Call for Submissions: 6th Annual Research Conference (JASR2026)

Japan Association for Social Relations (JASR)

Overview

The Japan Association for Social Relations (JASR) will hold its 6th Annual Research Conference (JASR2026), on Saturday, March 21 to Sunday, 22nd 2026. The main venue will be Tohoku University's Kawauchi–Minami Campus (Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture). Some presentations and audience participation will also be available online.

We invite submissions for **research presentations** and **panel sessions**. Please apply according to the guidelines below. Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria may apply.

Dates & Venue

- **Dates:** Saturday–Sunday, March 21–22, 2026
- **Venue:** Kawauchi–Minami Campus, Tohoku University (Sendai, Miyagi)

Topics

We welcome a wide range of themes, including policy research/policy evaluation, civil society, nonprofit organizations, philanthropy and volunteering, social relations, and social capital. Submissions from any discipline including political science, economics, management, sociology, epidemiology, public health, etc., are welcome, as are interdisciplinary studies.

For the scope of themes covered by the association, please see: https://jasrweb.main.jp/aboutus/.

Presentation Formats

Research Presentations: In principle, each report is allotted about 15 minutes. Each 90-minute session will feature 3–4 reports, followed by approximately 30 minutes of discussion. Moderators and discussants will chair the session and provide questions/comments; audience Q&A will be held within the allotted time.

Panels: Within a 90-minute slot, the lead applicant will in principle serve as moderator and organize a panel session with 3–4 panelists.

Eligibility

For both research presentations and panels, the lead presenter/applicant must, in principle, be a JASR member at the time of application or apply for membership simultaneously. For membership applications, see the "Membership / Procedures" section on the JASR homepage: https://jasrweb.main.jp/.

Conference Participation Fee (Planned)

- **Members:** Free for those who have paid the FY2025 annual dues (including new members)
- **Non-members:** 6,000 yen (same fee for general participants and students)

How to Apply

1) Prepare the Abstract Manuscript

Download the appropriate MS Word template, create your abstract file, and submit it. •
   Research Presentation template: JASR2026_Presentation_FamilynameFirstname.doc •
   Panel template: JASR2026_Panel_FamilynameFirstname.doc

Rename "FamilynameFirstname" to your own name in Roman letters. Length: **Research presentation abstracts** must be 1–5 pages; **panel abstracts** must be 1–2 pages. (In the template provided, one two-column page accommodates roughly 1,000 words.)
   The Organizing Committee will review submitted abstracts and decide on acceptance. Content already published in journals, books, etc. at the time of application is not eligible for presentation.

2) Fill Out and Submit the Application Form

Use the Google Form below ("JASR2026 Annual Conference Application & Abstract Submission Form"). Enter the required information (name, affiliation, membership status, information on co-authors/co-presenters, etc.), upload your abstract file, and submit. A confirmation email will be sent automatically upon successful submission.
Application form: https://forms.gle/Tz1PhifMz3QF9Gat7

Deadlines
- **If applying for the Research Presentation Prize:**
   Tuesday, November 4, 2025 → **Extended deadline: Monday, December 1, 2025**
- **If not applying for the Prize (research presentations):**
   Sunday, November 30, 2025 → **Extended deadline: Monday, December 1, 2025**
- **Panel proposals:**
   Sunday, November 30, 2025 → **Extended deadline: Monday, December 1, 2025**

About the Research Presentation Prize

Among accepted **research presentations** (panels excluded), the Organizing Committee will conduct a review and confer prizes. The **submitted abstract** will be the basis for evaluation. If you wish to be considered, please submit a **detailed abstract of 3–5 pages** (approximately **3,000–5,000** words for submissions in English).

Application form (same as above): https://forms.gle/Tz1PhifMz3QF9Gat7

Prize categories (this conference).

- **Excellent Research Presentation Prize:** Awarded to reports judged excellent among those applying for the prize.
- **Grand Prize for Research Presentation:** Awarded to one especially outstanding report among the Excellent Prize recipients.

Timeline (Application → Review → Presentation)

- ~~Nov 4, 2025~~ → **Dec 1, 2025**: Deadline (for Research Presentation Prize applicants)
- ~~Nov 30, 2025~~ → **Dec 1, 2025**: Deadline (for panel proposals and non-prize research presentations)
- Late Dec 2025: Notification of acceptance/rejection to applicants
- Mid-Jan 2026: Conference program published; participant registration opens
- Mid-Feb 2026: Research Presentation Prize announced
- Late Feb 2026: Presenters send materials to discussants, etc.

Organizing Committee

Conference Chair: Yuko Nishide

Host-University Committee: Aya Okada / Nguyen Chi Gia / Yan Yaguang / Tetsuya Obuki / Haruka Minemura / Dansu Margaret Adesewa / Rashed Nedal Rashed Al Jayousi

Program Committee: Katsunori Sato / Ryo Kikuchi / Jun Aida / Kokoro Shirai / Kohei Honda / Ienori Tatefuku / Akimasa Ogawa

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More Information
Please visit https://jasrweb.main.jp/jasr2026/