# Application Form

# Japan-Germany Call for Proposals

# Sustainable Hydrogen Society: Technical, Environmental, Economic and Social Analyses (September 2025)

**NOTE: Please remove all blue text (guidelines) before submission**

**Please format the text using Arial font, size 11, with single spacing and a one-character indent at the beginning of each paragraph.**

# Form 1　 Basic Information

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| Title of Proposed Research Project | Full proposal title (including project acronym in brackets) |
| Name of Principle Investigator (PI) (Japan) |  |
| Affiliation (Title, Department, Institution) (Japan) |  |
| Name of Principle Investigator (PI) (Germany) |  |
| Affiliation (Title, Department, Institution) (Germany) |  |
| Research Period | [Oct. 2026] – [mm. yyyy] (xx years) |
| Research Summary  (max. 250 words) | Summarize the project goals and content of this research proposal containing all essential points (up to 1500 characters) |

# Form 2　Project Description

* **Expected extent of form: max 1.5 pages.**
* Clearly explain **the background and the overall project objectives** of the research proposal, **synergies of international cooperation** and the **potential impact** of the proposal. Use concrete examples and make sure to highlight how the proposal aligns with the call for proposals.
* The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposed project (color usage is allowed).

# Form 3　Originality and Excellence of the Proposal

* **Expected extent of form: max 2 pages**
* Clearly describe **the proposal's originality and excellence, taking into account the current state of research** in related research fields both domestically and internationally, as well as relevant market and social conditions.
* Please describe the relationship of the project to the funding policy goals set our in the funding measure.
* Please describe **competing research approaches and provide specific details** as needed to explain the originality of this proposal. In addition, please highlight how the qualifications of the PI and other researchers are suitable for the proposed project, the facilities and equipment available to support the proposed research, and the preparation status of relevant resources, such as data or preliminary findings.
* Please indicate any previous experience in international cooperation between the partners.
* The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposal (color usage is allowed).

**Form 4-1 Objectives and Comprehensive Description of Work Plans**

* **Expected extent of form: max 3 pages**
* Please provide a **detailed description of the research objectives** and working goals to be achieved within the research period.
* Please provide a description of the structure of the overall project, including Work Packages (WPs)
* Please provide a **detailed description of specific methods and strategies** to be used to achieve the research objectives **as well as the schedule and key milestones.** The role of the partners has to be clearly defined.
* The use of figures and tables is strongly encouraged to help reviewers easily and clearly understand the proposal (color usage is allowed).

**Form 4-2 Expected Impact and Sustainability of Research Results**

* **Expected extent of form: max 0.5 page**
* **Scientific and economic benefits should be outlined**Expected results, application of the results and benefits for the cooperating countries should be described.
* **Longterm sustainability of cooperation**Please describe how to sustain the cooperation, planned cooperation in follow-up projects, extension of network
* Please describe measures for scientific communication of research results.

# Form 4-3　Research Budget Plan

## Research Budget Plan by Country

* Indicate the itemized costs as follows:

・Equipment / Consumables: Expenses for equipment and supplies, materials, consumables. For Equipment give brief explanation for its purpose

・Travel: Travel expenses of the PI or other research team members involved with the project.

・Personnel: Other personnel expenses and compensation for researchers, technicians, research assistants (RA), etc.

・Network meetings/Workshops: it is expected that all partners meet at least once per year online, in Japan or in Germany

・Others: Costs other than the above (e.g. research presentation, printing, paper submission, equipment lease, freight, etc.)

1. **Entire Team (Japan)**

* Maximum requested budget available per project is 46,800,000 yen for the entire research period, including direct and overhead indirect costs (30%). Please refer to the Call Text for details.
* Regarding the Industry side, please specify the breakdown of the expenses they will contribute to this research project.

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| Type of costs | Partner | **Year 1**  Oct. 2026-  Sep.2027 | **Year 2**  Oct. 2027-  Sep. 2028 | **Year 3**  Oct. 2028-  Sep.2029 | TOTAL  (Thousand yen) |
| **Equipment / Consumables** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Travel and living expenses** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Personnel and Services** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Network Meetings/Workshop** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Others** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Indirect Cost** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | |  |  |  |  |
| out of which  **Requested funds** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| out of which  **Own contribution** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |

\* Requested funds and “Own contributions” should add up to the amount in “TOTAL” in each column.

1. **Entire Team (Germany)**

* Maximum requested budget available per project is 600,000 euros for the entire research period. Please refer to the Call Text for details.

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| Type of costs | Partner | **Year 1**  Oct. 2026-  Sep.2027 | **Year 2**  Oct. 2027-  Sep. 2028 | **Year 3**  Oct. 2028-  Sep.2029 | TOTAL  (Thousand euros) |
| **Personnel and Services** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Equipment / Consumables** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Travel and living expenses** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| **Network Meetings/Workshops** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
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| **Others** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | |  |  |  |  |
| Own contribution |  |  |  |  |  |
| out of which  **Requested funds** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |
| out of which  **Own contribution** | Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |

\* Requested funds and “Own contributions” should add up to the amount in “TOTAL” in each column.

**Form 4-4 Funding Justification**

* **Expected extent of form: max 0.5 page**
* Please outline why the funding is required to implement the project.

**Form 5 Project Organization (Overall)**

## 1．Project Organization

* Adjust the number of rows as necessary.
* Please propose a sufficient and optimal team composition to implement the proposed research.
* Co-PIs (Co-Principal Investigators) are collaborating researchers, typically at different research institutions than the PI, who are expected to be making significant contributions to the research project.

1. **Japan**

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| **【PI】** | **Affiliation and Title** | **Role in Project** |
| **PI Group**  Name of PI | Affiliation and Title of the PI | (e.g. Overall management, WP2, 3) |
| **【Co-PI】** | **Affiliation and Title** | **Role in Project** |
| **Co-PI Group (1)**  Name of Co-PI | Affiliation and Title of Co-PI (1) | (e.g. WP3, 4) |
| **Co-PI Group (2)**  Name of Co-PI | Affiliation and Title of Co-PI (2) |  |
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1. **Germany**

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| **【PI】** | **Affiliation and Title** | **Role in Project** |
| **PI Group**  Name of PI | Affiliation and Title of the PI | (e.g. Overall management, WP2, 3) |
| **【Co-PI】** | **Affiliation and Title** | **Role in Project** |
| **Co-PI Group (1)**  Name of Co-PI | Affiliation and Title of Co-PI (1) | (e.g. WP3, 4) |
| **Co-PI Group (2)**  Name of Co-PI | Affiliation and Title of Co-PI (2) |  |
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## 2．Other Collaborators

* Please list any organizations that, although not directly participating in this proposal as researchers, will contribute in some manner to the research project. Please limit the list to collaborators who have already agreed to collaborate.It is encouraged to attach Letter(s) of Intent from collaborators involved with the project.
* If there are none, delete the table and write "Not Applicable”.

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| **Name of Collaborator/Institution** | **Role in Project** | **Past Collaborations**  **(Yes/No)** |
| Name / Affiliation | Collaboration in the implementation of xxxx | Yes |
| Name / Affiliation | Provision of data and coordination with the field | Yes |
| Name / Affiliation | Advice on xxxx | No |

# Annexes

* **Attach the following documents:**
* Brief CVs of the PI and Co-PIs of the project
* Short list of the most relevant publications, patents
* Letter of Intent of the PIs, Co-PIs and any involved other collaborators
* Summary in German/Japanese – Deutsche Zusammenfassung/日本語サマリー