

**Second Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Research Council of Lithuania
and
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
on
Scientific Cooperation**

In line with the item of article II and article VI of the MoU between the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and The Research Council of Lithuania (RCL), both participants have consented the following additional joint guidelines for implementation. This is an addition to the Addendum signed on September 13, 2016 by both participants.

1. Researcher Exchange Program

(1) Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to further strengthen cooperation on scientific research between the two countries by promoting and supporting exchange of highly qualified researchers.

(2) Form of Cooperation

The exchange of researchers may be funded as follows:

- (a) The participants wish to support the exchange of highly qualified postdoctoral fellows. The exchange will be arranged under the participants' respective fellowship program.
- (b) The sending participant will nominate the candidates for the fellowship programme and propose them to the receiving participant for its approval. The application will include a letter from the host institution confirming that the institution is willing to receive the researcher and is ready to take care of the practical arrangements for the visit. The receiving participant will notify the sending participant whether or not the candidates are acceptable.
- (c) The receiving participant will cover travel costs, a grant and accommodation according to the items of its fellowship programme. Travel costs will not include the travel costs of spouses and dependents.

(3) Number and Duration of Fellowships

- (a) The maximum number of fellowships to be supported each year will be decided by the participants separately in advance each year.
- (b) Duration of fellowship is 1 month to 12 months.

(4) Conditions of Financial Support

JSPS will provide the following financial support for Lithuanian fellows under the Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term).

- (a) Travel costs: A round-trip air ticket (economy class) between Lithuania and Japan
- (b) A monthly maintenance allowance of JPY362,000 for Ph.D. holders/ JPY200,000 for non-Ph.D. holders
- (c) A settling-in allowance of JPY200,000
- (d) Overseas travel insurance coverage
- (e) Research support allowance of up to JPY70,000 multiplied by the number of months of tenure

The amount of financial support is subject to change for budgetary reasons.

RCL will provide the following financial support for Japanese fellows:

- (a) Travel costs: A round-trip air ticket (economy class) between Japan and Lithuania
- (b) A monthly maintenance allowance of 1600 EUR
- (c) A monthly accommodation allowance of 1000 EUR; if more expensive accommodation is required by the fellow, the difference should be paid by the fellow
- (d) A monthly family allowance of 500 EUR
- (e) Expenses for domestic travel within Lithuania: 650 EUR yearly

The amount of financial support is subject to change for budgetary reasons.

RCL will not cover costs regarding medical care for illness or accident. Incoming foreigners to Lithuania as well as their spouses and dependents normally need an insurance to be able to attain a residence permit.

(5) Application procedure and Timeline for Lithuanian candidates

- (a) Announce JSPS Fellowship recruitments in Lithuania.
- (b) Lithuanian candidates will send their applications to RCL.
- (c) RCL conduct respective peer reviews.
- (d) RCL will nominate candidates to JSPS at least three months prior to the nominee's requested fellowship starting date.
- (e) JSPS will confirm the acceptance of the nominee approximately three months after nomination.
- (f) RCL will dispatch nominees to Japan from April to March (within Japanese fiscal year).

(6) Application procedure and Timeline for Japanese candidates

- (a) Call for applications open in the middle June and deadline for application is end of August every year.
- (b) Japanese candidates will send their applications to JSPS.
- (c) JSPS will conduct respective peer reviews during September and November. JSPS will nominate candidates to RCL in December.
- (d) RCL will confirm the acceptance of the nominee in February.
- (e) JSPS will dispatch nominees to Lithuania from April to March (within Japanese fiscal year)

(7) Review criteria for Lithuanian candidates

The following criteria will be taken into consideration by both participants:

- (a) The idea of a scientific research project and its significance for science
- (b) Scientific experience and competence of a postdoctoral fellow
- (c) Quality of preparation of a postdoctoral fellow project and feasibility of the project
- (d) Scientific competence of the postdoctoral fellow project manager

(8) Review criteria for Japanese candidates

The following criteria will be taken into consideration by both participants:

- (a) Scientific value
If the research content has high scientific value and if the visit is expected to advance research in the subject field
- (b) Concreteness and feasibility
Whether the applicant and researcher in the counterpart country have clearly communicated in advance, and whether the research plan is judged to be both concrete and feasible
- (c) Future potential
Whether the visit can be expected to spawn joint research and networking that will be sustainably developed in the future


2. Others

Communication with regard to the implementation of the above activities will be carried out between the International Program Department at JSPS and the International Cooperation Unit at RCL.

Modifications to this Addendum may be proposed by either JSPS or RCL. Such modifications will become operative when JSPS and RCL have mutually consent upon them, and will be made in both versions.

The cooperation under this Addendum to the MoU corresponds with the operative period of the MoU between JSPS and RCL.

Signed on June 12, 2025



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