



Third CNRS – University of Tokyo Ph.D. Joint Program

The CNRS and the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) are launching the third joint call for proposals between the two institutions in order to develop new promising cooperation.

This third joint call is intended to fund joint research projects for 3 years, including funding for Ph.D. students so that they may work towards obtaining their doctorate degrees. The selected joint research project will have two Ph.D. students (one CNRS, one UTokyo) associated with it. The ultimate aim for these students is for them to obtain a doctorate degree based on the work they do on the joint research over the three years.

Scientific Areas

This call is open to, but not limited to, research projects in the following focus areas:

- Social Science
- Data-driven interdisciplinary challenges in Earth observation & environment
- AI for Science, Science for AI
- Energy transition

The focus areas will also include projects in collaboration with CNRS-UTokyo International Research Laboratories (LIMMS, JFLI, ILANCE, DYNACOM and FJLMI).

Eligibility

Academic faculties of the University of Tokyo who have the authorization from department or affiliation and the university to supervise Ph.D. students (UTokyo)

Researchers working in a CNRS unit holding an accreditation to supervise Ph.D. students (HDR)

A PI cannot submit more than one application in the framework of this call.

Collaborative research

There must be at least one PI from UTokyo and one PI from CNRS.

Funding

The joint call intends to fund joint research projects for 3 years, including a Ph.D. fellowship on the CNRS side, and funding provided to the PI which will cover costs of a Ph.D. student on the UTokyo side per project. The aim for these students is for them to obtain a doctorate degree based on the work they do on the joint research over the three years.

Thus, the total funding will include on the CNRS side:

- the Ph.D. fellowship for the CNRS side for 3 years
- travel and living expenses for the Ph.D. student in the partner country
- seed funding for travel expenses for the PI on each side

and on the UTokyo side:

- funding provided to the PI for 3 years which will cover the cost of a Ph.D. student

- travel and living expenses for the Ph.D. student in the partner country within the restrictions of the rules and regulations of UTokyo
- seed funding for travel expenses for the PI on each side

Support period

3 years

Student status and fees

The PIs on both sides are to discuss and agree on the status of the Ph.D. student when in the partner country. Any fees that may arise from sending/receiving in the Ph.D. student shall be the responsibility of the PIs and the travelling Ph.D. students.

Students will be enrolled in their home institution and will not be charged tuition fees at the host institution.

Number of awards

Up to a maximum of five projects are expected to be jointly funded by UTokyo and CNRS through this call. However, subject to budget availability, quantity and quality of proposals the number of projects selected may change.

Submission date(s)

Call will be open from 13 November 2023 to 20:00(JST)/12:00(CEST), 12 January 2024.

UTokyo members must also refer to the announcement on the UTokyo Portal for details related to internal processes.

Notification date

End of February 2024

Project start date

September/October 2024

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a CNRS/UTokyo committee according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality & originality of the project
- Scientific merit of the teams
- Synergism between the teams

The proposals must also include an outlined plan for raising external competitive funding (e.g. EU collaborative grants, national research agency grants, etc.)

Mode of application

The PDF file submitted by both applicants should be identical.

UTokyo applicants should, having obtained approval of the head of their affiliation, submit in electronic format (Adobe PDF) via email to sp.uni.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp through the administrative section of their affiliation. Please note that the affiliation may require documents to be submitted earlier than the above date for their own internal procedures. Therefore, please check their requirements also when making an application.

*Please refer to the announcement on the UTokyo Portal for details and submit the applications through the relevant department of your affiliation.

CNRS applicants should submit the same file via the dedicated website: [NOA \(cnrs.fr\)](http://NOA.cnrs.fr)