



## BILATERAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

### 1. Objective of the Program

The National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) renew their commitment to promoting scientific research through bilateral cooperation initiatives that foster the exchange of knowledge between their researchers on topics of common interest to both countries.

The bilateral cooperation program aims to add value to ongoing research in Argentina and Japan through scientific mobility, in order to increase its impact on both societies.

### 2. Research Areas admitted to the Program

Submissions shall be focused on all research areas. Researchers may apply for a funding period of up to two years.

CONICET and JSPS will fund up to one (1) bilateral project.

### 3. About the Project to be presented

- The scientific project must be original and have been developed jointly by the Argentine and Japanese research groups.
- The Project must be presented in the languages requested by CONICET and JSPS.
- The Project Funding Application must be submitted simultaneously to CONICET and JSPS.

### 4. About Participants' eligibility

#### CONICET Participants

##### **4.1 Principal Investigator (PI)**

- The Principal Investigator (PI) and leader of the National Research Group (NRG) must be an active member of the Scientific Researcher Career (CIC) of CONICET.
- The CONICET PI must also be the principal investigator or a member of a Research Project (already approved or under execution during the period **2022–the closing date of this call**) within one of the following categories:
  - CONICET: *Plurianual Research Project (PIP), PIET-R.*
  - ANPCyT: *Scientific and Technological Research Project (PICT)*
  - *Research Projects funded by public or private universities, or by national and/or provincial public institutions.*
- The PI is responsible for submitting the Application to CONICET within the deadlines established for this call.



- The PI cannot be part of another Project Funding Request submitted under this call.
- Only ONE submission per PI will be accepted per year for CONICET's International Cooperation Project Financing Programs.
- The PI will submit a Final Activities Report to CONICET at the end of the Project.

#### **4.2 About the National Research Group (NRG) and the International Research Group**

- The National Research Group (NRG) may be composed of Researchers (CIC), Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellows, Professionals and Technicians (CPA) from CONICET, as well as from other Argentine science and technology institutions.
- All NRG members must electronically join the project through SIGEVA for the submission to be considered complete.
- The NRG will be formed by the PI and at least two (2) more members (CIC Researchers and/or CONICET Fellows) so that the Application can be admitted in this call.
- The composition of the International Research Group (NRG and counterpart colleagues) shall be reported at the time of the funding request (Annex II).

#### **JSPS Participants' eligibility**

- Please refer to the following website for details: [https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei\\_bosyu.html](https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei_bosyu.html). Please note that the information is provided in Japanese.

## **5. Funding**

Both CONICET and JSPS will cover the costs of its own country's participants.

### **CONICET Funding**

#### **5.1 Activities**

CONICET will annually fund the equivalent in Argentine Pesos (ARS) up to USD7.500.- (according to the official exchange rate) for expenses in the following categories:

- Airfare (economy class) and travel expenses for stays at the counterparty's workplace. (Main and Mandatory expense).
- Purchase of software and minor equipment for the development of the work plan for the presented project (Optional expense of up to 10% of annual funding)
- Organization of workshops and scientific meetings in Argentina (Optional expense of up to 10% of annual funding).
- Fieldwork in Argentina (Optional expense of up to 10% of annual funding)

#### **Important:**

- The financing to be requested from CONICET must include one (1) international mobility per year of the Project.
- Beneficiaries of international mobility may only be doctoral and postdoctoral fellows or CONICET researchers. Submissions that prioritize travel for young researchers (doctoral



fellows, postdoctoral fellows, or research assistants) will be considered. Submissions that list CPA members as beneficiaries will not be accepted.

- The beneficiaries of international mobility must be different each year of project execution.

### 5.2 Granting and administration of financing for approved projects

- The funds will be transferred to the Management Unit corresponding to the PI's workplace.
- The PI will be responsible for submitting the corresponding accounts and declaring any funds not used for the execution of the Projects as surpluses.
- Beneficiaries must process their corresponding licenses/absences from the workplace in advance of each mobility.

