



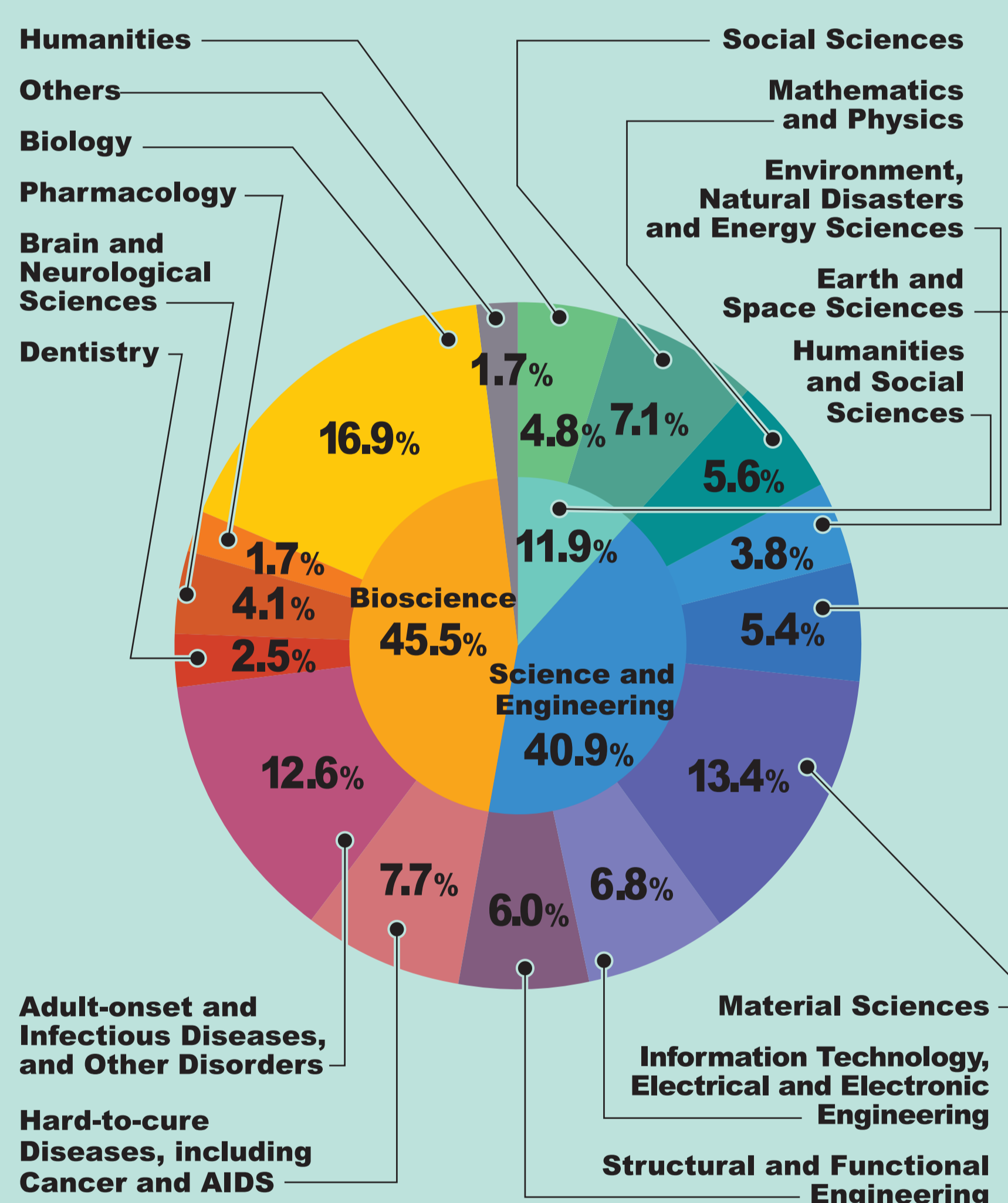
JSPS's 4 MAIN PROGRAM PILLARS

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities. JSPS plays a pivotal role in the administration of a wide spectrum of Japan's scientific and academic programs. JSPS has established a variety of funding systems to support research that advances science on a level of excellence anticipated to generate new knowledge assets and matrices.

