



1. Purpose

Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies aims to develop new academic fields that contribute to solving current social issues in Asia and Oceania, as well as preventing those anticipated in the future.

“Kyushu University Asia Week 2026” will be held from November 2 (Monday) to November 7 (Saturday), 2026. As one of the related programs, a poster session will be organized for young researchers, graduate students, and undergraduate students who are expected to lead future studies on Asia and Oceania. The poster session is intended to serve as an active forum for discovering and encouraging innovative research. We sincerely look forward to your participation.

Kyushu University Asia Week

Kyushu University Asia Week has been held since 2020 with the aim of showcasing the University’s extensive achievements and ongoing developments in Asia-related research and education, strengthening collaboration with overseas institutions, and promoting new frameworks for international exchange and cooperation in the post-COVID era.

2. Scope of Application

We invite submissions presenting research outcomes or initiatives related to any field concerning Asia and Oceania. Submissions may come from any discipline, methodology, or target country, as long as the research is connected to the Asian or Oceanian regions. Research or initiatives that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) are strongly encouraged.

For the Audience Award, newly established this year, we invite research presentations centered on a “question” defined by the presenter. Please present the question you are pursuing and your approach in a way that is understandable even to those outside your field of expertise.

3. Eligibility

(1) Young Researchers Division

Young researchers affiliated with Kyushu University (faculty members and Post-doctoral Fellows) who, as of April 1, 2026, are within eight years of obtaining their doctoral degree.

*Periods of prenatal/postpartum leave and childcare leave taken after completing doctoral coursework or after obtaining the doctoral degree may be deducted when calculating the eight-year limit.

(2) Graduate Students / Undergraduate Students Division

Individuals enrolled in the graduate schools or undergraduate programs of Kyushu University in the 2026 academic year (no age restriction).

4. Award Categories, Number of Awards, and Research and Education Incentive Funds

(1) Grand Award

- Number of winners: 1 (may be awarded to either a young researcher or a student)
- Award amount: 100,000 JPY

(2) Excellence Award

- Number of winners: 2 (one young researcher and one student)
- Award amount: 50,000 JPY per winner

(3) Special Award

- Number of winners: 2 (one young researcher and one student)
- Award amount: 30,000 JPY per winner

(4) Audience Award

- Number of winners: 1 (selected based on votes cast by all participants, including visitors, students, presenters, and the general public)
- Award amount: 20,000 JPY

Notes on Research and Education Incentive Funds

- Research and Education Incentive Funds will be allocated according to the award category.
- For winners in the Young Researchers Division, the funds will be allocated directly to the winners. For winners in the Graduate Students / Undergraduate Students Division, the funds will be allocated to their laboratories. The allocation date will be April 1, 2026.
- The funds may not be carried over to the following fiscal year.
- There are no restrictions on the use of the funds; however, please comply with the University's regulations and ensure appropriate management of the expenses.
For winners in the Graduate Students / Undergraduate Students Division, the expenses must be executed under the supervision of the laboratory.
In cases where a graduate or undergraduate student winner is not affiliated with a laboratory, the expenses will be managed by the IQ Office.

5. Application Procedure and Deadlines

(1) Entry

Prior to the poster presentation, applicants are required to submit their name, affiliation, grade/position, application category (Young Researchers Division or Graduate Students/Undergraduate Students Division), and a one-sentence statement of their research question that represents the core of their research through the entry form below.

- **Entry Form:** <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/M6ugHq5R89>
- **Entry Deadline:** **12:00 (noon), Monday, September 28, 2026**

* If the number of applications exceeds expectations, a preliminary screening may be conducted based on the research question submitted at the time of entry.

(2) Submission of Poster Data and One-Minute Video

After completing the entry process, applicants are required to submit the poster data and a one-minute presentation video by the deadline below.

- **Submission method and file format:** Details will be provided individually after entry.
- **Submission Deadline:** 17:00, Thursday, October 15, 2026

A. Poster Data

At the top of the poster (approximately the upper one-fifth of the entire layout), clearly and prominently state your research question in a single sentence. Please avoid technical jargon and frame your question in a way that sparks curiosity among readers who are not familiar with your field of study. The poster must be prepared in English. (Please refer to Figure 1 for a sample poster layout.)

