

S&M Young Researcher Paper Award 2026

Outline:

The S&M Young Researcher Paper Award is presented to a young researcher aged less than 40 years as of the date of submission and who has contributed an outstanding paper to *Sensors and Materials* with the aim of promoting submission from young researchers in the field of sensors and their related materials and technologies.

Jury:

Editors of *Sensors and Materials*

Criteria:

The papers of the award nominees must satisfy the following criteria:

- a. The paper must be published in the issues in 2026 (Vol. 38, Nos. 1–12).
- b. The first author of the paper must be younger than 40 years as of the date of submission.
- c. The review results of two reviewers were both very high in the first review process.
- d. The quality of English is excellent (as judged by proofreaders of the Editorial Department).

Number of award recipients:

Basically, only one may receive the award. If there are no papers that satisfy the above criteria, no one will be selected for the Award for the year. If there is more than one paper that satisfies the above criteria, the other papers may be given special encouragement awards in the form of a certificate.

Announcement:

The Editorial Department notifies the recipient of the S&M Young Researcher Paper Award early in the year. The name of the award recipient is announced on the journal website. (<https://sensors.myu-group.co.jp/>)

Award:

The award recipient receives a monetary award for his/her outstanding scientific accomplishment.