



10th University of Toyama President's Award
Award for Female Researchers of the University of Toyama, 2026

1. Purpose

To recognize the outstanding research achievements and future potential of female researchers at the University of Toyama, the University established the “Award for Female Researchers of the University of Toyama” in FY2017.

This award honors female researchers with distinguished research accomplishments in the humanities, social sciences, arts, and natural sciences. The researchers are expected to demonstrate strong leadership in their respective fields both domestically and internationally. This award aims to motivate female researchers and nurture individuals who will contribute to the future development of academic research at Japanese universities and across Japan as a whole.

The award is presented to the following:

- female researchers affiliated with the University (Female Researchers Division), and
- female graduate students enrolled at the University (Female Graduate Students Division).

2. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy all the eligibility requirements for the relevant division listed below. Additionally, the applicants must meet the following requirements:

- have completed research ethics education. (*note 1)
- be able to attend the award ceremony and deliver the research presentation if selected.

*note 1: Research ethics education includes programs such as the APRIN e-learning program (eAPRIN, formerly CITI Japan) and research ethics seminars/workshops.

Female Researchers Division:

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- be female researchers affiliated with the University of Toyama who hold a researcher identification number and are at the rank of Associate Professor or below (including postdoctoral researchers and JSPS Research Fellows).
- hold a doctoral degree or possess equivalent academic qualifications.
- have demonstrated outstanding research achievements that have received recognition both domestically and internationally.
- have demonstrated strong leadership in these fields.

Applicants who previously received the Award in the Female Graduate Students Division

and hold a research position at the university are also eligible to apply to the Female Researchers Division.

Female Graduate Students Division:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- be enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Toyama at the time of application, and be actively engaged in research.
- have achievements, such as published papers, creative works, or equivalent accomplishments.

3. Awards

Female Researchers Division

One recipient: Award certificate and research grant of JPY 100,000

Female Graduate Students Division

One recipient: Award certificate and a book gift card worth JPY 50,000

4. Required Documents (documents other than the research theme or title may be submitted in English).

(i) Application Form (Form 1)

(ii) Research/Creative Achievements and Summary (Form 2)

(iii) Copies of books, papers, or photographs related to submitted research or creative achievements

Female Researchers Division

- Up to five major published papers and/or works
- The applicant must be the principal author or creator

Female Graduate Students Division

- One published paper or one work
- The applicant must be the principal author or creator

(iv) List of Achievements (A4 size)

Female Researchers Division

- Free format

Female Graduate Students Division

- Supporting materials, such as records of activities, awards, and newspaper articles may also be included

(v) Other Relevant Materials

Female Researchers Division

- Reference materials, such as patents, book reviews, and newspaper articles

Female Graduate Students Division

- Previously presented materials, such as research presentation posters

(vi) Letter of Recommendation (Form 3)

Female Researchers Division

- Prepared by a full-time researcher within or outside the university who is familiar with the applicant's research

Female Graduate Students Division

- Prepared by the applicant's academic supervisor
- (vii) Copy of Certificate of Completion for Research Ethics Education (*note 1)

5. Submission Method and Destination

(i) Submission of Section 4 Documents (i)–(v) and (vii)

Applicants must convert the documents into the PDF format and upload them via the application form link below.

If submission via the form is difficult, documents may be alternatively submitted by bringing a USB flash drive directly to the center.

Application Forms URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/gvPPF97rw5>

(ii) Submission of Section 4 Document (vi) (Letter of Recommendation)

The recommendation letter must be submitted in PDF format and sent directly via email from the recommender to the address below.

Please note that the administrative office for this award may contact the referee using the contact information provided in the recommendation letter.

Submission Address:

Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (email: smart@ctg.u-toyama.ac.jp)

6. Submission Deadline

Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM (JST)

7. Selection and Notification of Results

The applications will be reviewed through document screening by a Selection Committee established at the University.

Applicants will be notified of the results in early October 2026, and the results will be publicly announced, both within and outside the University.

8. Award Ceremony

Late October 2026 (tentative)

A presentation of award-winning research achievements will be held after the ceremony. Detailed information regarding the schedule and related matters will be provided separately to the award recipients.

9. Additional Information

1. The University will not respond to inquiries regarding the selection results.

2. The names, biographies, and award-winning research achievements of recipients will be publicly disclosed.
3. Personal information included in the submitted documents will be strictly managed and used solely for administering the award program.
4. A supplementary research grant for the Female Researchers Division must be used within the applicable fiscal year.

10. Contact Information

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