



## **JSPS Bonn Japanese-German Colloquium Application Guidelines for FY2026**

### **1. Purpose**

JSPS Bonn is committed to promoting academic research exchange and research cooperation between Japan and German-speaking countries. In order to achieve these goals, JSPS Bonn will support the Japanese-German Colloquium organized by members of the German JSPS Alumni Association (Club). It will be a small-scale seminar or meeting that promotes the bilateral research cooperation between Japan and German-speaking countries with the aim of fostering trustworthy partnerships.

### **2. Outline**

A host researcher (applicant) in a German-speaking country, together with a co-host in Japan, will determine the scientific program and invite speakers for the two-day colloquium. The colloquium should be interdisciplinary, networking and future-oriented.

It is essential that the applicant first identify a co-host in Japan who will co-organize the colloquium. Participants should come from **a variety of universities or research institutes** in Japan and German-speaking countries. A good **gender balance** among the participants is desirable. In addition, the colloquium should **provide an opportunity for early career researchers** to present their research and engage in discussion with their peers.

The JSPS Bonn Office and the co-host organization in Germany will share the costs.

### **3. Applicable Research Area**

Open to any field of research.

### **4. Eligibility**

Applicants must be registered members of the JSPS Alumni Association and affiliated with a university or research institute in a German-speaking country. The applicant should be affiliated with a university or research institute in a German-speaking country at the time of organizing and conducting the event. The applicant's home institution must serve as the host institution for the colloquium. They should also be actively engaged in the research area relevant to the application and stand to benefit

from the collaborative event. Those who have received funding from JSPS for a similar event, such as a bilateral program (joint research/seminar), are not eligible to apply for this program.

## **5. Selection Criteria**

- Contribution to long-term academic relations between Japan and German-speaking countries.
- Additional support from the applicant's and co-host's institutions (see item 7).
- Scientific excellence.
- Prospect that the event will have a high research and societal impact.
- Involvement of early-career researchers.
- Diversity of speakers and other participants.

\* Applications from previous awardees will be given lower priority.

## **6. Support provided by JSPS**

JSPS will cover 1) travel expenses (round-trip economy class airfare, accommodations, and per diem) for **up to 5 speakers from Japan**, and **2) up to 2 dinners** (up to 2000 EUR) during the colloquium. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the JSPS Travel Expense Policy.

## **7. Support provided by applicant's and co-host's institutions**

It is anticipated that the applicant's and co-host's institutions will play an active role in the event, including providing a suitable venue, additional financial support, and other contributions. The applicant's institution in a German-speaking country is expected to provide financial support such as 1) travel expenses, if necessary, for speakers from other institutions in German-speaking countries or in Europe, 2) coffee break and lunch costs during the event, 3) excursion fees, if planned. The co-host's institution in Japan is expected to provide financial support for additional Japanese participants, if any, whose travel expenses are not covered by JSPS. Details of cost sharing will be negotiated between JSPS, the applicant, and the co-host after the application is selected.

## **8. Time Frame for Event**

The event should be scheduled between May 2026 and the end of February 2027. It will not be possible to move the event beyond this time.

## **9. Duration for Event**

Up to two full days, beginning with the previous day's reception.

## **10. Number of Events Supported**

One in a fiscal year.

## **11. Application Procedure**

Please complete the separate application form along with the resumes of the German host and Japanese co-host. Please do not exceed the space allotted in any section of the application form and do not use a font size smaller than 10 pt.

## **12. Deadline for Proposal Submission**

September 30, 2025. (Applications received after this date will not be accepted.)

## **13. Selection and Notification**

The selection process will be conducted by the Club Board and Bonn Office by the end of December 2025. Successful applicants will be notified in January 2026.

## **14. Data Protection**

Applicants should be aware that all information provided will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations of the host country of the German-speaking countries and JSPS Bonn's Privacy Notice. The information will be stored and processed at JSPS Bonn, JSPS Tokyo and possibly other JSPS overseas offices and will be used solely for the purpose of administering JSPS programs. Please read the Privacy Notice at the following link:

<https://www.jsps-bonn.de/datenschutzerklaerung>

Participants must understand that their names, titles, affiliations, and research interests will be made publicly available.

## **15. Contact Details**

Questions and all completed application forms should be emailed to the JSPS Bonn Office at: [bonn-alumni@overseas.jsps.go.jp](mailto:bonn-alumni@overseas.jsps.go.jp)