

Application Guidelines for the New “International Conference Presentation Encouragement Award”

Organized by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Production Engineering

(Second Half of FY2026)

For Graduate Students (Excluding Working Professionals)

Includes ONLINE Presentations

1. Purpose

This award aims to encourage graduate students—primarily from science and engineering departments at Osaka University—to gain international experience as future researchers by presenting at overseas academic conferences. Outstanding papers will be recognized with the “International Conference Presentation Encouragement Award.”

Recipients who travel abroad will receive a supplementary prize of ¥100,000, while those presenting online will receive a modest honorarium.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in a master’s or doctoral program at the time of application or presentation in one of the following graduate schools at Osaka University: Engineering, Basic Engineering, Information Science, Life Sciences, Science, Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry, or Human Sciences.

Eligible activities include presenting, chairing sessions, or participating as panelists at prominent international conferences held overseas.

Online presentations are also eligible.

Notes:

- Students who are currently applying for awards from other academic societies or organizations are also eligible.
- JSPS Research Fellows and students receiving financial support from companies or other institutions may apply.
- International students are not eligible to apply for conferences held in their home countries.

3. Application Procedure

Complete the designated application form and attach the required supporting documents. Submit these through your academic advisor to the designated selection committee member.

4. Application Period

Applications are accepted twice a year. This call is for the first half of the fiscal year.

Eligible presentations must be scheduled between October 1, 2026 till September 30, 2027.

Application Deadline:

Sunday, September 13, 2026, by midnight (Japan time)

5. Required Documents

- One copy of the application form (converted from Excel to PDF)
- A PDF copy of documentation confirming acceptance of the presentation (or indicate “under review” if applicable)

How to Convert Excel to PDF (Windows):

- Open the Excel file
- Go to “File” → “Export” → “Create PDF/XPS Document”
- Specify the file name and location, then click “Publish”

6. Submission Email Addresses for Required Documents

Overseas travelers are requested to send the required documents to their academic supervisor. The supervisor is then asked to forward the documents to both the Association for the Advancement of Industrial Technology and the appropriate selection committee of their affiliated graduate school.

If the appropriate graduate school (selection committee) is unclear, please forward the documents to Chairperson Fujiyama: fujiyama@icb.osaka-u.ac.jp.

(The selection committee will compile the documents and submit them to the Association for the Advancement of Industrial Technology. Only papers confirmed by the selection committee will be subject to review.)

Selection Committee Email Address [To]: <http://seisan.server-shared.com/kaigai2.html>

Association for the Advancement of Industrial Technology Email Address [C/C]: info-seisan@joy.ocn.ne.jp

7. Supplementary Prize and Publication

Recipients who travel abroad will receive ¥100,000.

Online presenters will receive a modest honorarium for contributing to the “Visual Report of Online Presentations.”

Sample Publication

8. Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed through a two-stage evaluation by the Society’s Selection Committee.

Awardees will be announced on the Society’s website in early October.

Special consideration will be given to at least one applicant from the master’s program.

9. Committee and Results

The editorial board, consisting of 21 members who also serve as selection committee members, will conduct the review.

Presentation highlights will be published in the quarterly journal “Production and Technology” under the sections “Visual Report of International Presentations” and “Visual Report of Online Presentations.”

Sample Journal

10. Contact Information

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