

## **ICOPA 2026 Travel Award – Implementation Guidelines**

International Exchange Committee, Japanese Society of Parasitology

### **Article 1 (Purpose)**

The Japanese Society of Parasitology establishes the ICOPA 2026 Travel Award to support early-career members in presenting their latest research at an international conference and contributing to the advancement of parasitology and related fields through international exchange at the 16th International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA 2026).

### **Article 2 (Administering Body)**

The administration and selection of this Travel Award shall be conducted by the International Exchange Committee of the Japanese Society of Parasitology.

### **Article 3 (Target Conference)**

Name: 16th International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA 2026 / ICOPA XVI)

Dates: August 16–21, 2026

Venue: Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

### **Article 4 (Eligibility)**

Applicants must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Japanese Society of Parasitology (membership completed by December 31, 2025).
- Be a doctoral student or an early-career researcher within 10 years of obtaining a PhD as of the application deadline.
  - \* Career interruptions due to childbirth, childcare, caregiving, illness, or other justified reasons will be considered upon declaration.
- Have submitted an abstract to ICOPA 2026.
  - \* Reference: Abstract submission deadline is February 2, 2026.

### **Article 5 (Award Coverage)**

Awardees will receive travel support of up to JPY 200,000 per person.

The total budget is approximately JPY 2,000,000.

The amount awarded to each recipient will be determined based on the selection results.

### **Article 6 (Payment Method)**

The award will be paid by bank transfer to an account in the recipient's name.

### **Article 7 (Application Period)**

Application opens: February 10, 2026

Application deadline: April 10, 2026 (must arrive by this date).

### **Article 8 (Application Procedure and Required Documents)**

Details will be announced on the Society's website and mailing list at the start of the application period.

Applications must be submitted by email to the designated address (jsp.office.2015@gmail.com).

### **Article 9 (Selection Process)**

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the International Exchange Committee, and awardees will be determined based on evaluation scores.

### **Article 10 (Evaluation Criteria)**

Applications will be comprehensively evaluated based on criteria established by the selection committee, including prior BPA awards, encouragement awards, and first-author publication records.

### **Article 11 (Notification of Results)**

Applicants will be notified of the results by the end of April 2026.

The names of awardees will be published on the Society's website.

### **Article 12 (Use of Funds)**

The award is intended to support expenses related to participation in the designated international conference, including travel, accommodation, and registration fees.

### **Article 13 (Coordination with Other Funding)**

If the recipient receives travel support from their affiliated institution, the amount of this award must be deducted to avoid double funding.

If no institutional support is provided (self-funded travel), this award may be used to cover actual travel and accommodation expenses.

### **Article 14 (Reporting Obligations and Documentation)**

Recipients must submit a report using the prescribed format and proof of conference participation within one month after the conference.

As this award is a grant and not a reimbursement, submission of receipts is not required.

Recipients must declare the use of funds honestly. In cases of false declaration or double funding, the full amount must be returned.

### **Article 15 (Miscellaneous)**

If a recipient withdraws from participation after the award has been granted, they must promptly notify the Society Secretariat and return the full amount.

Matters not specified in these guidelines shall be determined by the Board of Directors.