

## Japan Prize Foundation 2025

### Sponsor

Japan Prize Foundation

### Description

The Japan Prize Foundation (hereafter referred to as the Foundation) awards the [Japan Prize](#) to people from throughout the world who have produced creative breakthroughs in science and technology, thereby substantially contributing to the progress of science and technology and significantly advancing the cause of world peace and prosperity. Each year, the Foundation designates two specific fields in which the prize will be awarded:

- **Physics, Chemistry, Informatics and Engineering fields:** Electronics, Information, and Communication
- **Life Sciences, Agriculture and Medicine fields:** Life Sciences

### Eligibility

There are no restrictions as to nationality, profession, age or gender. Self-nomination is not accepted. The Japan Prize is intended, in principle, to recognize advanced breakthroughs in science and technology. However, work done in the past may be selected for the award if its significance has recently been appreciated.

The Prize is, in principle, awarded to individuals. However, in exceptional cases, it may be awarded to a group consisting of not more than three people. When a group has been proposed, they will be treated as one candidate.

### Prize

Each laureate receives a certificate of merit, a commemorative medal and a cash prize of 50 million Japanese yen (approximately USD \$460,000).

### Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

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### Internal Deadline

Monday, December 2, 2024 -  
11:59pm

If you wish to be considered  
for VPR nomination:

1. We recommend discussing your interest in this award with your College Research Manager and Associate Dean (Research).
2. Complete the [Expression of Interest document](#).
3. Send the completed Expression of Interest document and a CV to [ailsakay@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca) and copy your College Research Manager.

Career interruptions due to parental leave, family care, extended illness or community responsibilities will not negatively impact the committee's assessment of a candidate's research productivity. These will be taken into consideration when EOIs are assessed.

### External Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2025 -  
11:59pm

If your nomination will be submitted by a nominator other than the VPR, please submit directly to the sponsor by the external deadline. Please also submit a copy of the full nomination and OR-5 to [research.services@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca).

### How to Apply

The Vice-President (Research & Innovation) encourages nominations for this prestigious award and will serve as nominator for those nominees recommended by the Honours and Awards Advisory Committee. If you wish to nominate a colleague or to be considered for VPR nomination:

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As this is an international prize, the University may engage the [Global Excellence Initiative](#) to coordinate external review of nominations.

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If your nomination will be submitted by a different nominee, and therefore does not require the Vice-President's endorsement, please submit a complete nomination and signed OR-5 to [research.services@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca) by the external deadline.

### For More Information

For more information please visit the [Japan Prize website](#) or contact [ailsakay@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca).

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