

9th Tohoku University Outstanding Female Researcher Award
The Murasaki Sendai Hagi Award
Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize female researchers engaged in outstanding research at Tohoku University to further increase their research motivation and foster future world-class leaders. In giving out this award, the university also aims to enhance the DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) of our research environment, and drive the creation of excellent research results.

2. Eligible Applicants

Successful award candidates will be those who have achieved excellent academic research results and are expected to play an active role in the future at the university. Female researchers, such as associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, postdoctoral researchers, and others who conduct research as part of their work, who have been affiliated with the university for at least two years are invited to apply. Professors (including specially-appointed faculty members) and students are not eligible to apply. Please note that if a candidate is not directly employed by the university, the monetary prize (research funds) may not be allocated. Please inquire for further details.

3. Award Details and Eligible Research Fields

Each winner will receive a certificate of commendation and a 250,000 yen prize for research expenses. One winner is chosen from each of the following fields: humanities and social sciences; science and engineering; agriculture and life sciences; and dentistry, pharmacy, and health. If there is no eligible candidate within a field, no Outstanding Female Researcher Award will be awarded.

4. Application Process

Please apply using the Google Form below.

<https://forms.gle/YZW1Mvc75QHYZStQ6>



Applicants must individually prepare all application materials, excluding Section 5 ('Individual recommending the Candidate'), and submit their application directly using the designated Google Form. Once applicants fill in the necessary items on the application form (attachment), they need to make it a PDF before submission. The individual who completes the Section 5 on the applicant's behalf must be a full-time or associate faculty member who belongs to the university and has a good understanding of the applicant's research.

5. Inquiries

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6. Deadline

The submission deadline is 5PM on Thursday, November 27, 2025.

7. Review

The selection committee established on campus will select the successful award candidates from the applicant pool.

8. Award Ceremony and Research Presentation

Each awardee's name and the research achievement specified in their application will be made public. Award winners shall attend the award ceremony (scheduled for March 2026) and present their research.

9. Additional Points of Note

- (1) Inquiries regarding the selection results will not be answered.
- (2) The names of the awardees, their biographies, and the research achievement which earned them the award will be made public.
- (3) Personal information included in the submitted applications will be strictly managed and used exclusively for the nomination process of this award.

*The 'Murasaki Sendai Hagi Award'

This title combines three Japanese words that represent the hope that this award will contribute to fostering a long legacy of intelligence and creativity in Sendai. 'Murasaki', which means 'purple' in Japanese, is the university's school color. It is a noble color that symbolizes intelligence and creativity. The older Japanese characters for 'Sendai' (千代), which were used before the castle town (仙台) was established, are used in the title. These characters mean 'a thousand years' or 'a very long time'. Finally, 'hagi' is a plant that is featured in the university's logo. It is also symbolic of Sendai.