

The 25th Asia Pacific Research Prize

—Application Outline—

The Asia Pacific Research Prize is awarded to individuals who have completed a doctoral program at a Japanese graduate school and have written an outstanding doctoral dissertation in the humanities or social sciences focusing on the Asia-Pacific region. The prize was previously administered by the Asia Pacific Forum, Awaji Conference; starting this year, it will be organized by the Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research Institute.

Applications for the 25th Asia Pacific Research Prize are invited under the following conditions:

- Organizer
Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research Institute
- Support
The Asahi Shimbun
- Eligibility
Applicants must have completed a doctoral program at a Japanese graduate school on or after March 2021 and hold a doctoral degree at the time of submission (including those who withdrew after completing the required credits on or after March 2021 and subsequently obtained the doctoral degree). Applicants must also be recommended by their graduate school supervisor. There is no nationality restriction.
- Dissertation
 1. The doctoral dissertation should detail research in the humanities or social sciences that contributes to the realization of a “multicultural symbiotic society” in the Asia Pacific region.
 2. Dissertations submitted in previous years are not acceptable.
- Application Deadline
June 19, 2026
- Application Documents (non-returnable)
All documents 1. and 2.1. to 2.4. listed below must arrive by Friday June 19, 2026: Submitting in person is not acceptable.
 1. Prescribed Letter of Recommendation (downloadable from the website shown below)
 2. Supplementary documents (either in Japanese or English)
Documents 2.1. to 2.3. must be submitted as A4 sized-paper copies and 2.4. in an electronic medium:
 - 2.1. Copy of the dissertation (either in sheets or bound)
 - 2.2. Outline of the dissertation (one page; single-sided printing)
 - 2.3. Summary of the outline (120-word summary of the outline of the dissertation mentioned above)
 - 2.4. Recording medium such as a USB flash drive or CD-ROM containing PDF data of 2.1. to 2.3. shown above. Each document must be saved as an individual PDF file under the applicant’s surname, e.g. “SMITH dissertation.pdf”.

* If your dissertation has been published, submit a copy of the book. It will be returned afterwards.

Note that the application may not be accepted if any of the application documents are missing or incomplete.

- Selection of Prizewinners

The selection committee of the Asia Pacific Research Prize will review the dissertations to select prize winners.

- Prize Details

Main Prize: Certificate and 500,000 yen

Commendation: Certificate and 200,000 yen

- Announcement of Results

1. Award recipients are scheduled to be announced around October 2026.
2. The result of the selection will be notified in writing.

- Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held in Kobe City in December 2026.

<Address for Submission of Applications and Contact Details>

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