

FY2021 President's Award Winners and Citations

Awardee	Category	Citation
Jun Ueda, fourth year, doctoral program, Graduate School of Medicine	Scholarship	Studying the effects of the antiepileptic drug perampanel in mouse models of Parkinson's disease, Mr Ueda discovered that the compound inhibits the transmission of alpha-synuclein. This finding was reported in a paper published in an international journal, which featured it on its cover. He also presented this research at an academic conference and earned the best abstract award.
Tomoko Nakanishi, fourth year, Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative Program in Genomic Medicine	Scholarship	Performing genetic analyses on intractable pulmonary diseases and Covid-19, Ms Nakanishi made a series of important discoveries and reported them in numerous papers – six as the lead author and ten as a co-author – including one published in <i>Nature Medicine</i> .
Ikuya Fujii, second year, doctoral program, Department of Material Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering	Scholarship	In a world first, Mr Fujii developed a catalytic process for converting aryl fluoride, which is resistant to conversion, into a Grignard reagent so that it can be used in organic synthesis. The paper describing this result was published in a US chemistry journal, received high recognition from academic societies in Japan and abroad, and brought him a total of six awards.
Shogo Ogawa, third year, doctoral program, Division of Economics, Graduate School of Economics	Scholarship	Mr Ogawa had three papers published in international peer-reviewed journals as well as receiving the following distinctions from the University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excellent undergraduate dissertation award ● Excellent master's dissertation award ● Selection as deputy representative of the Faculty of Economics students at the graduation ceremony ● Selection as representative of master's students

		<p>at the degree conferment ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faculty of Economics' 100th anniversary award
<p>Yasushi Okochi, fifth year, Department of Medical Science, Faculty of Medicine</p>	Scholarship	<p>Mr Okochi developed a computational method for reconstructing spatial genome-wide gene-expression profiles from single-cell RNA sequencing data. This achievement, detailed in a paper published in <i>Nature Communications</i>, represents a major contribution to efforts to understand various functions of multicellular systems.</p>
<p>Kyoto University Igo Club Representative: Minoru Tsuiki, third year, Faculty of Science</p>	Extracurricular activity	<p>The club won the 65th All Japan University Go Championship, the first victory in 23 years at the national competition by a KyotoU team.</p>

Number of awards conferred: six in total, five in the scholarship category and one in the extracurricular activity category