

2026 Asian Young Investigator for Tuberculosis Research Award

Call for Applications

Application Period: May 26 (Tue) - July 5 (Sun), 2026

About the Award

The Asian Young Investigator for Tuberculosis Research Award was established in 2020 to recognize young and talented Asian researchers conducting promising work in tuberculosis (TB) and nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) research. This year, the Award will be presented to an Asian researcher who has made an invaluable contribution to TB elimination through both research excellence and field experience.

Through the generous sponsorship of the Seegene Medical Foundation, the prize will be awarded during the 2026 9th International Scientific Conference on “Seeking Ways to Eliminate TB in Asia” organized by the Korean National Tuberculosis Association (KNTA) and the Stop TB Partnership Korea. Details on the Award ceremony will be updated in due course.

Eligibility of Applicant

To be eligible for the Award, the applicant must:

- be an individual;
- hold the citizenship of an Asian country;
- be under 45 years of age at the time of application (born on or after January 1, 1981);
- have research and/or field experience in TB-related areas, including nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM);
- not have been a recipient of the Award within the previous five years as of 2026; and
- not be a national of a country from which the 2025 Award recipient originated. To provide equal opportunities to researchers across Asia, nationals of the 2025 recipient country are ineligible for the 2026 award.

***Note on Country Exclusion (2026): As the 2026 Award recipient was from China, nationals of China are not eligible to apply for the 2026 Award.**

Application Forms

Application forms can be downloaded from the official website of Stop TB Partnership Korea at <https://stoptb.knta.or.kr/award-announcements.php>. All required documents must be submitted **in English** as a complete package, comprising:

1. A completed application form filled out by the applicant
2. A completed list of major research publications. The publications must:
 - be original articles published in the SCI(E)-accredited international journals between May 27, 2021 and May 26, 2026.
3. A description (500 words or fewer) of how the applicant's activities and engagements demonstrate excellence in TB eradication. The description should include:
 - an overview of the applicant's contributions to the field of TB eradication;
 - a detailed account of the applicant's work in TB eradication; and
 - an explanation of the practical outcomes or expected impact of the applicant's work on their community and academic society.
4. A completed letter of recommendation written by the applicant's National TB Program (NTP) or the head of the organization to which the applicant belongs.
5. Supporting documents, if any (e.g., documentation of the applicant's activities and/or research experience, including publications, leading roles in research projects and other TB programmes).

Submission

Please submit your complete application package to: stoptbkorea@knta.or.kr

Application and Award Procedure

All completed application materials must be submitted electronically to the above email addresses **by July 5 (Sun), 2026**. Upon successful submission, a confirmation email will be sent within one to two business days. All submissions will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, and the winner will be announced in July 2026. The prize will be awarded at the 2026 9th International Scientific Conference, to be held **in Mongolia** from September 15 to 17.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Committee will assess applications based on the following criteria:

Criterion	Weighting
Research Capacity	60 points out of 100
Activities/Engagements in TB Eradication	40 points out of 100

1. Research Capacity (60 points)

- The Research Capacity is based on the Impact Factor (IF) of the journal in which the submitted paper was published (prior year's IF), weighted by the applicant's authorship role:
 - Corresponding Author: 100% | Co-corresponding Author: 50% | First Author: 80% | Co-first Author: 40%
- Scores are calculated on a relative basis, with the highest IF score among all applicants set as the reference point (maximum 60 points). Applicants whose converted score falls below 60 points will have their actual IF-based score applied as-is. This approach is intended to reduce excessive score disparity and ensure that the qualitative assessment of TB field contribution is meaningfully reflected in the final evaluation.

2. Activities/Engagements in TB Eradication (40 points)

- The Selection Committee will assess the applicant's activities and engagements based on the following sub-criteria:
 - The extent to which the purpose and goals of the applicant's activities align with TB elimination objectives;
 - The extent to which goals have been achieved, including quantifiable outputs (e.g., scope and number of beneficiaries) and impact on TB elimination progress;
 - The degree of initiative and proactiveness demonstrated in carrying out activities
 - The level of scientific and technical expertise exhibited;
 - The sustainability of the applicant's activities going forward;
 - The potential for institutional and/or technical application of the applicant's work; and
 - The potential for future collaboration based on the applicant's activities and engagements.

Requirements for Final Winner

- Attendance at the 2026 9th International Scientific Conference: the final winner will be required to attend the Conference (September 15-17, 2026, Mongolia), deliver a presentation in line with the Conference theme, and participate in the Award ceremony.
- Travel and Accommodation: in addition to the cash prize, round-trip travel and accommodation will be provided for attendance at the Conference.

Prizes

The Award comprises:

- a full fellowship covering round-trip travel, accommodation, and per diem for

attendance at the Conference (travel-related support will not apply if the Conference is held virtually); and

- a cash prize of KRW 10,000,000 and a certificate of recognition.
- *The cash prize will be transferred to the winner's bank account after deduction of applicable overseas remittance charges and taxes. The USD exchange rate at the time of award will be applied.

Key Dates

Date	Milestone
From May 26 (Tue), 2026	Application window opens
Until 23:59 PM (GMT+9), July 5 (Sun), 2026	Application window closes
July 2026 (TBD)	Selection Process conducted
July 2026 (TBD)	Winner announced (via email and official website)
September 15-17, 2026	9 th International Scientific Conference and Award Ceremony, Mongolia

Contact

For further inquiries regarding the Award, please contact the Stop TB Partnership Korea Secretariat:

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