

SAKURA Exchange Program, 2015-Invitation for Indian Youth under the framework of institute-institute collaboration.

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) has proposed to welcome Indian youth (up to 40 years of age) starting April, 2015 under a new short-term invitational program or “SAKURA Exchange Program”. Some 300 young researchers and university students are supposed to have an exposure visit of 10 days to 3 weeks in the science and technology Institutions in Japan. This new program is available only at the Institutional levels, thus no individual proposal is accepted.

1. Sakura Science Plan consists of 2 programs. One is "Call for Exchange Program proposals (submission type)", and the other one is "Sakura Science High School Program".

1.-1. Call for Exchange Program proposals (submission type)

- This program is designed to reinforce, revitalize and construct a relationship between an Indian institution and a Japanese one by means of financial support for exchange plans. Each plan to be supported by JST must be always created and implemented in cooperation with the institutions of both countries, and an application for the program must be always submitted by the Japanese institution to JST.

1.-2. Sakura Science High School Program

This program has been closed for 2015 and the following is for information purposes.

- Objective of this program is to reinforce and accelerate exchange of the younger students (high school students, equivalent to the students of grade 10, 11, 12 in India). JST invites Indian students to Japan. Participants are chosen under the partnership of JST and the relevant Indian governmental agencies.

For more information, please refer to the site below or contact the department or personnel in charge of the International affairs at your institution.

<http://ssp.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html>

2. Overall process for preparation and implementation of the “Call for Exchange Program proposals (submission type)”

- 2.-1. Construct an academic relationship with a Japanese host (universities, research institutes, etc.) through department/section of international cooperation in your organization.
- 2.-2. Exchange ideas in developing and agreeing to an exchange plan between the two organizations.
- 2.-3. Finalize the exchange plan and have the Japanese host submit the plan to JST for selection. The results of the selection will be announced via the Japanese host.
- 2.-4 The successful plan is implemented and a report is submitted upon completion of the program to the Japanese host.