

The Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award

Rules and Regulations

1. (Objective)

The Japan Neuroscience Society shall establish the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award with the objective of encouraging young researchers with notable research achievements who show promise of playing active roles in the field of neuroscience and the Japan Neuroscience Society in the future.

2. (Object researchers)

1) Researchers object to the Young Investigator Award shall be Regular Member, Overseas Regular Member, Junior Member or Overseas Junior Member of the Japan Neuroscience Society with continuous membership of three years or longer at the deadline for applications, and for whom not more than 10 years have passed since their degrees (doctoral degrees) were awarded. However, this latter requirement is reconsidered when research activities were ceased or delayed because of life events suspensions or disasters in this 10-year period. Details are established in Detailed Regulation

5. (Application).

2) As a general rule, candidates for the award shall be in single (not joint) name.

3. (Selection)

1) The selection shall be made through an open call for applications.

2) Five persons or less shall be selected each year from among applicants.

3) Each candidate of recipients is required to submit a review paper related to the research on the applied subject to "Neuroscience Research" (NSR) before the deadline. Details are established in Detailed Regulation 5. (Application).

4) The selection of Young Investigator Award recipients shall be carried out by the Young Investigator Award Selection Committee. The composition of the committee shall be established in the Detailed Regulation 3. (Selection Committee).

5) The Selection Committee and the NSR Editorial Board evaluate the review paper independently of each other; the evaluation results by NSR shall not affect the evaluation results by the Selection Committee.

4. (Award-giving)

Recipients of the award shall be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Japan Neuroscience Society and presented with diplomas of merit and supplementary prizes.

5. (Amendments)

Amendments to these rules and regulations shall be carried out by the Board of Directors of the Japan Neuroscience Society.

These rules and regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2001.

These detailed regulations were revised at the meetings of the Directors on Boards of December 2, 2025.

Detailed Regulations for the Japan Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award Selection

1. (Object of selection)

The Young Investigator Award does not consider any individual research paper as an object of selection. Rather, an applicant's research achievements, research concept, future prospects, and the record of activity in support of the Japan Neuroscience Society, including presentations at the annual meeting, shall be assessed for the selection of an award recipient. During the selection, importance will be attached to the fact that the research was developed through the initiative of the applicant. It does not matter whether the relevant research was carried out in or outside of Japan.

2. (Duration of membership)

- 1) The period as a student member and suspension of membership (as defined in the Society's "Regulations on Membership Categories and Membership Fees") shall be included in the duration of membership.
- 2) Except for a suspension of membership, any period without paying for membership dues shall not be included in the number of years of membership.

3. (Selection Committee)

- 1) The Selection Committee will be comprised of eight members (including the chairperson).
- 2) The term of office of a Selection Committee member shall be four years.
- 3) Half of the Selection Committee members shall be replaced every two years.
- 4) A former member of the Selection Committee may not be reappointed for two years after the replacement.
- 5) Selection Committee members shall be nominated by the Nomination Committee of the Society and shall require approval of the Board of Directors.
- 6) The chairperson of the Selection Committee shall be chosen each fiscal year by members of the Selection Committee. The chairperson shall not be reappointed as Selection Committee Chairperson in the next year.
- 7) The names of the Selection Committee members shall be disclosed.

4. (Selection)

- 1) A Selection Committee member shall not participate in the rating or evaluation of a candidate who is directly under his/her research guidance or for whom three years or more have not yet passed since his/her research guidance was given.

2) Particulars regarding the execution of selections shall be reviewed by the Selection Committee according to the number of applications, their content, etc.

5. (Application)

1) The deadline of the open call for applications shall be October 1st each year. The deadline shall be announced in the Neuroscience News of that year and on the society's website.

2) Applicants shall submit the following documents according to the prescribed form to the society's secretariat by electronic file.

a) Application Form (The letter of recommendation in the application form should be made by a member of the Japan Neuroscience Society : Regular Member, Overseas Regular Member, Junior Member, Overseas Junior Member, Senior Member or Honorary Member.)

b) Curriculum Vitae (If there is a period of cease or delay in research activities due to life events, the effects of disasters, etc., the reasons for such cease or delay, and the duration and extent of its effects, may be specifically noted. If there has been a period of cease or significant delay in research activities due to unforeseen circumstances, such as the effects of a severe disaster (including a pandemic of an infectious disease), this will be considered for up to one year.)

c) PDF files of up to 3 papers related to the application theme (For articles in press, a copy of the final manuscript at the time of acceptance and a copy of the acceptance letter)

3) In principle, the paper to be submitted to NSR for the second screening should be a single-authored review article by the candidate him/herself, but if the candidate wishes to submit an original paper, he/she should give the reason in advance and obtain permission from the selection committee. In the case of co-authored papers, the candidate himself/herself should be the first or corresponding author. (This award is intended for an individual.)

6. (Amount of the supplementary prize)

For the time being, the amount of the supplementary prize shall be 100,000 yen per winner. This amount, however, may be revised depending on the situation upon approval by the Board of Directors.

7. (Revisions)

These detailed regulations were revised at the meetings of the Directors on Boards of January 30, 2004, July 25, 2005, July 8, 2008, November 26, 2014, July 27, 2015, February 25, 2016, July 19, 2017, February 17 2018, February 3, 2019, March 7, 2020, February 21, 2021, January 15, 2024 and December 2, 2025.