

EMBO Young Investigator Network Meeting Application Guideline

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In July 2023, JST signed a [Memorandum of Cooperation \(MoC\)](#) with EMBO, allowing JST-supported researchers to participate in select EMBO programs.

In FY2025, up to 10 young researchers participating in select JST programs will have the opportunity to attend the Young Investigator Network Meeting (YIN Meeting), which brings together members of the [EMBO Young Investigator Network](#) (YIN), a prestigious research community of leading young group leaders across Europe in life sciences. Through the meeting, JST and EMBO aim to support researchers in Japan build international networks with researchers in Europe and foster future global research leaders.

This will be a valuable opportunity to exchange knowledge and build lasting connections with world-class researchers in Europe—an ideal platform to take your international research career to the next level. We are waiting for your applications!

1. Event Overview

(1) Event Date: March 12 – 14, 2026

(2) Location: Prague, Czechia (Czech Republic)

(3) Participants: Approximately 100 in total including:

(a) Young group leaders affiliated with the EMBO Young Investigator Network

(b) 10 JST-supported researchers who meet all the criteria listed in “Eligibility” section.

(4) Program Components:

(a) Science Talks (10 minutes presentation + 2 minutes Q&A by all participants)

(b) Networking (e.g. coffee break, lunch, dinner, excursions)

(c) Discussion on researchers’ common interests (Topics for 2026 TBD. The theme for the last YIN Meeting was “Responsible Research Assessment.”)

2. How to Apply

(1) Application procedure

(a) Applications must be submitted via the online form below:

URL: <https://forms.office.com/e/KvQaPpYcub> (Deadline: **Sunday, August 31, 2025**
(Japan Standard Time))

(b) Participants will be selected by EMBO based on the applicants' independence and international competitiveness of their research.

(c) JST will contact successful applicants individually around late-September to mid-October.

(2) Eligibility:

Applicants need to meet both of the following requirements (a) and (b):

(a) Current PIs, Co-PIs, or researchers (研究参加者) registered in the project plan of any of the following JST programs: ASPIRE, FOREST (創発), PRESTO (さきがけ), ACT-X, ERATO, or CREST

(b) A researcher who has been working independently for no more than 10 years and meets all of the following criteria:

- Has experience running their own projects within the last 4 years;
- Has sufficient funding to run their projects;
- Has published at least one last-author or a corresponding-author research paper in an international peer-reviewed journal from independent work carried out in their own laboratory or own project.

(3) Number of Applicants Selected from JST Projects:

Up to 10 researchers

(4) Participation Costs:

Expenses required for attending the event, including travel, accommodation, and daily allowances, will be covered by JST and provided through EMBO in accordance with EMBO's regulations.

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[Reference]

More information on the JST-EMBO collaboration can be found in the following URL.

<https://www.jst.go.jp/world/researcher/embo.html>