

CALL FOR PROPOSALS *** « EXPLORATION FRANCE » (2023)

Exploration France is a funding program implemented by the Department for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France to Japan and dedicated to researchers from Japanese institutions. The aim is to allow researchers based in Japan to discover and explore the French research and development landscape in their field of interest, thereby fostering the establishment of new French-Japanese collaborations. All scientific disciplines are eligible.

- Type of projects funded:

- This program is designed to help Japan-based researchers to conduct scientific exploratory visits to France in 2023.
- We welcome applications related to projects that include visits to French academic partners in order to initiate or formalize institutional partnerships, such as student mobility schemes, double degrees, research projects development, joint research answers to calls elaboration, etc...

- <u>Eligibility</u>:

• The call of proposals is open to researchers affiliated to laboratories attached to universities, research bodies or Japanese companies. (French researchers are not eligible)

- <u>Selection:</u>

• Applications will be assessed according to the **global quality of the project** (innovative nature of the project, complementarity of areas of expertise, quality of invitation letters, CV of the applicant, etc...).

- Fundings:

The support granted to each laureates will consist in:

- o a round-trip air plane ticket (economy-class) between Japan and France,
- o a contribution to **living expenses** as follows :
 - for Young Researchers (less than 5-years' experience after PhD) : 1704 € / month
 - for Senior Researchers (more than 5-years' experience after PhD) : 2055 € / month

Remark: We encourage stays in France within a range of **15 days up to 2 months**.

- Organization and follow-up of the visit:

- Researchers are **responsible for organizing their stay in France** and preparing the program for their visit, which must be submitted to the Embassy of France to Japan prior to departure.
- Please note that all flights will be booked in economy class by the French organization Campus France.
- A post-visit report must be sent to the Embassy no later than one month after the visit has been completed.

- Application procedure:

- **Deadline** for submitting applications: January, 13 2023, 23:59 (Japan time)
- **Results** will be announced in **February 2023**
- Visits must take place between March and December 2023
- Applicants should **email the following documents to the Embassy** of France in Japan at <u>exploration-</u> <u>france.tokyo-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr</u> :
 - Application form in English (with some Japanese), to be downloaded from the Embassy's website:

[FR] https://jp.ambafrance.org/mobilite-Programme-Exploration-France [JP] https://jp.ambafrance.org/article12541

- Curriculum vitae in English (max. 2 pages)
- Permission letter to leave issued from your home organization
- Invitation letters in English or French from laboratories or researchers you wish to visit

When sending your application, please clearly indicate your family name, last name, the acronym of the research field mentioned on the application form and "Application Exploration France 2023" in the email subject line (ex. FAMILY NAME Last name (acronym) - Application Exploration France 2023).

The application will be effective upon receiving an acknowledging e-mail receipt.