Call for applications 2021: Japan
RESEARCH CHAIRS UDL – JAPAN
Outgoing mobility of researchers and professors

Université de Lyon’s international strategy in Japan

As part of its international strategy, the Université de Lyon (UdL) develops a network of privileged international academic partners called “International Alliance”. It aims to create an integrated platform for research and training. The International Alliance comprises around ten universities spread over five strategic geographical zones chosen for their strong links and a scientific drive shared with the institutions of the Université de Lyon.

Japan is one of the strategic areas of the “International Alliance” with the two main partners: the University of Tokyo and Tohoku University.

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Presentation
In order to strengthen scientific and academic collaborations, the Université de Lyon is launching the call for applications “Research Chairs Université de Lyon – Japan”. It will fund the outgoing mobility of groups of researchers (chairs) from Lyon Saint-Étienne working on a same domain to Japan. Up to five chairs could be selected.

Objective
This call aims at promoting scientific cooperation in UdL’s priority academic fields (see below) and at fostering innovative and ambitious collaborative projects. This call will provide funding for setting up an academic network involving at least one research team from UdL and one research team from the Japanese partner that will lead to the creation of a structured long-term collaboration.

Expected outcomes
- To develop advanced joint research projects funded by national research institutions and or agencies;
- To raise funds for research projects;
- To write high ranked publications;
- To create French-Japanese research laboratories, eligible for international competitive calls;
- To set up joint master degrees, research-oriented and PhD projects;
- Dissemination of knowledge.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- PUBLIC
  - Faculty members and full-time researchers from the IDEXLYON consortium.

- PRIORITY ACADEMIC FIELDS
  - 1st: Bioscience, Health and Society; Science and Engineering for Sustainable Society; Urbanity and Humanity (IDEXLYON academic fields).
  - 2nd: Others academic fields.
• TARGETED PRIORITY PARTNERS
  o 1st: The University of Tokyo and Tohoku University;
  o 2nd: Others Japanese universities (based on areas of expertise and the number of jointly co-published scientific papers, pre-collaborations with UdL’s institutions).

• FUNDING AND RECIPROCITY
  o Capacity to show co-funding of the action by the Japanese is requested.

• CONTENT OF THE PROJECT
  o The clarity and relevance of the objectives of the project;
  o Credibility of the proposed scientific approach, the feasibility of the project, the consistency and effectiveness of the work plan;
  o The project should significantly contribute to strengthen cooperation with Japanese partners;
  o The project leader must demonstrate their ability to lead an international scientific team.

FUNDING FROM IDEXLYON: MODALITIES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

• The applications will be reviewed by a scientific panel;
• Up to 5 projects may be selected;
• Each selected project will receive up to EUR 10,000;

Funding modalities:
• Eligible expenses:
  o Academic staff and researchers’ mobilities (transportation costs and accommodation) : research stays up to 10 days;
  o Costs associated with the organization of workshops, scientific conferences, symposia in Lyon/Saint-Étienne or in Japan;
  o Costs associated with dissemination of knowledge.

• Not eligible expenses:
  o Mobility of doctoral students (see dedicated call for doctoral students’ international mobility);
  o Funding cannot be used to pay for teaching, salaries, tuitions or stipends of any kind.

Terms and conditions:
• Funds will be transferred via a repayment agreement between the Université de Lyon and the member institution of the IDEXLYON consortium to which the laboratory of the project leader is attached;
• Funds must be spent before 31 December 2021. No deferment possible;
• With regards to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the mobility projects must comply with all national, regional or organizational levels decisions and regulations;
• The French laureate institution undertakes to facilitate the dissemination (IDEXLYON logo must be added to communication materials);
• Implementation or framework agreements that may result from cooperation established will mention the support of Université de Lyon through IDEXLYON.
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

- The director of the French laboratory, the team leaders from the French and Japanese side must sign the application file;
- All applications will be examined by an *ad hoc* commission;

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
Université de Lyon – International Office
international.office@universite-lyon.fr
Object: Research Chairs UdL - Japan
Deadline: 15 October 2020

CALENDAR OF THE PROGRAM

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