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1. The LOTUS Program is designed to **invite young Indian researchers to Japan.**
2. **Research Assistants (RAs) are generally not eligible to participate.**
3. Only researchers affiliated with **Japanese research institutions are eligible to apply** to JST!
4. Proposals from Japanese PIs **without prior collaborative experience with the Indian PI are acceptable.**
5. **You and your PI cannot apply directly to JST from India!**
6. The **Basic type** of the LOTUS program is **one year**, while the **ASPIRE type** lasts **three years.**
7. There are **seven priority areas**, but **interdisciplinary research is also welcome!**

Eligibility Requirements

How to Apply

Types

Priority areas

What are the eligibility requirements for invitees?



University/research
institution



**Principal
Investigator**



**Graduate student or
postdoctoral researcher**

1. Young researchers aged 40 or younger
2. Master's or doctoral students, or postdoctoral researchers (affiliated with universities and research institutions located in India)

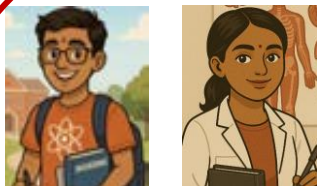
Is it mandatory for invitees to remain affiliated with an Indian university or research institution throughout the invitation period?



University/research institution



Principal Investigator



Graduate student or postdoctoral researcher



University/research institution



Principal Investigator



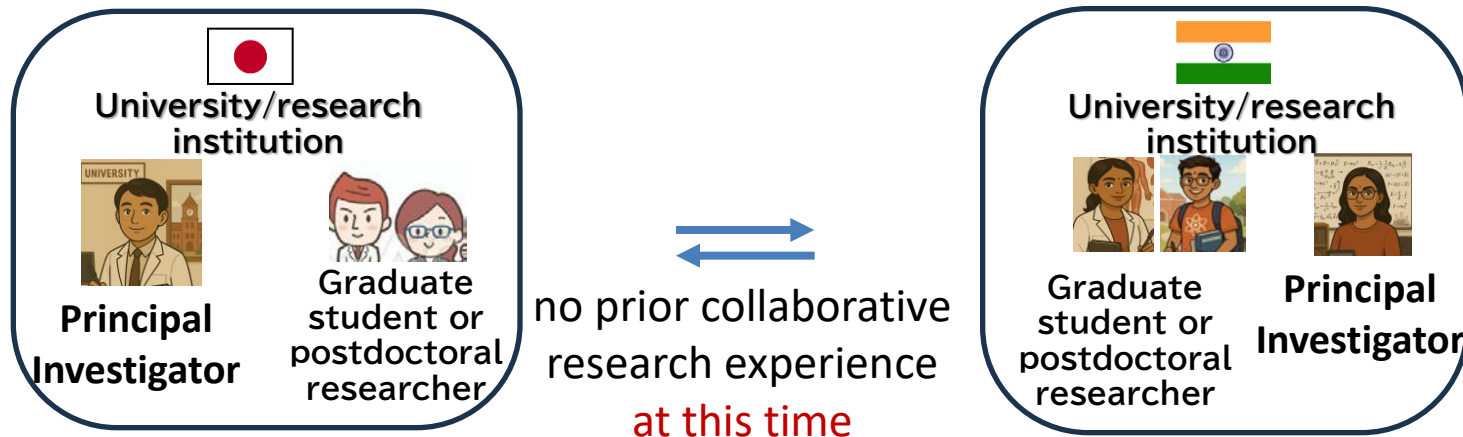
Graduate student or postdoctoral researcher

Can research assistants (RAs) participate in the LOTUS program?



