



September 7, 2025

The Eleventh Nagamori Awards Ceremony was Held Successfully

Nagamori Foundation held the Eleventh Nagamori Awards Ceremony at Hotel Okura Kyoto on Sunday, September 7, 2025 to honor the winners of the awards and the recipients of the research grant for 2025.

The ceremony was attended by approximately 200 people including the winners of Nagamori Awards, research grant recipients, many academics, and those related to Nagamori Foundation.

After the 6 Nagamori Awards winners presented their research topic,

Nagamori Foundation's Review Committee chose Dr. Marcia O'Malley (Professor, Rice University) as the Grand Nagamori Award winner.

The commendation ceremony began with Prof. Hori, the Review Committee's Chair, explaining how the winners were selected, followed by the announcement of the Eleventh Grand Nagamori Award winner. Each winner received a commendation certificate and a prize trophy from Mr. Nagamori, President of Nagamori Foundation, and then representing the award winners, Professor O'Malley delivered a speech to express the pleasure of receiving the Award.



Mr. Nagamori, Prof. Hori, and The 11th Nagamori Award winners



Mr. Nagamori, Prof. Hori, and the recipients of the research grant for 2025

The next part of the ceremony was to present research grants ("Research Grant 2025") to the 22 researchers, mostly associate or assistant professors (9 new and 13 renewal recipients). Following that, Dr. Ayumi Nagai, Assistant Professor, The National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Nara College, gave a speech to appreciate the grant on behalf of all the grant recipients.

There was a special lecture from Dr. Masayoshi Tomizuka, Cheryl and John Neerhout, Jr. Distinguished Professor, University of California, Berkeley, on "My Career Path: Highlights from My Career & Messages to Pass On". Mr. MASUKO Hiroshi, Vice Minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan, gave a congratulatory address in person, representing the guests. Moreover, at the celebratory party, Mr. NISHIWAKI Takatoshi, Governor of Kyoto gave a congratulatory address, and Mr. MATSUI Koji, Mayor of Kyoto gave a toast. The ceremony ended in great success.

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Eleventh Nagamori Award Winners (2025)

■ The Grand Nagamori Award (2025)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Marcia O'Malley	Thomas Michael Panos Family Professor in Mechanical Engineering, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, George R. Brown School of Engineering and Computing, Rice University	For contributions to the design of exoskeleton robots and implementation of shared control algorithms to assist upper limb movements

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Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Yacine Amara	Full Professor, GREAH (Research Group on Electrotechnics and Automatic control of Le Havre), Department of Sciences and Technologies, Université Le Havre Normandie	Hybrid excited synchronous machines: conception, modeling, design and control
Huang-Jen Chiu	Distinguished Professor, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, College of Industry-Academia Innovation, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology	High power density converter design for energy-saving transportation electrification
Wei Hua	Professor, School of Electrical Engineering, Southeast University	Design and analysis of novel electrical machines
Samir Kouro	Principal Investigator, Advanced Center for Electrical and Electronic Engineering (AC3E), Department of Electronic Engineering, Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María	For contributions to theoretical and practical development of partial power converters used in energy transition applications
Toshiaki Tsuji	Associate Professor, Program in Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Applied Physics, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Saitama University	Dual-process meta-model for robot skill acquisition

