

Urgent funding for international collaborative research that arises from earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear accidents

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), in cooperation with National Science Foundation (NSF) of USA etc., will open call for proposals on immediate research needs that arise from the Great East Japan Earthquake.

This funding corresponds to NSF's "Dear Colleague Letter for New Zealand and Japan" (DCL) dated March 29, 2011. With this letter NSF reminds that NSF has mechanisms in place to respond to immediate research and education needs that arise from the earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear accidents.

The Rapid Response Research (RAPID) program is dedicated to support activities having a severe urgency with regard to quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events.

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11045/nsf11045.jsp?org=NSF>

JST will support researchers in Japan who have mutual agreement with US researchers on joint research or research collaboration related to above mentioned DCL. Corresponding US researchers must meet general guidelines for RAPID proposal or supplement request to existing NSF grant.

JST may support cooperative projects with other funding agencies in the USA.

Call for Proposals will be released at around the middle of April at the JST's website.

<http://www.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html>

Following is the outline of the call.

1. Purpose

The aim of the program is to support immediate research needs that arise from the earthquake. The research area shall be related to earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear accidents with necessity of immediate response. The research topics may include, but are not limited to, followings:

- Prevention of disaster caused by earthquake and tsunami
- Nuclear safety and radiation safety

2. Contents of Support

JST will support researchers in Japan who will conduct research activities in the areas

described above in collaboration with overseas researchers supported by RAPID and the like. Funding will cover research expenses and costs for traveling or holding symposium etc.

3. Outline of the Call

Research area: Research and investigation related to earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear accidents

Term: 6 months to 12 months in principle

Funding amount : Yen 3 million per project approximately

However funding amount may vary in case of large scale activities corresponding with large delegation etc.

※ Expenses shall cover cost of goods, travel cost and personnel cost and reward for post-doctoral researchers and graduate students

4. Application and Selection

External experts will advise on the selection of awardees. JST, taking account of advices from external experts, will make a decision on the selection of awardees.

Details are currently under preparation.

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※ Details of the program may change from this announcement. JST is considering to include supports for urgent research needs with funding agencies in other countries than USA.