

## Request for Nominations of Candidates for International Exchange Encouragement Awards

The Ceramic Society of Japan is funded by donations with the aim of encouraging international exchange among young researchers. It promotes interaction with the Asian region and has established the 21st Century Awards to help develop ceramic science and technology. Recruitment for this year's awards is underway as outlined below, and we are currently inviting nominations of candidates.

**21st Century Awards - Motoharu Kurata Award**    3 winners

For researchers involved in general ceramics, at least one of whom is involved in basic and applied glass science and technology.

**21st Century Awards - Takayoshi Iseki Award**    1 winner

For researchers involved in basic and applied engineering ceramics.

1. Content of awards: Each winner shall receive an award certificate and a monetary award of 200,000 yen. For winners resident in Japan, this monetary award is for expenses related to the promotion of exchanges between Japan and Asian countries in the field of ceramic science and technology. For winners not resident in Japan, it is to be used to attend research presentations or international conferences sponsored by the Ceramic Society of Japan.
2. Candidate eligibility: Candidates shall be under 40 years of age and have an excellent academic or industrial record in ceramic science and technology. Japanese candidates shall in principle be members of the Ceramic Society of Japan and nominated by a ceramic related organization of an Asian country in accordance with this request for nominations from the Ceramic Society of Japan. (Eligible age based on April 1 for this year's awards: Born on or after April 2, 1976.)
3. Nominator eligibility: Nominators shall be individual members or special members (no more than one of each) of the Ceramic Society of Japan. In the case of self-nomination, an individual member shall be specified who can be asked for an opinion on the performance of the candidate.
4. Nomination method: Submission of a Letter of Nomination form provided by the Ceramic Society of Japan (including a summary of reasons for nomination, a list of past research achievements and research papers and the names of overseas associations, symposiums etc. visited by the nominee and a summary of presentation contents, a profile of the nominee, and (in the case of non-Japanese nominees) their connection to Japan)

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The Letter of Nomination form for both awards can be downloaded here:

[http://www.ceramic.or.jp/csj/hyosho/kokusai\\_e.html](http://www.ceramic.or.jp/csj/hyosho/kokusai_e.html)

Deadline for nominations: Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Announcement of results: End of December 2016; Payment of monetary award: End of January 2017; Award

ceremony: June 2017 (planned)

Submit inquiries or Letters of Nomination to:

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