

Additional Guidance for 2026 Japan Award applicants

Regarding the Japan Award, we would like to clarify that it is neither a research grant nor a scholarship. It is a commendation bestowed upon young agricultural researchers (developing country nationals and under 40 as of January 1, 2026) who have shown outstanding performance and great promise as evidenced by their outputs (e.g., publication in research journals, patent applications/utility models, etc.).

If you want to apply/be nominated for the award, kindly read carefully the overview, guidelines, instructions, and forms through the link below to check if you are eligible.

https://www.jircas.go.jp/en/young_award/2026

You need to supply some of the data in Form 1 (Personal and academic history, details about your research achievements, etc), fill out and sign Form 2, and you need to attach photocopies of the supporting materials (i.e., three published journal articles, etc) listed in Form 3. Forward these documents to your nominator or the personnel-in-charge of your nomination who will then fill in the remaining parts of Form 1. The nominator/recommending authority must sign on the last page of Form 1.

The nomination package **MUST** be submitted by email (filled out soft copy of Application Forms as Word files & supporting documents as PDF files) to japanaward@jircas.go.jp AND by post (hard copy of the same via EMS, FedEx, DHL, etc). If the files are over 20MB, store the files in the cloud (e.g., via google drive, dropbox services, etc) and email us the download link instead. Please wait for our email confirmation that everything is in order before posting the hard copy.