

9TH TOHOKU UNIVERSITY OUTSTANDING FEMALE RESEARCHER AWARD THE MURASAKI SENDAI HAGI AWARD

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.

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.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

1. Female researchers who have been affiliated with the university for more than two years.

**In addition to associate professors, lecturers, and assistant professors, those whose duties also include research. Includes postdoctoral researchers.*

2. Those who have achieved excellent academic research results and are expected to play an active role in the future at the university.

**Professors (including specially-appointed faculty members) and students are not eligible to apply.
If a candidate is not directly employed by the university, the monetary prize (research funds) may not be allocated.

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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please fill out the required information on the application form, convert it to PDF, and submit it directly via Google Forms.

**Application guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the following website.
The URL for the Google Form is also listed on the following website.*

DEADLINE

5pm, Thursday, November 27, 2025 (must arrive)
https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/initiatives/murasaki_sendai_hagi_award/



REMARKS

*The selection committee established on campus will select the successful award candidates from the applicant pool. Inquiries regarding the selection results will not be answered.

*Award winners shall attend the award ceremony (scheduled for Mar 10, 2026 (Tue)) and present their research.

*Personal information included in the submitted applications will be strictly managed and used exclusively for the nomination process of this award.