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## Australia and Japan target emerging research leaders

Australia and Japan have launched a new joint program to optimise the skills of leading mid-career researchers through an exchange of emerging leaders in science and technology.

The [Australia-Japan Emerging Research Leaders Exchange Program \(ERLP\)](#), starting in 2010, will enable mid-career researchers to undertake two weeks of institutional placements in agreed priority science and technology areas.

This important opportunity is being funded in Australia by the Australian Government, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR). The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) will operate the program for DIISR, with the Japanese funding and organisation coming from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) in cooperation with the Engineering Academy of Japan (EAJ).

The program recognises the long-established science and technology links between partnership between Australia and Japan and will give participants access to leading experts from the partner country.

ATSE expects the program will contribute to the continued advancement of science, technology and economic development between Japan and Australia through enhanced technological exchange and institutional links, leading to possible joint research projects and seminars.

Australia and Japan will exchange mid-career researchers on a reciprocal basis in early 2010. Each visit will be about two weeks, starting with an orientation session, followed by placements in various research institutions and ending with a debriefing session, in which participants will outline paths for further linkage within the host country.

The topics for the 2009-2010 exchange will focus on Energy and Environment; Novel Materials and Resources; and Biotechnology and its medical applications.

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