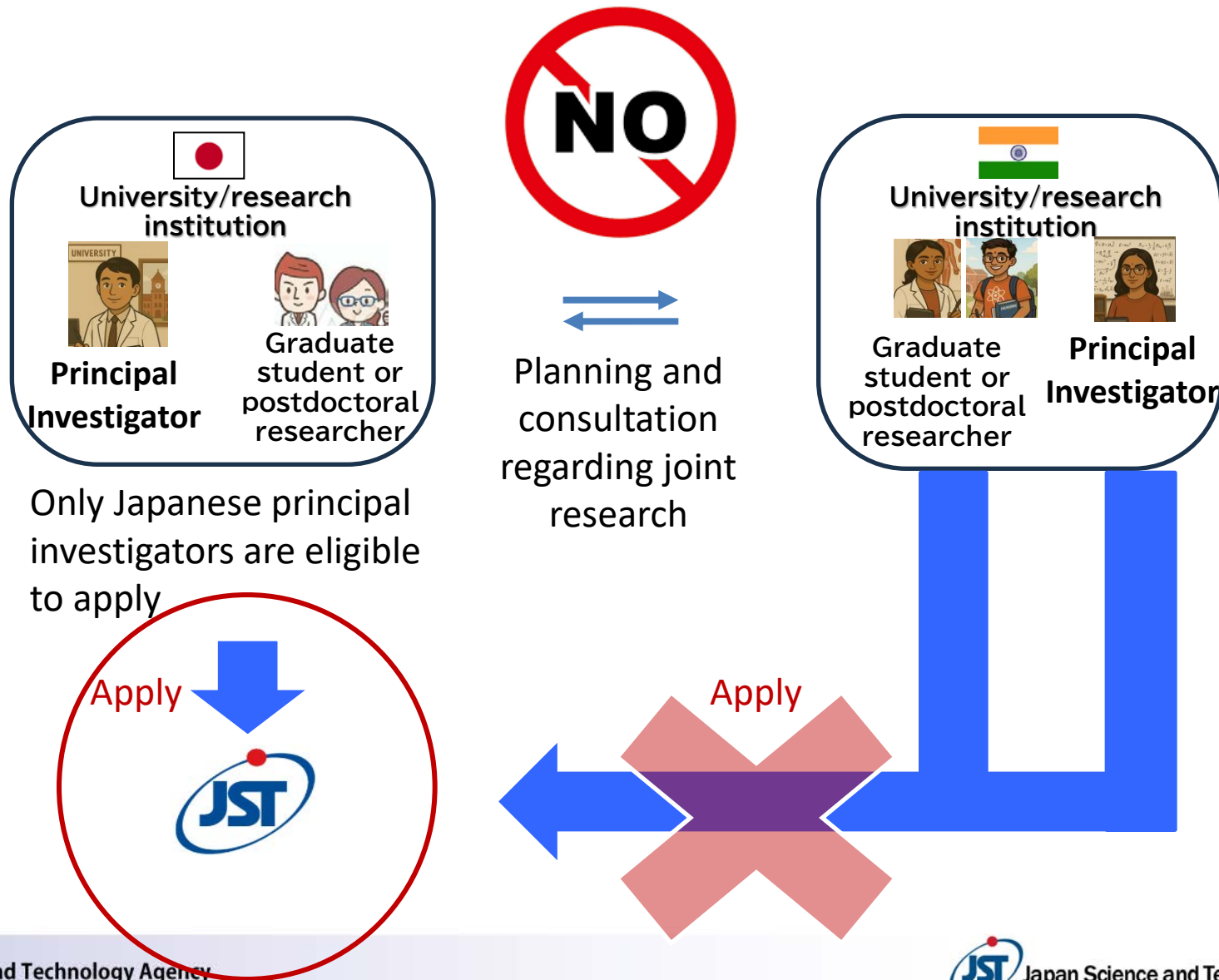
However, this restriction does not apply if the Japanese PI deems the individual to be equivalent to a postdoctoral researcher.

Can I participate in LOTUS even if my PI doesn't have a track record of collaborative research with Japanese researchers?



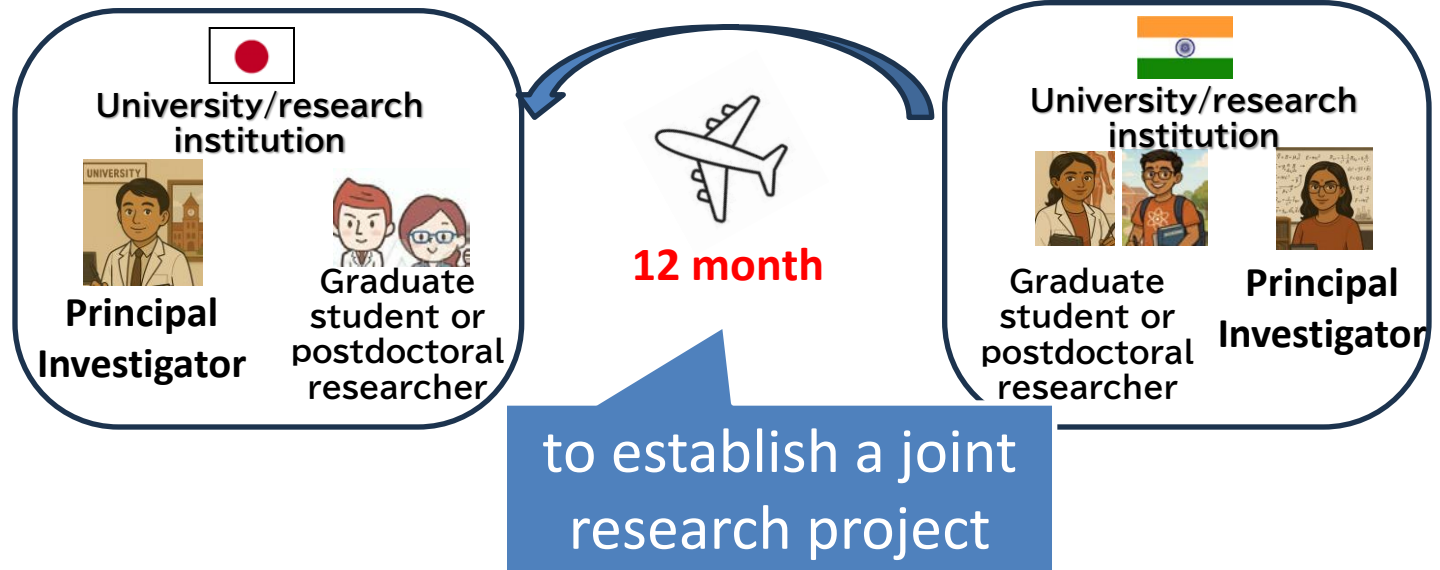
We hope that this LOTUS program will serve as a catalyst for collaborative research.

