

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). The Fund will promote joint technological development and help to create strategic partnerships in many sectors of domestic priority. Its primary objectives are to:

- increase the participation of Canadian scientists and engineers in relevant world-class Japanese research-and-technology development programs and projects;
- train highly qualified personnel in state-of-the-art Japanese research facilities and thereby fill identified gaps in Canada's scientific and technological capabilities;
- facilitate access to Japanese technologies and industrial laboratories considered important to the competitiveness of Canadian industry; and
- collaborate in research, standards setting and similar initiatives to facilitate exports to Japan.

The JSTF encourages activities that are part of longer-term strategies within Canadian research organizations. Such strategies should have clearly identified Japan as the principal source of research collaboration, leading, where relevant, to new industrial technologies of benefit to Canada.