

## Application Guidelines: Seiichi Tejima Research Awards for FY 2026

### 1. Overview

A prominent figure in the history of Science Tokyo, Seiichi Tejima devoted his career to the advancement of engineering education in Japan. He served for over 25 years as Principal of Tokyo Technical School and Tokyo Higher Technical School, predecessors of Tokyo Institute of Technology, and now, Science Tokyo. After he retired in 1917, funds were raised by eminent government officials, business magnates, and academics to establish the “Seiichi Tejima Research Awards” in his honor.

The Institute will once again be awarding six prizes this fiscal year to recognize outstanding achievements in research and publication by members of the Science Tokyo community and graduate students.

Note: multiple awardees may be selected for each award, so please feel free to apply.

### 2. Description and eligibility

All members of Science Tokyo, regardless of field or affiliation, are eligible to apply.

For co-authored works, researchers outside of the Institute may be included in the group as long as the main author(s) is an Institute faculty member.

#### (1) Seiichi Tejima Paper Award

Awarded to faculty members, individuals, or groups who have published a research paper of an exceptional standard.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i. Belonged to the Institute at the time of writing the paper
- ii. Recommended by a faculty member at the Institute

Selection: Based on the content of research papers that were published in academic journals

Prize: JPY 100,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 3

#### (2) Seiichi Tejima Doctoral Dissertation Award

Awarded to authors whose papers are outstanding in terms of originality and the potential for development of their research findings.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i.(a) Completed (or is expected to complete) their doctoral degree program at the Institute, or (b) obtained a doctorate (or a provisional confirmation of degree conferral) following at least one year of enrollment in the Institute's doctoral program.
- ii. Submitted a doctoral dissertation between April 2025 and March 2026
- iii. Recommended by an academic supervisor or a relevant faculty member at the Institute

Selection: Based on the content of the research paper submitted for the dissertation

Prize: JPY 50,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 14

### **(3) Fujino-Nakamura Young Researcher Award**

Awarded to researchers who have made outstanding research achievements in a broad range of scientific fields.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i. Faculty member who is 45 years of age or younger (born on or after April 2, 1981)
- ii. Recommended by a faculty member at the Institute

Prize: JPY 100,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 2

### **(4) Seiichi Tejima International Student Research Award**

Awarded to international students at the Institute who have made outstanding research achievements.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i. (a) A doctoral student at the Institute, (b) an individual who has completed their doctoral degree program at the Institute within the last two years, or (c) an individual who has withdrawn from the Institute's doctoral degree program within the last two years upon completing their coursework.
- ii. Recommended by an academic supervisor or a relevant faculty member at the Institute

Selection: Based on the content of research papers that have either been published or accepted for publication in academic journals.

Prize: JPY 50,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 5

### **(5) Seiichi Tejima Book Award**

Awarded to faculty members or groups of faculty members who have published books of exceptional standard.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i. Authors who belonged to the Institute at the time of the first edition's publication.

Note: Previously rejected books may be considered for the award if there are changes in circumstances.

- ii. Recommended by a faculty member at the Institute

Selection: Books published between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2026.

Prize: JPY 100,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 3

### **(6) Seiichi Tejima Invention Award**

Awarded to faculty members or groups of faculty members for their outstanding inventions.

Eligibility: Applicants who meet all of the following qualifications:

- i. As a general rule, inventions must be a patented employee invention as specified in Article 2, item 5 of the National University Corporation Institute of Science Tokyo Invention Regulations.  
Note: Previously rejected inventions may be considered for the award if there are changes in circumstances, such as if the invention's implementation has been fully developed.
- ii. Recommended by a faculty member at the Institute

Selection: Based on the invention's originality and novelty, as well as its marketability and level of implementation.

Prize: JPY 100,000

Recipients: in principle, up to 5

### **3. Application period**

Friday, May 11, 2026 to Friday, July 3, 2026 (strict deadline)

### **4. Application process**

Please refer to the website below for detailed procedures about how to apply for an award and submit required documents:

<http://www.rpd.titech.ac.jp/rpdiv/somu/exterior/tejima/tejima.htm>

Applicants must submit entries on their own behalf. Applicants must also have a recommendation to apply for any award.

### **5. Announcement of winners and awards ceremony**

Recipients will be selected by the Seiichi Tejima Research Awards Committee, with result announcements and other details scheduled for March 2027.

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