Can students or Indian-side researchers apply directly to JST?

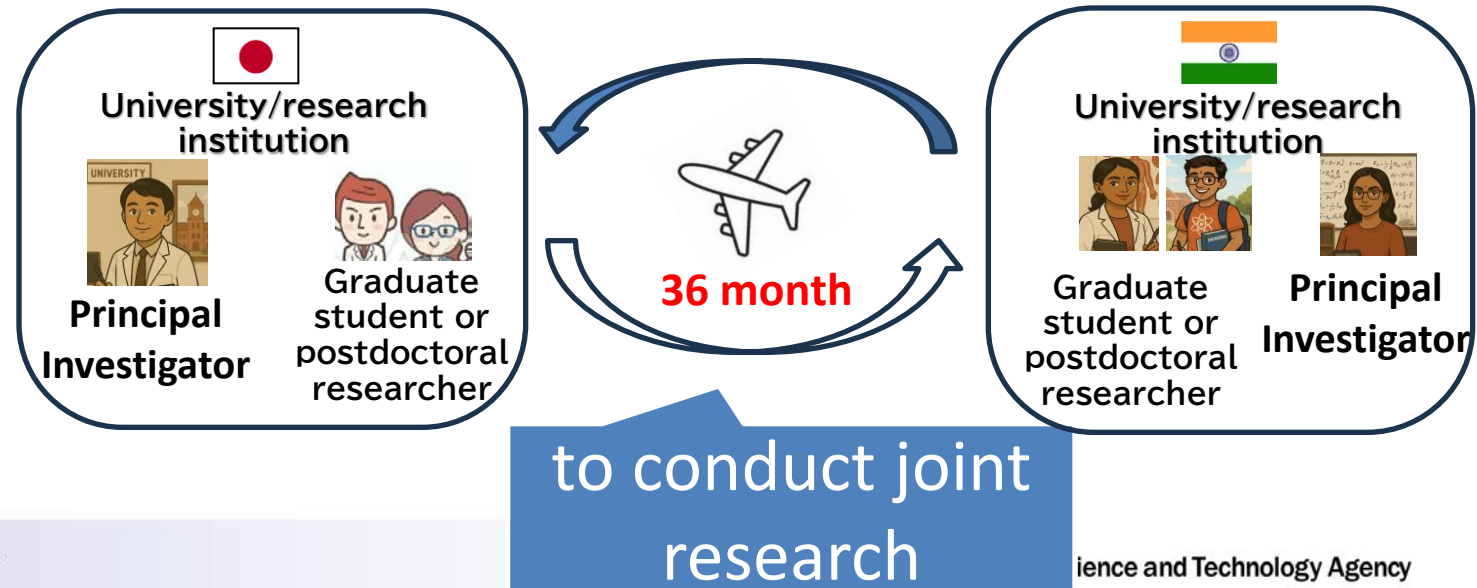


What is the difference between LOTUS (Basic Type) and LOTUS (ASPIRE Type)?

Basic Type



ASPIRE Type



What are the priority research fields?



AI, Information and
Intelligent Robotics



Biotechnology



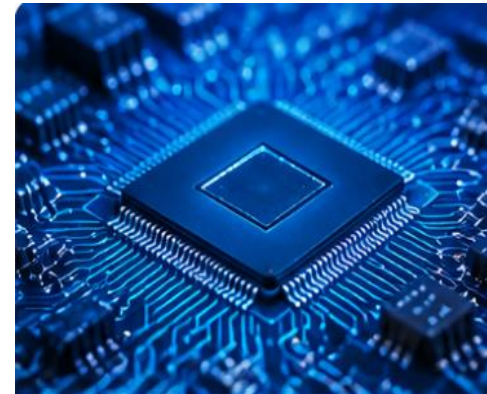
Energy



Materials



Quantum



Semiconductors



Network and
Telecommunications

Interdisciplinary research is also encouraged !