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**Opportunity for Exchange of Japanese and Foreign Researchers:
Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate
the Circulation of Talented Researchers**

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) just launched an exciting new program in JFY2014 (April 2014-March 2015). What is distinctive about this program is that it is an exchange program for new and seasoned researchers in Japan and foreign countries. U.S. PIs who might be interested in participating should contact their counterparts or colleagues in Japan to find out the possibility of an exchange.

Japanese researchers in all academic fields can apply for the program through the presidents of their institutions. The program requires the PIs to send and receive young researchers. More concretely, the program enables the PIs to send their assistant and associate professors overseas, including a possibility of postdocs, depending on the projects. The program actually requires that more than two researchers per project be dispatched overseas for more than one year.

In addition, the program also requires the PIs to receive young researchers from overseas, ranging from assistant to associate professors, and including a possibility of postdocs and even professors, depending on the projects. The PIs must receive at least one researcher from abroad per year per project.

Researchers who apply and are selected will receive Yen 50 million (\$500,000) per year per project for up to three years. The deadline for JFY2014 cycle was May 12-14, 2014. After review, twenty-five awards will be announced at the end of September 2014. The program may have another cycle in JFY2015 and thereafter, although the decision will be made later in JFY2014.

A very brief English summary of the program can be obtained from JSPS website at:
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-zunoujunkan3/outline.html>