

Kyushu University Young Female Researchers and Female Graduate School Students
Awards (Sanae-I. Itoh Awards)
FAQs for Recommendation for FY 2026

【Young Female Researchers Award in Science】

Q1. I am currently a postdoctoral researcher at Kyushu University (ex. JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, Postdoctoral Fellow or Specialized Researcher etc.). Can I be eligible for recommendation?

A1. A postdoctoral researcher can be recommended for the awards. However, self-recommendation cannot be accepted unless the nominees are associate professor, lecturer or assistant professor. The recommender must be a faculty member of the University, who is well-acquainted with the research theme of the nominee.

Q2. How can the length of employment be deemed to be appropriate and meet the requirements?

A2. The nominees shall have been employed by the University for at least one (1) year at the end of the previous academic year. The following are examples:

1. A faculty member or postdoctoral researcher who has worked at the University as researcher for at least one (1) year at the end of FY 2025 and who will have been employed by the University at the time of result announcement (the end of Sep., 2026)
2. A faculty member or postdoctoral researcher who has been enrolled at graduate school of the University for at least one (1) year at the end of FY 2025 and who will have been employed by the University at the time of result announcement (the end of Sep., 2026).

Q3. Can I include my past research achievements at other universities as the individual's work or academic performance?

A3. Yes. The nominees who have worked at other universities and are currently employed at the University as researcher can be eligible for recommendation with his/her past research achievements (through FY 2023 to FY 2025) obtained at other universities. However, you should meet other requirements including the length of employment; the nominees should have been employed by the University for at least one (1) year.

Q4. Can I include my postgraduate research achievements as the individual's work or academic performance?

A4. Yes. You can refer to your postgraduate research achievements in recommendation documents. For example, the nominees who have graduated from graduate school of the University and are currently employed at the University as researcher can be eligible for recommendation with his/her past postgraduate research achievements (through FY 2023 to FY 2025).

【Female Graduate School Students Awards】

Q5. Can I include my past research achievements obtained at undergraduate school or Master's course as the individual's work or academic performance?

A5. Yes. You can refer to your undergraduate or Master's research achievements in recommendation documents. For example, the nominees who have graduated from undergraduate school of the University in FY 2024 and are currently enrolled at graduate school of the University can be eligible for recommendation with his/her past undergraduate research achievements.

Q6. Can I include my past research achievements at other universities as the individual's work or academic performance?

A6. Yes. For example, the nominees who have graduated from undergraduate school of other universities and are currently enrolled at Master's course of the University can be eligible for recommendation. Also the nominees who have graduated from graduate school of other universities and are currently enrolled at Doctoral course of the University can be eligible for recommendation.

【General】

Q7. Should I show that I have had continuous research achievement during the past three (3) years?

A7. No. The past research achievements need not be continuous and can be less than three (3) years.