

Regulations of the Young Scientist Award of the Physical Society of Japan (Division 12)

(The Japanese version of the regulation shall be the official version, and in the event of any differences between the Japanese and the English versions, the Japanese version shall prevail.)

1. Eligibility for the award

The research work published in one or more papers. Its contents (or a part of them) must have been presented as a speaker at the meeting of the Physical Society of Japan as an oral or poster presentation in the relevant field.

2. Candidate Qualifications

A member of the Physical Society of Japan at the time of application.

In principle, the applicant must be 40 or under 40 years of age as of April 1 of the year of the award.

The age limit can be relaxed in cases of research interruption due to maternity, childcare or nursing care.

3. Criteria for Review

The evaluation of published papers (including those that have already been accepted for publication) will be the basis of the review. The candidate's presentations in Division 12 of the Physical Society of Japan, presentations in other divisions and conferences, and presentations at international conferences will be judged comprehensively to confirm that the candidate has conducted excellent research and that the candidate's future potential as a researcher leading Division 12 can be evaluated. In addition, the candidate must have played a major role in the relevant achievements.

4. Application and Screening Method

Applications are accepted by self-nomination or recommendation. The Screening Committee will ask candidates to submit the necessary materials for review. Documents to be submitted include an application form, curriculum vitae, list of publications, copies of eligible papers, copies of abstracts of conference presentations, letter of recommendation (or self-nomination), and any other documents deemed necessary. Note that persons who have received this award in the past are not eligible to receive it again. Self-nominations may not be submitted in more than one division in the same year.

5. Screening Committee

The screening committee shall consist of members who have been selected by each division and approved by the society. The composition of the committee members shall take into consideration the balance of disciplines.

Detailed regulations of the Young Scientist Award of the Physical Society of Japan (Division 12)

1. Screening Committee

The Screening Committee shall consist of nine members: the Vice-President of the awarding year, the President of the division, the incoming Vice-President of the division, and six members, two from each field, appointed by the Vice-President of the division, with the Vice-President of the division serving as the chair. The names of the committee members whose terms of office will end in a given year will be reported at the informal meeting in September of the following year. In principle, the term of office of the reviewers appointed by the Division Vice-Presidents is two years, and they may not be reappointed for a period of three years after their term of office. However, the terms of office of the six committee members, two from each field, appointed by the Division Vice-Presidents, shall be adjusted as appropriate, so that the terms of office of the two committee members from each field do not overlap during the same period as far as possible.

Notwithstanding this provision, if a person who has served as a member of the Screening Committee within three years or a person who is currently serving as a member of the Screening Committee is elected as the next Vice-President of the division, he/she will serve as a member of the Screening Committee for a total of three years and thereafter will join the Screening Committee as an observer until the end of his/her term as a President. In the event that an observer is appointed, the Vice-President will increase the number of committee members appointed, bringing the total number of members of the Screening Committee to nine. In addition, if the Vice-President becomes an observer, the Screening Committee Chair will be elected from among the committee members.

3. Application

Applications are accepted by self-nomination or recommendation. Upload the electronic files of the following documents to the designated website. The documents should be written in either Japanese or English.

1. Application form (format as specified below)
2. Curriculum vitae (including date of birth in Gregorian calendar and age as of April 1 of the award year)
3. List of published papers (including those accepted for publication)
4. Copies of up to three relevant papers (published within the past eight years)
5. List of presentations at the relevant division of the Physical Society of Japan (must be the first author; specify spring or autumn of the presentation year)

6. Copies of abstracts of presentations at the relevant division of the Physical Society of Japan (must be the first author; specify spring or autumn of the presentation year; within the past five years)
7. Self-nomination letter or recommendation letter (up to 1000 words)
8. Other supporting documents (optional; up to three papers including the relevant papers)

4. Application Form Format

Please include the following information (free format):

- Date of document preparation
- Candidate's name (include Physical Society of Japan membership number)
- Candidate's affiliation (workplace, position, and address)
- Candidate's contact information (phone, fax, email)
- Desired division of review (Division 12)
- Title of the research for which the award is sought (in English)
- (For recommendations, also include)
 - Nominator's name
 - Nominator's affiliation (workplace, position, and address)
 - Nominator's contact information (phone, fax, email)
 - Relationship with the candidate

5. Review Procedures

The Screening committee will review the submitted papers and conference presentation records to ensure that they have not been previously eligible for the Young Scientist Award (regardless of the division), after excluding those that do not meet the eligibility requirements, such as age, special exceptions for age, membership, etc. Next, the screening committee will review the contents of the papers and conference presentation records. In principle, the selection of finalists will be made by consensus, but it is also possible to select finalists by voting by e-mail or other means. The screening committee members may appoint reviewers to listen to the opinions of the reviewers during the candidate selection process. Candidates who are closely related to the reviewers (e.g., co-authors, mentors and disciples, in the same department, relatives, etc.) may not participate in the review process (by self-report of the reviewers). The committee will select up to the maximum number of candidates and report to the Board of Directors with a report on the review process. The official announcement of the winners by the society shall be the notification of the review results to the applicants and nominators (however, the chair of the review committee will contact the winners individually).

6. Other

The regulations and the details may be amended by the Review Committee. However, the details of the changes must be reported at the informal meeting.