



LOTUS Programme

The LOTUS Programme supports graduate students and postdoctoral researchers from India to undertake research exchanges in Japan through joint research projects led by principal investigators (PIs) in both India and Japan. In FY2024, 55 participants from 22 institutions were selected, increasing to 300 participants from 78 institutions in FY2025. The programme will be further expanded in the FY2026 call, with plans to select 1,000 participants.

Type	LOTUS Basic (current scheme)	LOTUS-ASPIRE (new additional scheme)
Invitee	Master degree student, Doctor degree student Postdoctoral researchers (under 40 years) (Nationality not restricted)	
Purpose & Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint supervision of young researchers • Foundation building for Japan–India collaborative research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint supervision of young researchers • Creation of Tangible Research Outcomes
Support Period	Up to 12 months	Up to 36 months
Financial Support	Living expenses and some expenses for trip etc.	Living expenses and research funds
Eligible Research fields	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AI, Information and Intelligent Robotics 2. Biotechnology 3. Energy 4. Materials 5. Quantum Science 6. Semiconductors 7. Network and Telecommunications (Other fields are eligible if relevant to Research fields No.1–No.7.)	
Acceptances	Approximately 1,000 participants	
Call for Proposals	13 Mar– 9 Jun 12:00JST, 2026	
Applicant to JST	PI in university or institution in Japan (Nationality not restricted)	

Researchers networking: To deepen mutual exchange, a networking event for invitees was held at the Embassy of India in Tokyo in July 2025. It will be held again in FY2026.

