

Memorandum of Understanding
for Personnel Exchanges between German Research Foundation and
Japan Science and Technology Agency

German Research Foundation (hereinafter referred to as “DFG”) and Japan Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter referred to as “JST”), (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”), recognizing the desire to further strengthen the good relationship between the parties, which has been well nurtured and developed through the long years of scientific research collaborations, have agreed to commence a new activity for personnel exchanges between DFG and JST (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”).

Article I.

The program will be implemented by DFG receiving JST employee(s) and JST receiving DFG employee(s) with specific details described below.

1) Objectives

DFG and JST will each send employee(s) as trainee(s) to the other party for a study, exchange of opinions, and site visits etc. both to acquire a better understanding of the research funding system of the other party and to nourish the international-minded persons, in order to further foster the constructive and successful cooperation between DFG and JST.

2) Activities to be Conducted

The program may include the following activities:

- Receiving lectures on strategy of research funding system, criteria of research projects selection, selection review panel and other research project support systems
- Attending review panels, visiting research sites such as universities to study the situation of the funded research
- Exchanging opinions with staff of related departments/sections especially on research related aspects

Both parties will agree in writing well in advance of all assignments of trainees to the respective other party.

According to the requests of the sending party, a schedule plan for the trainee(s) will be arranged by the receiving party and submitted to the sending party prior to the personnel exchange.

3) Duration of Exchange

Duration: Approximately two (2) weeks

4) Personnel(s) to be Dispatched

Employee(s) engaged in the selection of research projects and/or in research management under the research funding system. Personnel(s) with the title of a program officer (PO) or equivalent qualifications is presumed.

5) Expenses

Each party shall cover the all expenses incurred during the program for its own trainee(s), such as travel expenses, hotel accommodations and miscellaneous etc.

Article II.

DFG and JST shall each designate a point person to manage their performance under this MOU, to coordinate performance and to facilitate communication hereunder.

Article III.

Any issues that are not addressed or stipulated in this MOU shall be agreed and resolved through negotiation in good faith. The parties further agree that any dispute between the parties will be settled as amicably as possible.

Article IV.

This MOU shall be valid for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for one (1) year unless a written notice of termination has been given by either party, two (2) months in advance.

Termination of this agreement will not affect activities already approved jointly or in progress under the terms of this MOU.

Article V.

This MOU shall come into force from the date of its signature by the representatives of the two parties.

Article VI.

This MOU may be modified in writing by mutual consent of the parties. This MOU is signed in two originals in English, both texts being equally valid.

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