



2026 (The 20th)

Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers(Japan Award)

# Call for Nominations !

※ Application forms and application guidelines are available from the website below.  
[https://www.jircas.go.jp/en/young\\_award/2026](https://www.jircas.go.jp/en/young_award/2026)



Application  
Deadline

May 15(Fri.), 2026

※ Applications must be **submitted by the recommending research institute**. Only one researcher can be recommended from each institute, including its branches.

## Eligibility

*Candidates must be researchers who have the nationality of a developing country and/or territory, are under 40 years old as of January 01, 2026, belong to a non-Japanese research institute or a non-Japanese university, are engaged in research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related industries in developing regions, and fall under any of the following criteria (Note: Those who have applied for and missed the award in previous years are eligible to re-apply).*

- (a) *Those who have shown outstanding performance in research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, or related industries for a developing region, and who show great promise.*
- (b) *Those who have shown outstanding achievements in research and development that will lead to future technological innovation in agriculture, forestry, fisheries or related industries for a developing region, and who show great promise.*

*The candidates, in principle, must be able to attend the awarding ceremony will be held in Japan and deliver a lecture.*

## Award

- (1) *Up to three awardees will be selected from candidates after a selection process by the selection committee.*
- (2) *Each awardee will be invited to Japan and awarded a testimonial by the Chairman of the AFFRC during the awarding ceremony. They will also receive a cash prize of US\$5,000 each from JIRCAS (MOTAI-JIRCAS Award\*).*

## Voices from Past Awardees



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