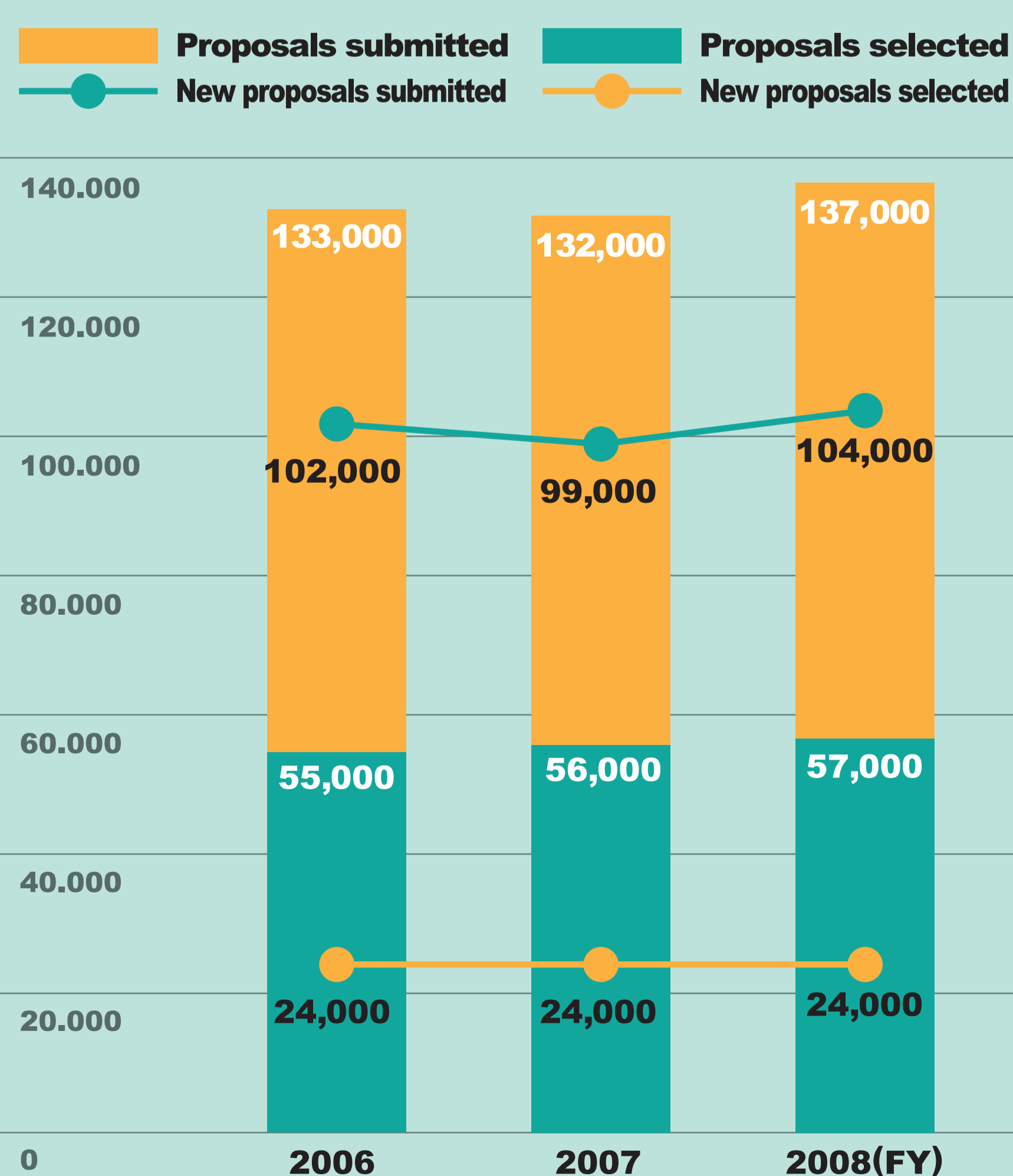
1 Supporting Research Initiatives

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, or "KAKENHI", are awarded to promote creative and pioneering research across a wide spectrum of scientific fields, ranging from the humanities and social sciences to the natural sciences. More than 40% of Japan's competitive funding is provided by way of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research.

