



RFA 11-02 Appendix E – JST:

The Basic Scheme of Application and Evaluation for Partner PIs from Japan

JST and CIRM will provide the research fund to the research teams in Japan and California, respectively. ***In order for the application to be considered as the one for a JST/CIRM research team, Japan researchers should apply for JST on one side while at the same time California researchers for CIRM on the other.***

Research proposals submitted to JST and CIRM in the pre-application process will be evaluated by the two agencies respectively, and only the proposals selected by both agencies will be invited to the joint second stage, full application. In the full-application step, the applicants will send applications to each corresponding agency. The full application documents submitted to each agency will be evaluated by JST and CIRM separately and respectively, as in pre-application. JST will go through two application steps with peer reviewers.

Eligibility to Apply for JST

The researchers who belong to a research institution in Japan are eligible to apply for the program in collaboration with RFA 11-02, CIRM Early Translational III Research Awards. This program is designed for researchers who fully understand its objectives and are able to propose to conduct collaborative research by establishing international cooperative relationship and complementing each other's project on stem cell research in the close coordination with California researchers. Each applicant can submit only one proposal.

Budget for the Collaborative Research Project

The annual budget for the JST funded portion one project is considered to be around 20 to 80 million Yen. Budget of a project can vary in each year, depending on the content of activities.

Please make a proposal for the most appropriate budget to achieve the research goals. In principle, the above budget shall be appropriated as direct cost as part of what JST calls "commissioned research cost", and the total amount will be administrated by the research institution that a principal investigator or a group leader belongs to. Overhead up to 30% of direct cost will be paid separately to the institution by JST.

Application Instruction

Applicants of Japan team shall submit pre-application to JST no later than 5 pm,

August 22, 2011 (Japan standard time), and also have to write pre-application in Japanese and English using the application form set by JST through e-Rad (online application system) (<http://www.e-rad.go.jp/index.html>).

Any changes of the research project such as title and other contents described in the pre-application are not accepted once the proposal goes on to the stage of a full-application.

The research project proposed to JST must be the same as that proposed to CIRM, therefore Japanese applicants should collectively work on the research proposal with California applicants.

Please note that the research proposal in English should be completely the same as the proposals submitted to CIRM by the California applicant and its precise Japanese translation should be described.

Contacts

For the latest information, please refer to:

<http://www.jst.go.jp/kisoken/jst-cirm/en/index.html>

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