

## **FY2026 (The 16th) RIEC Award: Call for Nominations**

### **1. Purpose**

The Research Institute of Electrical Communication (RIEC), Tohoku University, established the RIEC Award in FY2011 under the Foundation for the Promotion of Electrical Communication Engineering, to commemorate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The purpose of this award is to promote the development of electrical, information, and communication fields by recognizing outstanding young researchers who have made significant contributions to academic research and are expected to continue contributing to the future development of these fields. The award specifically targets highly promising young researchers who have not yet received major awards.

### **2. Target Fields**

Various fields related to electrical, information, and communication engineering in a broad sense, such as electrical engineering, electronic engineering, information engineering, and communication engineering.

### **3. Eligibility Criteria**

- (1) Candidates must have achieved outstanding research results that show great promise for future development in related fields.
- (2) Candidates must be 45 years of age or younger as of April 1, 2026.

### **4. Nomination Procedure**

- (1) Submit PDF files of the required documents as email attachments to the address specified below by the deadline.
- (2) Nominations must be made by a third party; self-nominations will not be accepted.
- (3) Required documents can be downloaded from the following URL:  
<http://www.riec.tohoku.ac.jp/ja/info/riec-award/>
- (4) Submission Deadline: August 28, 2026, 5:00 PM (JST).

(5) Submit to: [riecaward@grp.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:riecaward@grp.tohoku.ac.jp)

If you must send documents by postal mail, please send them to the following address:

RIEC Award Committee Foundation for the Promotion of Electrical Communication Engineering c/o Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Tohoku University 2-1-1 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8577, Japan

## **5. Awards and Ceremony**

In principle, two awardees are selected each fiscal year. Each recipient will be presented with a certificate, a plaque, and a supplementary prize of 200,000 yen.

The award ceremony is scheduled to be held during the RIEC Annual Cooperative Research Projects Conference (scheduled for February 2027).