

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Department of Science and Technology – Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

2025 DOST-JSPS Joint Research Project

I. BACKGROUND

DOST-JSPS Joint Research Project, is a bilateral exchange project jointly conducted by Filipino and Japanese researchers in accordance with their mutual agreement on international scientific collaboration. It has the following objectives:

1. To contribute to scientific advancement by conducting bilateral research (including seminars) in a specific research field; and
2. To provide opportunities for young researchers of Japan and the Philippines to meet, interact, and exchange ideas to build a robust S&T community in the region.

II. GENERAL CRITERIA

1. The applicant should be a Filipino PhD-holder, employed full-time in any DOST-recognized national, public or private universities, or research institution.
2. The research project should be aligned with the DOST Priority Areas under the Harmonized National Research and Development Agenda. Further, the duration of the project should run for a maximum of two (2) years.
3. The research project should be a collaborative work between a Filipino and a Japanese scientist/researcher. This means that matching applications must be submitted by the Filipino proponent and Japanese counterpart to DOST and JSPS, respectively. Applications submitted by only one side will not be accepted.
4. DOST shall provide annual funding of up to PHP1.25 million in support of the research project, including international travel expenses between Philippines and Japan; research-related domestic travel expense in the Philippines; medical and accident insurance; and daily allowances, accommodation, and domestic travel expenses in Japan of the Filipino team.

III. APPLICATION

Filipino proponents must submit their proposal online through the DOST Project Management Information System (DPMIS) on or before the closing date on **03 September 2024, 5:00 PM.** Email/physical submissions will not be considered.

Proponents must also provide the following additional requirements to be uploaded in Step 5 of the 6-step submission process:

1. Accomplishment reports and audited financial statements of previous DOST-funded projects, if any; and
2. Commitment Letter from the Japanese Counterpart.

The relevant links to the call for proposals are as follows:

- DPMIS: <https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/>
- DPMIS Video Tutorial: <https://bit.ly/DPMISvideo>
- DOST Forms (Guide only):
<https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph/index.php/transparency/downloads/category/2-dost-forms>

Filipino proponents are advised to closely coordinate with his/her Japanese counterpart to meet the application requirements and deadline set by DOST and JSPS.

IV. EVALUATION

DOST and JSPS will review all the applications using a parallel evaluation process, with each institution deciding according to its regulations. This will entail an assessment of the quality of the proposed collaborative projects, including the competence and experience of the project proponent of both sides, and the expected outcomes of the collaboration.

The following criteria are to be taken into consideration when evaluating the applications:

1. Scientific excellence of the project;
2. Mutual advancement of research through transfer of knowledge and expertise;
3. Impact of outcomes on improving quality of life, contributing to socio-economic development, and/or solving prevailing social issues;
4. Contribution to fostering young researchers;
5. Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan and expectation of its advancing the research

DOST and JSPS, on mutual agreement, will select **up to three (3) research projects** for implementation in 2025.

V. TIMELINE

Date	Remarks
June 2024	Call Announcement
03 September 2024, 5:00 PM	Deadline of Submission
September 2024 - February 2025	Evaluation Period; Matching of Proposals; Announcement of Approved Proposals
April 2025 onward	Start of newly selected projects for FY2025

VI. CONTACT DETAILS

For further inquiries/clarifications, Filipino proponents may reach out to DOST-International Technology Cooperation through email at jsps@dost.gov.ph or telephone no. 8837-2071 loc 3070.