

The Japan Science and Technology Fund

In 1989 the Government of Canada announced a dynamic new strategy to strengthen Canada's position in a rapidly changing international economy. This strategy, called "Going Global," involves an integrated approach to international trade, science and technology and investment. The new strategy will more properly reflect Canada's economic priorities — and with them, the interests of Canadian industry.

The Japan Science and Technology Fund (JSTF) is a principal element of "Going Global." At present, the level of Canadian research collaboration with Japan does not fully reflect either Japan's technological capabilities or its importance to Canada as a trade partner. Accordingly, the fund was created to enhance Canada's scientific and technological base by expanding mutually beneficial collaboration with Japan. It will, in part, overcome barriers to enhanced collaboration that stem from language and cultural differences and the high cost of doing business in Japan.

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