

9th Tachibana Award Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

The Kyoto University Tachibana Award for Outstanding Women Researchers was founded in 2008 to honor outstanding achievements of the University's early-career women researchers.

Through publicly honoring women who have produced outstanding work in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, the Tachibana Award aims to further motivate not only the awardees but also others following in their footsteps, thereby helping to foster the development of accomplished female scholars who will lead academic research into the future, both at Kyoto University and Japan-wide.

2. Eligibility

Candidates must be female graduate students or researchers (including Research Fellows of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and postdoctoral fellows) who meet the following conditions:

- Born on or after April 2, 1972
- Affiliated with Kyoto University
- Recognized as having made outstanding research achievements

Those who have previously received an Honorable Mention Award may apply again with a different achievement.

[Student category]

A candidate must be enrolled in a doctoral program (or an equivalent program at the Graduate School of Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences (Department of Biomedical Sciences), Asian and African Area Studies, or Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (Shishu-Kan)) at the time of application. Those who are currently on leave of absence are not eligible to apply.

[Researcher category]

A candidate must hold a doctoral degree (or have academic research capability equal to or higher than that of those who do). Professors (including program-specific faculty members) are not eligible to apply.

3. Prizes

The awardee in each category (one person) will be presented with a certificate of commendation and a supplementary prize (commemorative gift and cash prize of 100,000 yen). In addition, one other person from each category may be presented with an Honorable Mention Award (certificate of commendation, commemorative gift, and cash prize of 80,000 yen). Honorable Mention Awards will

not be presented in categories where there are no qualified persons.

4. Application documents

- ① Application form (Form No.1/PDF)
- ② Research summary (Form No.2/PDF)
- ③ Recommendation letter (Form No.3/PDF)
- ④ List of achievements (A4/format-free/PDF)
- ⑤ Other materials of note (patents, book reviews, newspaper articles, etc. (format-free)/PDF)
- ⑥ Offprints from books or papers that might be of relevance (up to three for students and five for researchers/PDF)

The recommendation letter (③) must be written by a full-time Kyoto University researcher who is familiar with the applicant's work. All other documents must be prepared by the applicant herself.

5. How to submit documents

- (1) Please email all documents to the office indicated below.
- (2) All documents must be in PDF format. Regarding document ⑥, please compile the cover, the table of contents, and the offprints into one file. If the combined size of the prepared file is too large to be sent by email, it may be submitted via a file transfer system or on a CD or USB flash drive that can be sent by campus mail.

6. Application period

November 1, 2016 (Tuesday) -- November 30, 2016 (Wednesday)

7. Selection and notification

The selection committee will make the first selection based on the submitted documents. Each candidate who passes the first selection stage will be invited for an interview to be held late January 2016.

Those selected for an interview will be contacted by the end of December 2016 and asked to prepare and submit the required documents in advance. Interview results will be notified to the applicants, and the awardees will be announced in early February 2016.

8. Award ceremony

The award ceremony will be held on the afternoon of March 3, 2016 (Friday). Awardees are required to deliver presentations about their research achievements. Event details will be notified directly to the awardees.

9. Remarks

- (1) Please note that we cannot answer inquiries regarding the selection results.
- (2) The name, biography, and research achievements of the award recipients will be made public.
- (3) Personal information included in the submitted documents will be strictly managed and used only for the purpose of selection.

10. Submissions and inquiries

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