

18th Tachibana Award Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

The Tachibana Award for the Most Outstanding Female Researcher was established in 2008 to acknowledge outstanding research achievements by early-career female researchers at Kyoto University.

By publicly acknowledging women who have made outstanding achievements in academic research regardless of the research field, the Tachibana Award aims to motivate not only the awardees themselves, but also others following in their footsteps. In this way, the award seeks to help foster the development of accomplished female scholars who will lead the future of academic research, both at Kyoto University and nationwide.

2. Eligibility

Candidates must be female graduate students or researchers (including postdoctoral researchers and research fellows of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) who meet the following conditions, and who can attend this year's award ceremony.

- Born on or after April 2, 1981
- Affiliated with Kyoto University
- Recognized as having made outstanding achievements in academic research

Note 1: Those who have previously applied for this award but have not received an award in any category may apply again.

Note 2: Those who have previously been awarded a Tachibana Award in the student category may apply again in the researcher category.

Note 3: Those who have previously been awarded an Honorable Mention Award may apply again.

Student Category

The candidate must be enrolled in a doctoral program as of November 2024 (or an equivalent program at the Graduate Schools of Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences [Department of Biomedical Sciences], Asian and African Area Studies, or Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability [Shishu-Kan]). Those who are currently on a leave of absence are not eligible to apply.

Researcher Category

The candidate must hold a doctoral degree (or be deemed to possess equivalent or greater academic research ability). Professors 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 (a commemorative item and a cash prize of 500,000 yen). In addition, Honorable Mention Awards (a commemorative item and a cash prize of 200,000 yen) may be awarded to three persons in the student category (in principle one awardee each in the fields of humanities and social sciences, science and engineering, and life sciences), and one person in the researcher category.

*Applicants in the student category will be requested to select their own fields of study (a maximum of two). Their selected fields will be used for reference in the award selection process.

4. Application Documents

- ① Application form *Please fill out the form below.
- ② Research summary (Form No.2/PDF)
- ③ Recommendation letter (Form No.3/PDF)
- ④ List of publications (A4/format free/PDF)
- ⑤ Excerpts from relevant books or articles (up to three for students and five for researchers/PDF)
- ⑥ Other reference materials (patents, book reviews, newspaper articles, etc. (format free/PDF))

Note 3: Please ensure that the contents of the application documents can be easily understood by researchers in different fields.

Note 4: The recommendation letter must be written by a full-time researcher at Kyoto University who is familiar with the work of the applicant. All other documents must be prepared by the applicant herself.

Note 5: Any format can be used for the list of publications in item ④ above. However, please be sure to provide the total number of publications for each category of achievement. (For example, in the case of academic papers, please write “[number] first author papers of [number] academic papers in total.”)

Note 6: Items ⑤ and ⑥ need only be submitted if applicable.

5. How to Submit the Application Documents

- (1) Please submit all documents in the form below.
- (2) All documents must be in PDF format. Regarding item ⑥, please compile the cover, the table of contents, and relevant portions into one file. If the combined size of the file is too large to be sent by e-mail, it may be submitted via a file transfer service or USB flash drive sent via campus mail.

6. Application Period

October 31, 2025 (Fri.)–November 27, 2025 (Thu.) 5:00pm.

7. Selection and Notification

The selection committee will make the first selection based on the documents submitted.

In the selection process, whether the content and expressions are clear and understandable to researchers from different disciplines will also be taken into consideration.

Candidates who pass the first selection will be invited for an interview, which will be scheduled around late January 2026.

Those selected for interviews will be contacted by December 31 2025, and will be asked to prepare and submit the documents required for the session. Applicants will be notified of the interview results and the awardees will be announced at the beginning of February 2026.

8. Award Ceremony

The award ceremony will be held on March 5, 2026 (Thu.). Awardees are required to deliver a presentation about their research achievements. Details of the event will be provided to the awardees at a later date.

9. Other Matters

- (1) Inquiries about the selection results will not be accepted.
- (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

Diversity Promotion Section, Staff Development Division, Personnel Department, Kyoto University

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/3Qi591qZbS5FaRzb9>

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