FY2008 Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research by Research Field (percentage based on amount of funding)



Number of Proposals for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research



2 Fostering Next Generation of Researchers

Research Fellowship for Young Scientists

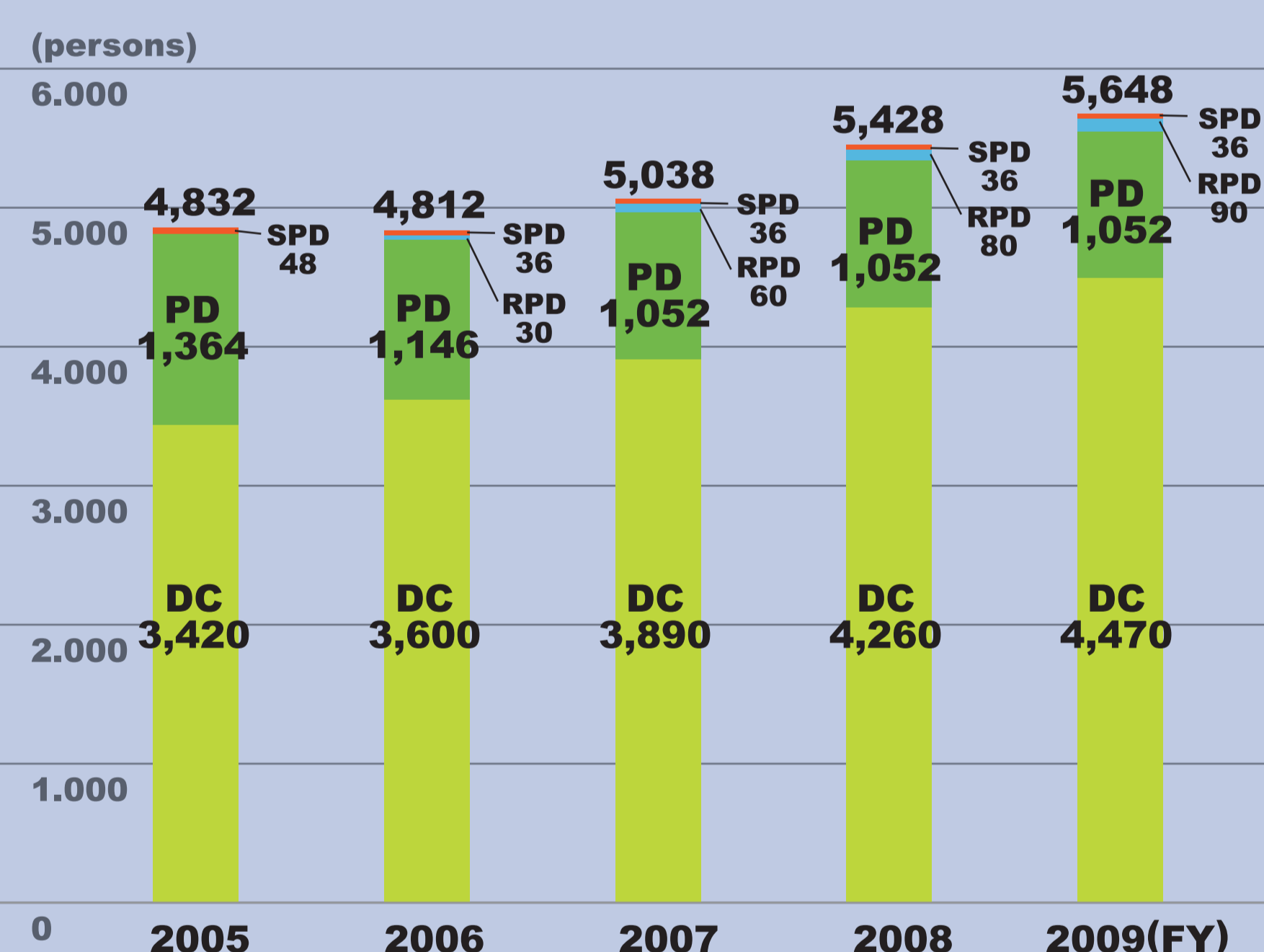
Strong emphasis is placed on doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship programs designed to foster and secure excellent young researchers.

Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research Abroad

This fellowship helps to foster and secure talented young Japanese researchers endowed rich international perspectives.

No limitation is placed on their selections of research topics or host institutions.

Total Number of Fellowships



Terms of Research of Fellowships

CATEGORY	Doctoral Students	Postdocs	Restart Postdocs	Superlative Postdocs	Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research Abroad
TENURE (years)	2-3	3	2 (-FY2009) 3 (FY2010-)	3	2

3 Advancing International Collaborations

JSPS also focuses on international scientific exchanges that advance cutting-edge research in partnership with overseas science-promotion agencies.

