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Start of Application Period for the Kumamoto University Female Researcher Awards in FY 2017

Kumamoto University is pleased to announce the Female Researcher Awards. The awards recognize excellent research achievements of women researchers within the fields of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, life sciences and medicine in Kumamoto Prefecture.

The “Female Researcher Award” and the “Young Female Researcher Award” are intended to further acknowledge and support the outstanding work of these women researchers.

Please see the attachment for details on prerequisites.

We are looking forward to numerous self-applications of female researchers. Furthermore, we would highly appreciate if you recommended suitable candidates in your department or institute.

Best regards

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(Attachment)

Kumamoto University Female Researcher Awards Application Guidelines

1. Eligibility for application

All women who are fulfilling either of the two preconditions.

- (1) Female researchers (including students) who are affiliated with an institution of higher education or company or such in Kumamoto Prefecture.
- (2) Female researchers (including students) who are living in Kumamoto Prefecture (excluding those who are affiliated with an institution of higher education or company or such outside the prefecture)

Preconditions for the awards:

- “Female Researcher Award”: Women holding the professor title or similar leading positions have to be 50 years or younger. The applicants have achieved outstanding research results and represent excellent role models for young women and thus are suitable candidates for the award.
- “Young Female Researcher Award”: Promising women researchers aged 30 or younger who have achieved notable research results during the past three years.

※We are accepting both self-applications and recommendations by others than the candidate; whoever, in the latter case we ask to require the consent of the female candidate.

2. Prizes

The awardee in each category will be presented with a certificate of commendation and supplementary prize.

3. Application Method and Deadline

- (1) Application Method :
Please fill in the application form and send it together with up to 2 relevant papers by e-mail to the office indicated below. (Please contact the office in advance if you want to send books)
- (2) Deadline : 20th November 2017

4. Selection Process and Result Announcement

- (1) Selection: The selection committee of Kumamoto University will choose a suitable candidate among all applications.
- (2) Result announcement: Applicants will be informed of the results and the awardees will be announced in January 2018.

5. Awards ceremony

The awards ceremony will be held in February or March, 2018. Awardees are required to present their research achievements there. Details on the event will be sent to the awardees later.

(Research Achievement Presentation)

Outline: Speech relevant to the research topics listed in the application

Length of Speech: 20 min

Contents: Introduction to one's research field, directions of future research, others

6. Others

- (1) We will not reply to any inquiries about the selection results.
- (2) The name and research achievements of the award recipients will be made public.
- (3) Personal information included in the submitted documents will be strictly confidential and used only for the purpose of selection.
- (4) The submitted documents are not returnable for any reason.
- (5) If necessary, we might ask you to submit additional documents.

7. Submission and Inquiries to:

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