

Application Guidelines for the 2025 Y² (Y squared) Award ~Yell for Youth~

1. Aim & Objectives

Nagasaki University (hereinafter “the university”) has established the Y² (Y squared) Award ~Yell for Youth~ to commend excellent young women researchers playing a part in Japan’s science and technology. The award recognizes the excellent research results and hopes for the future of young women researchers affiliated to the university’s natural sciences graduate schools. The university aims, through the conferral of the award, to further heighten the research volition of its award winners and encourage the next generation of women researchers.

2. Scope

The scope of the award covers women researchers at the university who satisfy all of the following conditions.

- (1) They were under the age of 50 as of April 1, 2025.
- (2) They have committed to remain affiliated to the university during the period between application and March 31, 2027.
- (3) They are either students in the undergraduate, master’s or doctoral programs or researchers.
- (4) Their research covers the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical sciences, engineering, information and data sciences, fisheries or environmental science (scientific fields).

3. Award

- (1) Honorary certificate and 5,000,000 yen in prize money.
- (2) In principle one person will be selected from among the applicants.
- (3) The prize money shall be provided as research budget funds in the subsequent academic year after receiving the award.
- (4) Use of the award money shall be limited to academic research purposes, and the relevant accounting shall be handled by the university’s administration.
- (5) The award will not be given in the event that there are no suitable candidates.

4. How to apply for the award

Complete the required parts of the prescribed form and submit the following required documents. Those applying are requested to complete the application in person.

- (1) Application form: Form 1
- (2) Outline of research: Form 2
- (3) Achievements record (on A4-size paper in any format you wish)
 - *Write in order starting from the most recently published.
 - *Be sure to indicate whether or not papers have been peer reviewed
- (4) Outline of main research achievements (Form 3; degree dissertations cannot be included).
 - *Up to five main publications or papers (2 of which must have been published within 5 years)
 - *If the applicant has taken a period of leave for childbirth, child rearing or caring, the

equivalent period can be backdated.

- (5) Information on any other noteworthy matters (patents, review articles, newspaper stories and other such referential material in any format you wish)
5. How to make your submission
 - (1) Applicants are requested to send the documents for submission as e-mail attachments directly to the address given below. In the event that you do not receive a message confirming receipt despite having made your submission, please ensure that you contact the Center before the deadline for applications.
 - (2) Please convert all the submitted materials into the PDF format. With regard to 4. (4) above, please submit PDF files of the front page, table of contents and corresponding portions of the text. In the event that you have a vast quantity of PDF files it is possible to send them over an online storage service site or burn them on a CD etc. and send via the on-campus postal service. Please consult with the Center.
6. Period of application acceptance

Applications must be received between June 2, 2025 (Mon.) and noon, August 18, 2025 (Mon.). Strictly observe the deadline.
7. Selection method

Selections will be made by the Y² (Y squared) Award ~Yell for Youth~ Selection Committee. Note that it is planned that final candidates will make presentations at a Selection Committee meeting.
8. Announcement of selection results

The notification of whether or not candidates have been selected will be made to the head of the department of affiliation and the applicants around November 2025, and announced within and outside of the university.
9. Award Ceremony

After the announcement of selection results, Y² (Y squared) award ~Yell for Youth~ Ceremony will be held. The award winners will be provided with separate notification concerning the precise details of the schedule and so on.
10. Other matters
 - (1) The Center cannot respond to any inquiries concerning the selection results.
 - (2) The name, affiliation and research achievements etc. recognized in the awards of the winners will be made public.
 - (3) All personal information included in submitted material will be stringently managed, and used solely for the purpose of executing this awards program.
 - (4) Submitted documents etc. will not in principle be returned.
 - (5) Applicants may be requested to submit extra referential material after their application.

- (6) The award shall be withdrawn in the event that either of the following apply.
- (i) It is proved that the award winner has not satisfied the conditions stipulated in these guidelines.
 - (ii) It is proved that there has been any deception or serious faults in the submitted documents or presentations.
- (7) In the event that the award is withdrawn as per (6) above, the return of part or all of the award money may be demanded.
- (8) In the event that the award winner leaves the university she shall return the unused portion of the award money.

Place to make submissions and inquiries:

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