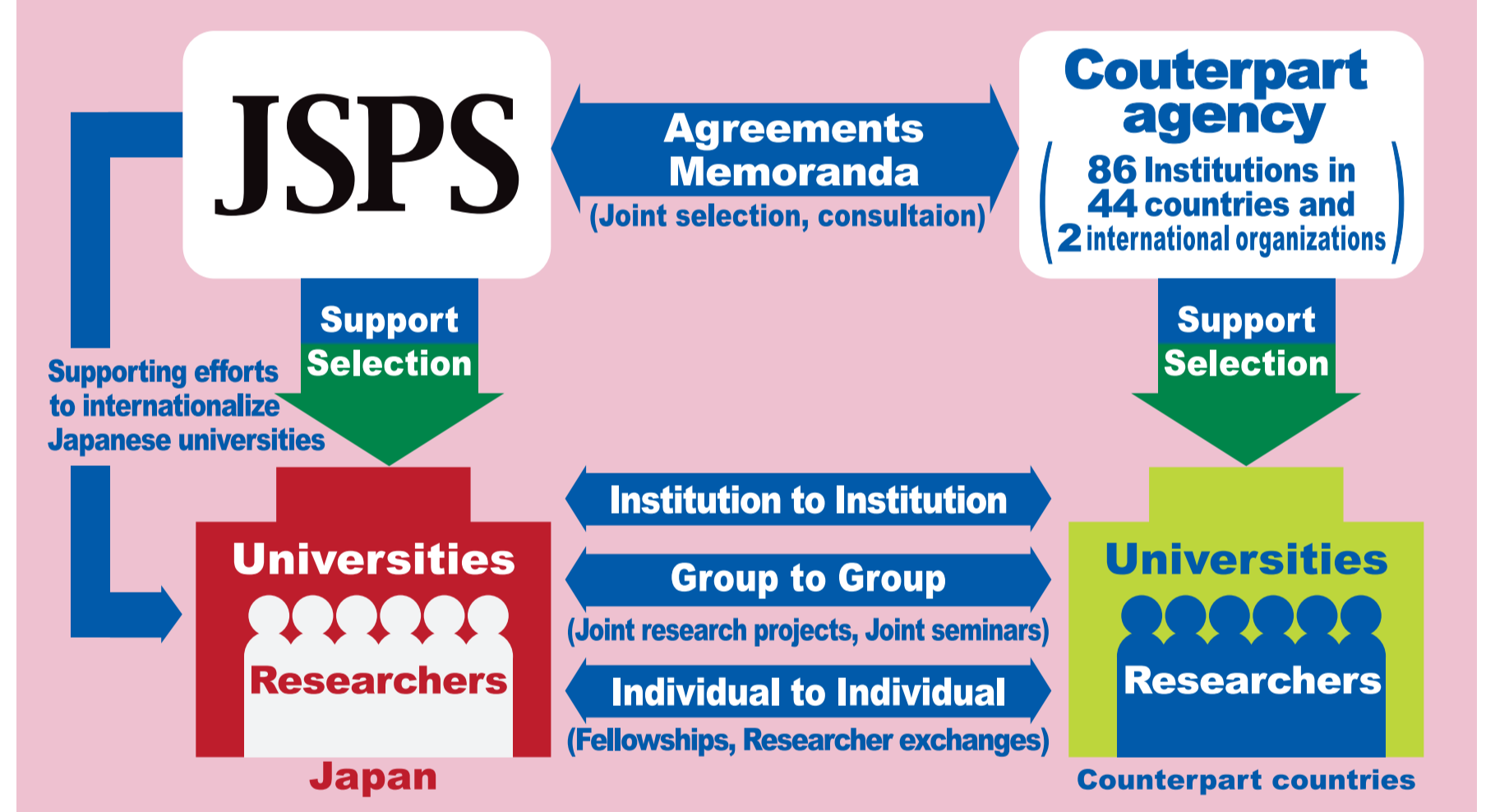
We have to date formed cooperative relationships with 86 counterpart science-promotion institutions in 44 countries and two international organizations.

By way of these partnerships, JSPS offers a wide array of programs to support and advance international exchange and collaboration.

Five Components of International Programs

1. Support for collaboration with North/South American, European and Oceanian countries
2. Support for collaboration with Asian and African countries
3. Support for university internationalization
4. International training for young researchers
5. Fellowships for overseas researchers

Implementation System



4 Supporting University Reform

Together with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), JSPS supports university reform through a variety of programs: Global COE Program; Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools; Program for Promoting University Education Reform; Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization ("Global 30"); World Premier International Research Center Initiative; Program for Area Studies Based on Needs of Society; Program for Promoting Social Science Research Aimed at Solutions of Near-Future Problems.