

# 8th Tachibana Award Application Guidelines

## 1. Purpose

The Tachibana Award for the Most Outstanding Female Researcher was founded in 2008 to honor outstanding research achievements of early-career women researchers at Kyoto University.

Through publicly honoring women who have produced outstanding work in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, the Tachibana Award is aimed at further motivating 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 for application

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

- Born on or after April 2, 1976 (or on or after April 2, 1973 in the case of those who have had their research activities interrupted for extended periods because of childbirth or the need to care for their children or others)
  - Affiliated with Kyoto University
  - Recognized as having made outstanding achievements in academic research
- \* Those who have previously won a Tachibana Award in the student category may apply again under the researcher category.

### [Student category]

A candidate must be enrolled, as of March 2016, in a doctoral program or in an equivalent program at one of the following Graduate Schools: 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 leave of absence are not eligible to apply.

### [Researcher category]

A candidate must hold a Doctor's degree (or have academic research capability equal to or higher than that of those with Doctor's degrees).

## 3. Prizes

The awardee in each category (one person) will be presented with a certificate of commendation and a supplementary prize (souvenir 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, souvenir, 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 publications (A4/format free/PDF)
- ⑤ Other materials of note (patents, book reviews, newspaper articles, etc. (format free)/PDF)
- ⑥ Offprints from books or articles that might be of relevance (up to three for students and five for researchers/PDF)

\* ③ 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.

#### **5. How to submit documents**

- (1) Please e-mail 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 relevant portions into one file. If the combined size of the prepared file is too large to be sent by e-mail, it may be submitted via a file transfer system or on a CD or USB flash drive sent via campus mail.

#### **6. Application period**

November 4, 2015 (Wednesday) - December 2, 2015 (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, which is scheduled for January 29, 2016 (Friday).

Those who have been selected for interviews will be contacted by December 31, 2015 and will be asked to prepare and submit the documents required for the session. Interview results will be notified to the applicants and the awardees will be announced at the beginning of February 2016.

#### **8. Awards ceremony**

The awards ceremony will be held on March 3, 2016 (Thursday). Awardees are required to deliver presentations about their research achievements. Details of the event will be notified to the awardees at a later date.

## **9. Other**

- (1) We will not reply to any inquiries about 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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