Examples:

- Why are people often more strongly influenced by messages about avoiding losses than by messages about gaining benefits?
 - What accounts for the difference between cedar trees that fall in typhoons and bamboo that bends and survives?
 - What determines why a medicine works for some people but not for others?
- *Reuse of posters previously submitted to other conferences or institutions is not permitted. Please prepare a new poster specifically for this poster presentation competition.

B. One-Minute Presentation Video

Please prepare a presentation video of approximately one minute introducing your research. The purpose of the video is to verbally supplement and explain the research question and the significance of your work, particularly aspects that cannot be fully conveyed through the figures and tables on the poster alone. The video must be prepared in English. (Videos may be recorded and created using a smartphone or similar device.)

6. Selection Process and Schedule

- **Entry Deadline:** 12:00 (noon), Monday, September 28, 2026
- **Announcement of Preliminary Screening Results:** Monday, October 5, 2026
*Only if the number of applications exceeds expectations.
- **Deadline for Submission of Poster Data and Video:** 17:00, Thursday, October 15, 2026
- ◆ **Poster Presentation and Award Ceremony:** 13:30 –16:00, Thursday, November 5, 2026

*The event will take place in front of I²CNER Hall, Ito Campus, with English as the presentation language (in principle), and the schedule may be subject to change.

- If the number of applications exceeds expectations, a preliminary screening may be conducted. In such cases, the Asian and Oceanian Award Selection Committee will review the research questions submitted at the time of entry and select approximately 50 finalists for the poster presentation. Applicants will be notified of the results by Monday, October 5, 2026.
- In the final selection process, finalists will present their posters on Thursday, November 5, 2026, and the award ceremony will be held on the same day.
- Details regarding the poster presentation procedures will be announced after the deadline for submission of poster data.

7. Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are requested to prepare their posters and videos with the following evaluation criteria in mind. Please use clear and accessible language, as well as figures, line breaks, and spacing effectively, so that the content can be understood by reviewers outside your field of expertise.

[Expert Review (Grand Award, Excellence Award, and Special Award)]

(i) Academic background and importance

- Whether the academic significance of the background that led to this research is clear and easy to understand.
- Whether the research contributes meaningfully to the realization of the SDGs.

(ii) Originality, Research Question, and Impact

- Whether the research demonstrates a high degree of originality and innovation based on flexible ideas and methodologies.
- Whether the research is expected to make a meaningful impact and contribution to society in a broad sense, including science and technology, industry, and culture.
*“Impact and contribution to society” include theoretical, institutional, historical-cultural, and normative contributions, in addition to practical applications.
- Whether the research question itself is original and academically significant, regardless of the research field or methodology.

(iii) Clarity of Research Content

- Whether the description is clear and understandable for reviewers outside the field.
- Whether the poster is well organized, using plain expressions throughout and making effective use of figures, line breaks, and spacing to enhance readability.

[Audience Voting (Audience Award)]

(iv) Audience Award Voting Criteria

Participants will be asked to vote for the presentation whose research question they find most original, easy to understand, and intellectually engaging, or which they find most intriguing at first glance.

8. Others

- Prize recipients are expected to participate in activities for disseminating their research outcomes—such as oral or poster presentations—at seminars, symposiums, and other events organized by the Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies.
- When using generative AI, applicants should follow Kyushu University's Basic Policy on the Use of Generative AI in Education. If generative AI has been used, this should be clearly indicated.

*Reference:

Promoting Organization for Future Creators, Kyushu University, “Kyushu University’s Basic Policy on the Use of Generative AI in Education” (Japanese only)

<https://mirai.kyushu-u.ac.jp/topics/1463/>

9. Contact Information

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This information is also available on the Asia Week 2026 website:

<https://asiaweek.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/boshu>

Figure 1. Sample Poster (A0 Size)

Poster height (100%)

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Flood Risk Perception and Resilience in Coastal Southeast Asia

A Multi-Site Study on Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Decision-Making

My Research Question

Why do coastal communities keep rebuilding in flood zones even after repeated disasters?

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References

Sample Poster

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