



Keio Medical Science Prize

Call for Nominations

The Keio Medical Science Prize 2026 (31st) Invitation for Nomination

January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Keio University Medical Science Fund, I would like to invite you to make a nomination for The Keio Medical Science Prize 2026.

Keio University annually awards the Keio Medical Science Prize to recognize researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to the fields of medicine or the life sciences. Please see the nomination guidelines on the next page for details.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours sincerely,



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President, Keio University
Chairperson, Board of Directors of the Keio University Medical Science Fund

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Objective	The Keio Medical Science Prize recognizes the outstanding and creative achievements of researchers in the fields of the medical and life sciences, particularly those contributing to scientific developments in medicine. It aims to promote worldwide advances in life sciences and medicine, to encourage the expansion of researcher networks throughout the world, and to contribute to the well-being of humankind.
Field	Basic medicine, clinical medicine, or life sciences closely related to medicine.
Eligibility	Nominees must be currently active in their field of research and be expected to make future contributions to the field.
Prize	The Prize will be awarded to two laureates; one domestic, one abroad. Each laureate receives a certificate of merit, a medal, and a monetary award of 10 million yen.
Ceremony	The award ceremony is scheduled to be held on or after November 2026 at the Keio University School of Medicine, Shinanomachi Campus, Tokyo, Japan.
Deadline	Nominations must reach the Keio University Medical Science Fund Office by March 1, 2026 . Please refer to the guidelines on the following page for more details.

Prize Laureates *Clinical medicine year

1996	Stanley B. Prusiner, Shigetada Nakanishi	2011	Philip A. Beachy, Keiji Tanaka
1997	Robert A. Weinberg, Tadatsugu Taniguchi	2012*	Steven A. Rosenberg, Hiroyuki Mano
1998	M. Judah Folkman, Katsuhiro Mikoshiba	2013	Victor R. Ambros, Shigekazu Nagata
1999	Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Shinya Yoshikawa	2014	Karl Deisseroth, Hiroshi Hamada
2000	Arnold J. Levine, Yusuke Nakamura	2015	Jeffrey I. Gordon, Yoshinori Ohsumi
2001	Tony Hunter, Masatoshi Takeichi	2016	Svante Pääbo, Tasuku Honjo
2002*	Barry J. Marshall, Koichi Tanaka	2017*	John E. Dick, Seiji Ogawa
2003	Ronald M. Evans, Yasushi Miyashita	2018	Feng Zhang, Masashi Yanagisawa
2004	Roger Y. Tsien	2019	Hans C. Cleves, Tadamitsu Kishimoto
2005	Yoshinori Fujiyoshi	2020	Aviv Regev, Atsushi Miyawaki
2006	Thomas A. Steitz	2021	Katalin Karikó, Osamu Nureki
2007*	Brian J. Druker, Hiroaki Mitsuya	2022*	Carl H. June, Yoshihiro Kawaoka
2008	Fred H. Gage, Shimon Sakaguchi	2023	Napoleone Ferrara, Kazutoshi Mori
2009	Jeffrey M. Friedman, Kenji Kangawa	2024	Demis Hassabis, Mitinori Saitou
2010	Jules A. Hoffmann, Shizuo Akira	2025	Clifford P. Bragwynne, Akiko Iwasaki



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Guidelines for Making a Nomination for 2026 (31st)

1. Selection Criteria

- The nominee must have made a breakthrough in medicine and the life sciences, or a related field.
- The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to basic and clinical medicine.

2. Selection

Selection committee members and specialists from various fields within and outside Keio University will select laureates through a rigorous review process.

3. Eligibility

Nominees must be currently active in their field of research and be expected to make future contributions to the field.

4. Nomination Criteria

- 1) Individual nominators may make one nomination only.
- 2) There is no limit to the number of nominations that institutions or organizations may make, but academic societies may make only a small number of nominations. In the case of making multiple nominations, nominations are limited to one nominee per research theme.

5. Online Nomination

Please submit nomination materials online through our website: <https://www.ms-fund.keio.ac.jp/en/prize/>



- 1) Complete the online nomination form
- 2) The following materials must be included in the online nomination form to be completed
 - List of 5 major publications (including DOI)
 - Nominee's curriculum vitae (including date created)
 - Nominee's bibliography

*If you cannot submit nomination materials online, please contact us by email at:

k-nomination@adst.keio.ac.jp

6. Deadline

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7. Please note

- **A nomination should be made for one researcher only. We do not accept group nominations.**
- Nomination materials will not be returned and be used exclusively for the selection process and will not be used or disclosed for any other purposes.
- Queries about the status of the selection process will not be answered.
- Even if you are not making nominations this year, please kindly let us know if there are any changes to your contact details.

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