### JSPS Funding

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## 6. Scientific evaluation and selection of projects to be financed

### 6.1. CONICET Evaluation

The CONICET International Calls Committee will evaluate Project Funding Applications according to the following evaluation criteria:

Item	Criteria
A	<p><b>Scientific relevance</b>  <u>Suggestion: up to 15 points</u>            The extent to which the proposal is important for scientific and/or technological advancement in the field in which it is based will be evaluated.</p>
B	<p><b>Originality of the proposal</b>  <u>Suggestion: up to 15 points</u>            The extent to which the project explores creative, original and/or innovative concepts that reflect its scientific relevance will be evaluated.</p>
C	<p><b>Feasibility and methodological adequacy</b>  <u>Suggestion: up to 25 points</u>  <u>a-Proposed methodology: (up to 10 points):</u>            The work plan submitted will be evaluated to ensure it is clearly stated, the objectives are precise and limited, the proposed hypotheses are consistent with them, and the methodology ensures its execution in a timely manner to achieve the expected results.            The availability of equipment, infrastructure, access to information, collaboration agreements, and authorizations from committees and institutions that guarantee the development of the work plan will be evaluated.            Where appropriate, consider whether the work plan clearly states how issues of sex, gender, and diversity are addressed.  <u>b-Project Financing Proposal: (up to 15 points):</u>            The Advisory Committee will analyze the rationale and cost justification for implementing the submitted work plan.</p>



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D	<p><b>Background of the participating researchers.</b>  <u>Suggestion: up to 20 points</u>  <b>a-Proposed direction for the research group</b> (up to 10 points):          The project director's background will be assessed to demonstrate the ability to lead the project. This will take into account activities carried out, results achieved, and participation in other research projects. If the work plan falls within a new line of research, the background must be evaluated by weighing the scientific and group leadership skills previously demonstrated.  <b>b-Conformation of the research group</b> (up to 10 points):          The composition of the Research Group, in terms of quality and quantity (including the profiles necessary for the development of the project and respecting gender diversity), will be assessed to ensure the success of the research.</p>
E	<p><b>Complementarity of scientific collaborators</b>  <u>Suggestion: up to 25 points</u>          The complementarity proposed in the formation of the Research Group to carry out the presented project will be analyzed and assessed.</p>

## 6.2. JSPS Evaluation

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### Selection of Projects

The selection of the project to be funded will be based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committees of CONICET and JSPS, according to the criteria presented in points 6.1 and 6.2 .

At CONICET, the Boards of Directors make the final decision on whether to approve or reject project proposals. Decisions cannot be appealed. In the case of JSPS, please refer to the following website for details: [https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei\\_bosyu.html](https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bilat/semina/shinsei_bosyu.html).<sup>1</sup>

## 7. About Admissibility

### **CONICET will not accept applications that:**

- Have not been submitted simultaneously to CONICET and JSPS.
- Have not been submitted through the SIGEVA system **before 11:59 p.m.** on the closing date of the call.
- Have not included the beneficiaries of international mobility in the ranks and categories admitted and indicated in section "4. About the Participants"
- Are requesting cross-financing, since each Agency finances its own nationals.
- Request funding for activities that are not linked to international cooperation.
- Have listed the same agent as the beneficiary of all trips under the project.
- Have not electronically associated all members of the NRG through SIGEVA.
- Have recorded a NRG of less than three (3) members.
- Do not have the endorsement of the highest authority at the PI's workplace.

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- Have not included proof (Resolution) of an approved National Project in progress.

## 8. Instructions for Submitting Applications to CONICET

It is recommended that you read Annex I of this document.

## 9. Schedule

Opening	June 1st 2026
Closing	September 3rd 2026
Assessment of Project Proposals	November 2026 to February 2027
Communication of Results	March 2027
Projects Start	from April 2027 on. Funding will be provided according to the funding rules (incl. reporting) of the respective funding organisation.
CONICET will begin to execute its funds in the second semester of 2027 without prejudice to the prior start of the projects with JSPS funding.	

## 10. Contact

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