

2026 Motohiro Kiso Award

Application Guidelines

Academic Achievement • Technical Achievement Award

At the International Rescue System Institute, through the knowledge acquired in the fields of disaster preventions and robotics, we aim to advance the newly created field of rescue robots and rescue systems, and encourage young researchers to develop new cutting-edge technologies.

In 2005, we established two awards with the aim of encouraging people to achieve their goals.



◆Motohiro Kiso Award (Academic Achievement Award)

The award will be granted to one individual who has made a breakthrough in research and development of rescue robots and rescue systems, or has made academic achievements with potential for development in the field.

◆Motohiro Kiso Award (Technological Achievement Award)

The award will be granted to one individual who has made a breakthrough in research and development of rescue robots and rescue systems, or has made achievements in the field of technological development with potential for development in the field.

Application Guidelines

Applications are invited for candidates for the Academic Achievement Award and Technical Achievement Award in accordance with the guidelines below. Nominations are welcome from both the candidates themselves (self-nominations) and third parties. We encourage a wide range of applications and nominations. For more information about the Motohiro Kiso Award, please visit the International Rescue System Institute website (<http://www.rescuesystem.org/>). In addition, the prescribed recommendation form can be downloaded from the International Rescue System Institute website.

1, Eligibility

Applicants should, in principle, be under 40 years of age as of the application deadline. However, since FY2010, researchers and engineers aged 40 or older have also been eligible to apply provided that they do not substantially exceed the age limit.

2, Award Presentation

The award presentation ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2027.

Recipients will be presented with a certificate, a commemorative plaque, and a cash prize at the award ceremony.

3, Application Procedure

Applications are accepted through an open call. Both self-nominations and third-party nominations are welcome.

4, Required Documents

Applicants must submit the prescribed Motohiro Kiso Award Application Form together with the required supporting documents.

Please note that submitted documents will not be returned. Applicants must **strictly adhere to the specified page limits** for all required forms and documents.

5, Application Deadline

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026.

6, Please apply by mail or online:

<Mail> Please send to the following address:

〒653-0042 7-1-18 Futaba-cho, Nagata-ku, Kobe (1F)

International Rescue System

To: Chairman of the Motohiro Kiso Award Selection Committee

<Web upload> Please fill in the form and attach the word file at the end of the form.

Google form link: <https://forms.gle/mNYDAXSteC3zVdV96>



Past Winners of the Kisoi Motohiro Award *Affiliations are those at the time the award was received.

Academic Achievement

The 1 st (2005)	Hideyuki Tsukagoshi, Tokyo Institute of Technology
The 2 nd (2006)	Michinori Hatayama, DPRI Kyoto University
The 3 rd (2007)	Kazunori Ohno, Tohoku University
The 4 th (2008)	Atsushi Yamashita, Shizuoka University
The 5 th (2009)	Kenjiro Tadakuma, Osaka University
The 6 th (2010)	Hiroaki Nakanishi, Kyoto University
The 7 th (2011)	Keiji Nagatani, Tohoku University
The 8 th (2012)	Kazuyuki Ito, Hosei University
The 9 th (2013)	Tetsuya Kinugasa, Okayama University of Science
The 10 th (2014)	Masashi Konyo, Tohoku University & Takanori Fukao, Kobe University
The 11 th (2015)	Tetsushi Kamegawa, Okayama University
The 12 th (2016)	Tomoaki Yoshida, Chiba Institute of Technology - Future Robotics Technology Centre
The 13 th (2017)	Kenji Hashimoto, Waseda Institute for Advanced Study (WIAS)
The 14 th (2018)	Hiromitsu Fujii, Chiba Institute of Technology
The 15 th (2019)	Motoyasu Tanaka, University of Electro-Communications
The 16 th (2020)	Yoshiaki Bando, Artificial Intelligence Research Centre, AIST
The 17 th (2021)	Kei Hiroi, Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Kyoto University
The 18 th (2022)	Gen Endo, Tokyo Institute of Technology
The 19 th (2023)	Yuichi Ambe, University of Osaka Graduate School
The 20 th (2024)	Noritaka Sato, Nagoya Institute of Technology
The 21 st (2025)	Hitoshi Kono, Tokyo Denki University

Technical Achievement

The 1 st (2005)	Naoji Shiroma, IRS
The 2 nd (2006)	Yashushi Hada, RIKEN
The 3 rd (2007)	Jun-ichi Meguro, Waseda University
The 4 th (2008)	Tomoharu Doi, Osaka Prefectural College of Technology
The 5 th (2009)	Hiroki Shimora, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST),
The 6 th (2010)	Takeshi Aoki, Chiba Institute of Technology
The 7 th (2011)	Ya-Wen Huang, Tokyo Institute of Technology
The 8 th (2012)	Yuki Iwano, National Institute of Technology Akashi College
The 10 th (2014)	Satoshi Okada, Hitachi, Ltd.
The 11 th (2015)	Tetsuya Kimura, Nagaoka University of Technology
The 15 th (2019)	Tatsuya Takemori, Kyoto University
The 16 th (2020)	Kotaro Hishiba, Kanagawa University
The 17 th (2021)	Toshinori Kagawa, Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry
The 18 th (2022)	Masahiro Watanabe, Tohoku University
The 19 th (2023)	Shotaro Kojima, Tohoku University
The 20 th (2024)	Yen Benjamin, Institute of Science Tokyo
The 21 st (2025)	Jun Fujita, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. & Ayaka Watanabe, Sanritz Automation Co, Ltd.

Medical Achievement

The 10 th (2014)	Hisayoshi Kondo, National Hospital Organization Disaster Medical Center, DMAT
The 15 th (2019)	Tatsuhiko Kubo, Hiroshima University
The 18 th (2022)	Kouki Akahoshi, Japan Disaster Medical Assistance Team
The 20 th (2024)	Mototaka Inaba, Airborne Rescue & Relief Operations with Research (ARROWS), Peace Winds Japan (NPO)

Psychological Achievement

The 10 th (2014)	Kobun Wakashima, Tohoku University
The 15 th (2019)	Shuji Noguchi, Kagawa University
The 18 th (2022)	Reika Nomura, Kyushu University
The 20 th (2024)	Hiromu Nagaura, Hokkaido University of Education