

**Associate Teams with Japan (2018 – 2020)**  
**AYAME Program**  
**2018 Specific Call for proposals**

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**1. Program goals**

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In the framework of the “AYAME Program”, and in order to promote and develop collaborations between France and Japan by supporting research projects of high scientific quality, the European and International Partnerships Department (EIPD) of Inria and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science-JSPS launch a specific call for the support of joint projects.

The two partners jointly define a scientific objective with a clear added value for each of them, a research plan and a program for bilateral exchanges.

**2. Proposal of a new Associate Team, selection process and continuation**

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**Submission**

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**Each project must be submitted separately to Inria and to JSPS.** In order to avoid mismatching projects, and consequently ineligibility, Japanese and French PIs shall make sure that funding is requested for the same duration (3 years).

An Associate Team proposal must be submitted by the French PI via the dedicated Web site at: <https://drisi.inria.fr/eaEquipeAssociee/new>

**Selection process**

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Proposals will be evaluated by Inria’s COST-GTRI<sup>1</sup> according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence of the project (motivation of the general problems, identification of the main challenges, intended approaches/methodologies/ techniques)
- Balanced participation of researchers from various carrier stages and contribution to fostering young researchers’ participation.
- Relevance and consistency of the mobility and work program

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<sup>1</sup> Scientific Committee in charge of project evaluations.



- Expected results and impact of the joint project for each partner (mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise)
- Contribution to intellectual and cultural development, improvement of quality of life, and enhancement of the socioeconomic infrastructure.

Based on this evaluation and the program goals and priorities, the EIPD proposes a selection of "Associate Teams with Japan" to Inria's executive management, which makes the final selection, after consultation with the JSPS.

### **3. Year to year continuation**

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An Associate Team is created for a period of 3 years and progress is monitored on a yearly basis by Inria's EIPD. For that purpose, each Associate Team's French coordinator must create and update a dedicated website, properly referenced from his Inria Project-team website. The Associate Team website presents the partners, scientific objectives, work program and accounts for the activities, exchanges, technological developments, joint publications and co-supervised PhD students and research generated by the team. A short report must be submitted annually that describes the progress of the work and requests a budget for the following year.

### **4. Funding**

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An "Associate Team with Japan" is created for a period of three years and is awarded a grant of 20 000 €/year for three years (10 000€ provided by Inria and the same amount, or its equivalent in Yen, by JSPS).

The Associate Team's budget is dedicated to:

- exchanges of researchers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, PhD students and interns between France and Japan;
- the organization of joint workshops/ working meetings.

### **5. Report and renewal**

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At the end of the third year, the coordinator writes the final report of the Associate Team's activities and results.

The Associate Teams coordinators can ask once for the renewal of the Associate Team for an additional three years period. The application process is similar to the proposal for a new Associate Team, except that a clear positioning of the scientific goal with that of the initial associate team is expected. The proposal is evaluated under the same criteria. An Associate Team can be renewed only once for a cycle of three years.

The French coordinator of a non-renewed Associate Team wishing to continue its activities can submit a declaration of "Inria International Partner". This declaration identifies the collaboration as a quality partnership. There is no specific timetable for the submission of an "Inria International Partner." Declarations can be made during all year following International



Relations Liaison Officers' recommendations in each research center  
<https://www.inria.fr/en/europe-international/european-international-policy/your-european-international-contacts>. Such declaration has to be sent to ([angelica.biard@inria.fr](mailto:angelica.biard@inria.fr)).

## **6. Important dates**

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For the 2018 call, submission deadlines are the following:

On the Japanese side (JSPS): **September 6th, 2017\***

On the French side (Inria): **September 27th, 2017**

***\* IMPORTANT: Please be aware that Japanese universities and research institutions have their own time line and procedures before submitting their projects to JSPS. Thus, this date may vary from one institution to the other. Make sure that your Japanese counterpart submits the project according to each university's procedures.***