint research activities , scientific meetings, and researcher exchanges.

JSPS will cover the following major expenses for the Japanese Core Institutions.

- 1 ) International travel expenses
- 2 ) Domestic travel expenses
- 3 ) Costs of expendable supplies
- 4 ) Conference expenses
- 5 ) Honorarium

**Notes :**

For FY2005, the call for proposals is only open for one of the two implementation components, "Integrated Action Initiatives".

Applications for the "Integrated Action Initiatives" should be made by Japanese universities or research institutes.

Applications for the "Strategic Research Networks" are not being accepted at present.