



# SAKURA

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

# Overview



- SAKURA is a mobility programme funded by Intsam under the lead of the Swedish Research Council (VR).
- The programme concerns funding of a bilateral exchange programme for researchers and/or technical personnel between Sweden and Japan.
- The idea of the programme was born in connection to the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries which was celebrated in Stockholm in 2018.
- The aim of this mobility programme is to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and best practice methods between the Swedish and Japanese neutron scattering communities. The programme seeks to strengthen & enhance scientific collaboration focusing in particular on neutron research activities of ESS and J-PARC.
- SAKURA will further deepen the collaboration between ESS and J-PARC. J-PARC has long served as a benchmark for ESS, and the two facilities have been collaborating from the early days of the ESS design phase.

# Numbers (2019-2023)



- Financing & Budget
  - 200K EUR
- Applications (Total of 33 Proposals)
  - Successful (26)
- Number of Mobilities
  - 13 mobilities between Sweden and Japan

# Numbers (2024 & beyond)



- 3rd Call for Application
  - 16 Proposal (Including 5 joints applications)
- Supplementary budget to cover activities in 2024
- Negotiating extension with Funders