

Kanazawa University International Award in Commemoration of Daisetz T. Suzuki and Kitaro Nishida

Prospectus

Daisetz T. Suzuki (1870-1966) and Kitaro Nishida (1870-1945) are two of the most prominent philosophers and thinkers of modern Japan. Daisetz T. Suzuki made major contributions to the introduction of Eastern thought, particularly Zen, all over the world. He pursued a lifelong quest for spiritual awareness, recognizing it as the core of Buddhism. Kitaro Nishida, the originator of a unique philosophical movement, educated numerous scholars and researchers in what came to be known as the “Kyoto School.” Nishida won the Order of Culture in 1940, and Suzuki won the same in 1949.

Both Suzuki and Nishida were born and raised in Ishikawa Prefecture and studied at the Fourth Advanced Middle School, the predecessor of the Fourth High School established in Kanazawa City under Japan's former education system. That these two great talents both appeared in Kanazawa can be put down to the city's history as an academic center characterized by a unique spiritual climate and a culture based on thought and philosophy. In 1899, Kitaro Nishida was appointed a professor at the Fourth High School, where he taught for around 10 years. The Fourth High School is one of the predecessors of Kanazawa University, and the Fourth High School alumni association has been consolidated into the Kanazawa University Alumni Association.

The Kanazawa University International Award in Commemoration of Daisetz T. Suzuki and Kitaro Nishida (the “KUI Award”) has been founded in tribute to Daisetz T. Suzuki and Kitaro Nishida, both of whom are associated with Kanazawa University, with funds donated by Dr. Mitsuru Usui (a class of 1964 graduate of Kanazawa University's School of Medicine). The KUI Award is intended to honor scholars or researchers who are making internationally distinguished achievements in the realm of philosophy, thought and religion, and thereby to facilitate advancement of the University's research and studies in this realm and inspire and motivate the next generation of young scholars and researchers.

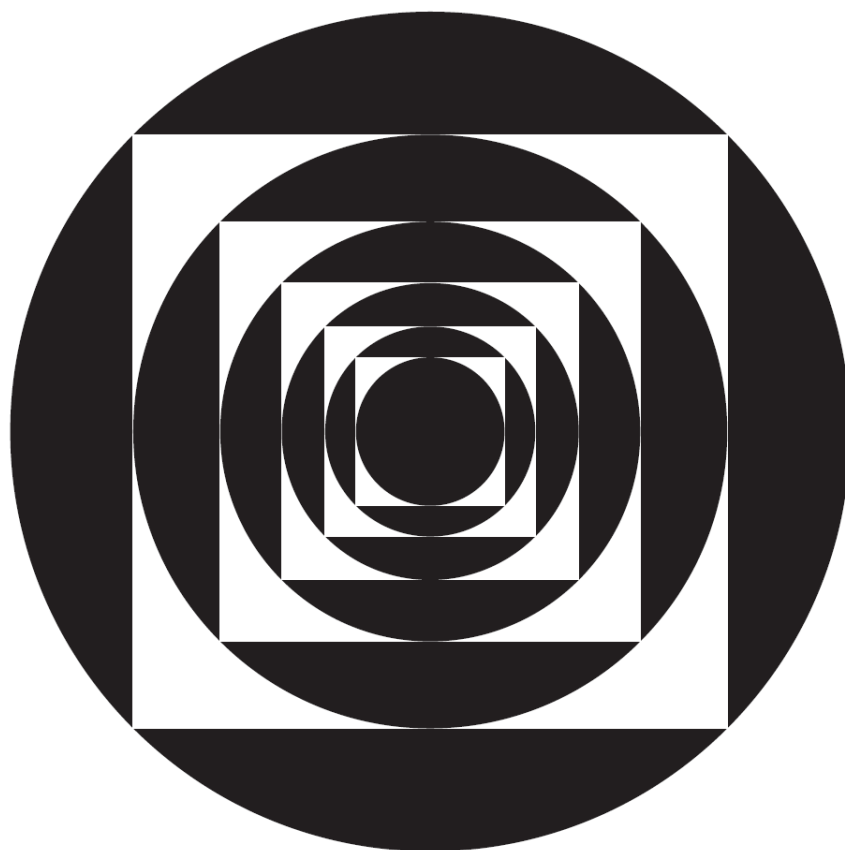
Kanazawa University asks all relevant organizations and persons for their understanding regarding the intent of the KUI Award and their cooperation in its implementation.

Philosophy

Thought

Religion

The International Award is established in honor of Daisetz T. Suzuki (1870-1966) and Kitaro Nishida (1870-1945), both of whom are associated with Kanazawa University, and is intended to honor researchers who have made outstanding international achievements in the fields of philosophy, thought, and religion. The purpose of this award is to promote the further development of research in these fields and to provide a significant academic stimulus to young researchers who will lead the next generation.



<https://award.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en>



Nomination Guidelines for the Sixth Kanazawa University International Award in Commemoration of Daisetz T. Suzuki and Kitaro Nishida

1. Academic areas Philosophy, thought and religion
2. Content of the award International Award : Award plaque / Prize : 2 million yen
Encouragement Award: : Award plaque / Prize : 1 million yen
3. Number of winners International Award : One
Encouragement Award : A few
4. Eligible nominees International Award : Scholars or researchers who have made internationally distinguished achievements in the realm of philosophy, thought and religion, regardless of nationality or age.

Encouragement Award : Mid-career and young researchers, generally under the age of 45 who are expected to have promising futures in the realm of philosophy, thought, and religion, regardless of nationality.
5. Nomination period Wednesday, October 1, 2025 – Friday, March 13, 2026
6. Schedule for selection and the award ceremony
(1) Selection of award winner Early July, 2026
(2) Award ceremony A tentative date in November, 2026
 [Note] The awardee should attend the award ceremony and deliver a memorial lecture.
7. Required documents (by recommendation only)
(1) Requisite documents Letter of nomination [include statement of reasons]
 (Attached Form 1), personal resume, list of achievements, books or papers (up to 5 notable achievements, 4 copies each)
 *The letter of nomination [include statement of reasons]
 (Attached Form 1) should be completed by the recommender.
(2) Place of submission KUI Award Executive Office (by post or e-mail)
8. Selection procedures
(1) The KUI Award Judging Panel (the “Panel”) shall be established and evaluate candidates.
(2) Based on the evaluation by the Panel, the KUI Award Committee shall decide the award winner.
9. Sending address and Contact
 KUI Award Executive Office (Kanazawa University General Affairs Department)
 Address: Kakuma-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa 920-1192, Japan
 E-mail: award@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp
 Telephone: +81-76-264-5111 (From within Japan 076-264-5111)
 Facsimile: +81-76-234-4010 (From within Japan 076-234-4010)

Form 1

MMMM DD, YYYY

To: Chairperson of KUI Award Committee

Nomination of Candidate for the 6th Kanazawa University International Award

I would like to recommend the following individual as the one worthy of the Kanazawa University International Award. Details are provided in the other requisite documents (no particular format) enclosed.

Recommendation category (please check the appropriate box.)

☐ International Award

☐ Encouragement Award

Name:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Organization:

Title or position:

From: (print name)

(Signature) _____

Organization:

Title or position:

Contact address (E-mail)*:

Note: 1.All documents submitted (letter of nomination, statement of reasons, personal resume, and list of achievements) must be in either Japanese or English; translations are not required.
 2. Please submit books or papers (Up to 5 notable achievements, 4 copies each.)