

Outline and its Future of JSPS Programs – Focuses on Grants-in Aid for Scientific Research

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The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science carries out a multipronged program, including funding research, fostering researchers, and promoting international scientific exchange. In all these facets, JSPS respects the autonomy and creativity of the researchers themselves.

As a funding agency, it is imperative for JSPS to conduct its selection and evaluation processes in a fair and impartial manner. To this end, JSPS has established within its organization the Research Center for Science Systems, which embodies a PO system staffed by program directors and officers. While working to enhance the Center's functions, JSPS has upgraded the examiner selection process of its Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research and redesigned the screening system of its Research Fellowships for Young Scientists, among other progressive reforms.

I will explain these various reforms and the future course of action at the symposium.