



Research collaboration grant for junior scientists for FY2015/2016

Purpose:

The purpose of this grant is to stimulate mutual exchange visit of the applicants and for them to work together at the same place. The grant can be used to purchase a small amount of consumables.

Description:

Up to four research grants will be awarded for international collaborative glia studies between junior scientists.

Grant period:

Two years

Grant amount:

Up to 1,000,000 yen (about 7.500 EUR)/year (total amount of 2,000,000 yen).

The grant can be used for travel of scientists from both countries, consumables, and other research-related expenses. Consumables must be purchased and used in Japan. The grants will adequately be complemented by additional support for traveling, housing, lab expenses etc. in Germany by the German Glia Consortium (SPP 1757) according to project requirements.

Eligibility and limitation

Applicants (and co-applicants) must be graduate students or have obtained a PhD degree within the past five years. Applicants may be involved in multiple applications, but only one project will be awarded per laboratory.

Application process

1. Applicants, their PIs, and attendees of the Tokyo meeting should study the list of

potential collaborative laboratories (attached) and are advised to contact the PI(s) of the candidate laboratory(ies) beforehand.

2. Contacted PI will introduce a junior scientist in his/her laboratory. Thereafter a project will be discussed between the applicant and introduced junior scientist.
3. Alternatively, serendipitous project ideas resulting from interactions at the Tokyo meeting (10-11 January, 2016) are also welcome.
4. Proposals from plural Japanese and German scientists are acceptable as well as those from a duo.
5. Application should be within a single page, or e-mail text containing title, project description (<200 words), applicants' info (name, affiliation, PI name), and rough budget breakdown. Applications must be sent to Dr. Kenji Tanaka (kftanaka@keio.jp) before **22:00 of 10th January, 2016 (Tokyo time)**.

Applicants are kindly asked to contact putative German collaborators as soon as possible to allow for reasonable flight booking from Germany. German partner labs are informed to submit short and informal pre-proposals by December 4.

6. Applicants are asked to present their final proposals on **11th January, 2016** in the Tokyo meeting (5 min project presentation including budget usage, 10-15 min interactive discussion). If applicants from Germany are not available for presentation, Japanese partner applicants will present the project.
7. Decisions will be made in the afternoon of 11th January, 2015. Formal paperwork, including an agreement from both PIs will follow in due course.
8. Applicants, their PIs and attendees of the Tokyo meeting must sign the non-disclosure agreement.
9. Consideration will be made to promote application and selection of the projects by female researchers in one or both of the countries.

Reviewers

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