Funding

The DFG funds research in all disciplines using a bottom-up approach. That means any researcher with its academic home in Germany can submit an application without any subject restrictions. International collaborations are possible and desired in all DFG funding programmes. DFG provides funds for the full spectrum of funding schemes, i.e. from funding for the initiation of future collaborative research projects of individuals, bilateral projects, to long term coordinated programmes in form of International Research Training Groups (IRTG) or Collaborative Research Centres (CRC). Depending on the scheme of application, funding can be provided under certain conditions in excess of 9 years. In international programs, usually co-funding of local funding bodies may be provided. In order to secure such funding the DFG Office Japan entertains intensive relations with domestic partner organization.

Funding in cooperation with Partners in Japan

Strengthening and expanding of institutional collaboration with Japanese partner organisations facilitates the joint promotion of cooperation in all areas of basic research.

Framework agreements on the co-funding of research projects exist with the following partners:

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
- Japanese - German Graduate Externship (JGGE)
- International Research Training Groups (IRTG)
- JSPS Bilateral Joint Seminars

The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Joint international Workshops under the Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology (CREST) program and Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology (PRESTO) program

Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)
- Joint Workshops

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