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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

## 2026 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Awards Online applications open September 2025

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: HASHIMOTO Osamu) today announced that online applications for the 2026 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award will open on September 1, 2025. The application period will run for almost four months from September 1 to December 25, 2025.

Aiming to contribute to the sustainable development of chemistry and the chemical industry, Mitsui Chemicals established the Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Awards in 2004. The awards consist of the Catalysis Science Award and the Catalysis Science Award for Creative Work, which recognize outstanding achievements in the field of catalysis science. To date, the awards have been conferred on 33 researchers within Japan and overseas. Past recipients include individuals who have gone on to be highly acclaimed worldwide, receiving honors such as the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and other prestigious Japanese and international awards.

We welcome applications from a wide range of R&D fields, including solid catalysts, molecular catalysts and biocatalysts, as well as green processes and rare metal utilization via catalysis, along with materials science and development through novel catalysis.

2026 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Awards application site

<https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/techno/csa/index.htm>

### I. Outline of awards

	Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award	Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award for Creative Work
Eligible applicant	Researchers affiliated to a university or public research institution, who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in the field of catalysis science research (prize may be awarded to up to one winner)	Researchers affiliated to a university or public research institution, who have demonstrated creative achievements in the field of catalysis science research (prize may be awarded to up to two winners)
Application requirements	Applicants must be 47 years old or younger as of April 1, 2025	Applicants must be 37 years old or younger as of April 1, 2025
Prize	A plaque Monetary award: 5 million yen	A plaque Monetary award: 1 million yen

## II. Schedule and selection process

Application starts	September 1, 2025
Application closes	December 25, 2025
Announcement of winners	In June 2026 or thereabouts (details will be published on the website and in professional journals, among other sources)

The selection committee will comprise distinguished scholars in the field of catalysis science, along with a representative from Mitsui Chemicals.

For further details regarding the application process, required documents, and privacy policy, please refer to the website linked above.