

Shiseido Awards Recipients of the 10th Shiseido Female Researcher Science Grant

-Creating ideal work environment for female researchers to continue their research activities-

Shiseido Company, Limited (hereinafter “Shiseido”) held the grand award ceremony of the 10th Shiseido Female Researcher Science Grant on Friday, July 7, at Shiodome FS Building, Tokyo. Shiseido’s corporate executive officer and chief research and development officer, Mr. Yoichi Shimatani, presented a grant of one million yen to ten recipients, respectively. Shiseido established the Shiseido Female Researcher Science Grant in 2007 with the purpose of supporting female researchers who are aiming to be leaders. Going forward, Shiseido will continue to support them through grants and contribute to nurturing female researchers by creating an ideal work environment where female researchers can pursue their research activities.



Nine recipients joined the 10th grand award ceremony.



The opening speech by Yoichi Shimatani, chief research and development officer

Shiseido’s chief research and development officer, Mr. Shimatani, recognized in his greeting at the grand award ceremony that Japan needs to further increase the number of female researchers. He also mentioned that the grant brings together high-level research themes every year, and nearly half of the past recipients were promoted after receiving this grant. Mr. Shimatani said, “Slowly but surely, the grant’s purpose of supporting female researchers who are aiming to be leaders is being achieved.”

Ms. Natsumi Ageta-Ishihara, a lecturer at Nagoya University, delivered her speech as a representative of the 10th Grant recipients: “It is a great pleasure for me to earn the award. The reason why I continued to apply for the grant was I agreed with the aim of the grant, which is to support women who aim to hold a leadership position.” She continued, “It has always been my goal to become a leading researcher. I thought the grant was a stepping stone to promotion.” Ms. Ageta-Ishihara shared her enthusiasm in continuing her research with the help of the grant: “I would like to utilize the grant and set an example for students by taking my research to a new level.”

The 2016’s grant recipient, Ms. Tomoko Kamasaki, a project assistant professor at Hokkaido University, sent cheers to this year’s recipients: “I used the grant to hire technical support staff and created a research group to continue my research activities today. As a researcher, I am moving up step by step. I am strongly aware of what this grant can do. Researchers can utilize the grant for various purposes to fit their needs such

as raising children and improving work conditions. Let's do our best to continue our research activities!"

Supporting Female Researchers Who Will Play a Leading Role in the Future

In order to extend support to the largest possible pool of applicants, Shiseido does not set age limits and has expanded research areas to encompass all natural science research. Shiseido allows these funds to be used to hire babysitters while on business trip, or research assistants, etc. to support female researchers to continue their research free of concerns about their particular life stage.

Moving forward, Shiseido will continuously contribute to nurturing female researchers who are aiming to be leaders through the Shiseido Female Researcher Science Grant by creating ideal work environment for female researchers.

10th Shiseido Female Researcher Science Grant: List of Grant Recipients

Grant Period: June 2017 ~ May 2018

Name	Affiliated Institution	Post	Research Theme
Akiko Shoji, Ph.D.	Graduate School of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University	JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow	【Behavioral Ecology】 Contaminant amplification by migratory seabirds: the role of biovector transport (Research to clarify how seabirds carry and spread the environmental contaminants)
Ayaka Sakata, Ph.D.	Research Organization of Information and Systems, The Institute of Statistical Mathematics	Assistant Professor	【Statistics/Statistical Physics】 Development of statistical modeling for high-dimensional data by statistical mechanical method for random systems (Research on mathematical theory to discover statistical rules in complicated data)
Hisae Tateishi-Karimata, Ph.D.	Konan University, Frontier Institute for Biomolecular Engineering Research (FIBER)	Assistant Professor	【Life Science/Biofunctional Science】 Quantitative analysis for transcript mutations by DNA G-quadruplex formation during tumor progression (Research to clarify the mechanism of tumor progression that is controlled by DNA G-quadruplex formation)
Mai Bando, Ph. D.	Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Graduate School of Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University	Associate Professor	【Orbital Mechanics/Control Engineering】 Interplanetary highway to travel between planets (Research on creation of an interplanetary “highway” by balancing gravitational forces and artificial rotational forces)
Mizue Mizoshiri,	Micro-Nano	Assistant	【Advanced Laser Materials Processing】

Ph.D.	Mechanical Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University	Professor	Three-dimensional metal-semiconductor microstructures fabricated using femtosecond laser reductive sintering of metal oxide (Research to fabricate three-dimensional metallic microstructures by using a special laser)
Natsumi Ageta-Ishihara, Ph.D.	Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University	Lecturer	【Neuroscience】 Exploring novel molecular mechanisms underlying spatial learning/memory (Research to clarify the mechanisms of recognizing a known space and unknown space in the brain)
Ruri Hidema, Ph.D.	Department of Chemical Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Kobe University	Assistant Professor	【Chemical Engineering/Soft Matter Rheology】 Stable Fabrication and Dynamics of Double Emulsion with Flow Focusing (Research to develop soft particles by controlling micro flow)
Soyoung Park, Ph.D.	Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University	Assistant Professor	【Biochemistry】 Development of DNA-based hybrid catalysts for asymmetric synthesis (Research on compounds synthesis by developing catalysts based on DNA's double helix structure)
Toyoko Suzuki, Dr. Eng.	Department of Chemical Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Kobe University	Research Associate	【Surface Chemistry/Organic Polymer Chemistry】 Preparation of polymer capsule with localized-silica (Research on fabrication and application of minute particles that always face the same direction due to the existence of inorganic substance on one half side of a spherical polymer capsule)
Yukari Oda, Ph.D.	Department of Applied Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University	Assistant Professor	【Polymer Science】 Design of grafted polymer layers toward construction of lubricative interfaces (Research on construction of interfaces that show lubricity in water by immobilizing water - soluble polymers onto a material surface)

Names listed in alphabetical order without honorifics.

