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To All Parties Concerned

Shigenobu Nagamori
President, Nagamori Foundation

Winners of the 12th Nagamori Awards Selected

Please be informed that, after a strict and impartial review by Nagamori Foundation's Review Committee, the following recipients were selected for the 12th Nagamori Awards:

Tomislav Dragičević

Full Professor, Department of Wind and Energy Systems, Technical University of Denmark
Edge-intelligent power electronics for self-tuning, self-diagnosing motor drives

Drazen Dujic

Associate Professor, Power Electronics Laboratory, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

For the industrial and research work in the field of the medium-voltage high-power solid state transformers

David Gerada

Professor of Electrical Machines, University of Nottingham

Advancements to high frequency electrical machines and associated technology bricks for accelerating society's journey towards net zero

Jonathan Hurst

Co-Founder and Chief Robot Officer, Agility Robotics

Professor, School of Mechanical, Industrial, and Manufacturing Engineering,
Oregon State University

Development of novel actuator and transmission dynamics for legged robots

Taro Nakamura

Professor, School of Science and Engineering, Chuo University

Development of variable viscoelastic actuation combining electromagnetic devices and fluid-driven systems and its application to physical interaction for human-robot systems

Jamie Paik

Director of the Reconfigurable Robotics Lab, Full Professor of Mechanical Engineering,
Vice-Dean of Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Multi-scale interactive reconfigurable origami surface (MIROS) enabling full-body haptic experiences for human connection

The 12th Nagamori Awards commendation ceremony (including the Award Winners' lectures) will be held on September 6th, 2026 (Sun).

The winner of the Grand Nagamori Award will be selected from among the above winners, and announced on the day of the awards ceremony.

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About The Nagamori Awards

Since motors appeared in the early 19th century, they have been used in all types of electrical appliances and are now an indispensable part of our daily lives. And today a huge number of motors are used in a wide range of applications, so much so that it is claimed motors account for more than 55% of the world's power consumption today. Therefore, motor research is extremely important if we are to maintain our affluent lives while also perpetually conserving the global environment. We created these Nagamori Awards to bring vitality to technological research of motors and related fields, such as generators and actuators, and also to support the researchers and development engineers who strive each day to fulfill their dreams.

The 12th Nagamori Awards

Fields covered by the Awards	Technical fields related to motors, actuators and power generators, and their control methods, application technologies, etc.
Applicant eligibility	Applicants must be entry to mid-career researchers or development engineers who have made an outstanding achievement in the fields covered by the Nagamori Awards. Entry to mid-career – normally defined as no more than 30 years of research after obtaining the Bachelor's degree.
Application method	Self-nomination or nomination from academic institution are accepted. A recommendation letter by an expert in the field covered by the Awards, or a senior member of your Academic Society, organization, research department, etc. must be submitted.
Application period	November 01, 2025 - January 31, 2026
Awards & prizes	Nagamori Awards will be given to approximately six people. The winner of The Grand Nagamori Award will be announced during the Awards ceremony. The Grand Nagamori Award winner will receive a prize of 5 million yen, and each of the Nagamori Award winners will receive 3 million yen.

[Review Committee]

Prof. Yoichi Hori (Chair)	Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo Chairman / Representative Director, Wireless EV Alliance
Prof. Hajime Asama	Senior Researcher, Future Robotics Organization, Waseda University
Prof. Hannes Bleuler	Professor Emeritus, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
Prof. Akira Chiba	Specially Appointed Professor, Institute of Science Tokyo
Prof. Takafumi Koseki	Professor, The University of Tokyo
Prof. Fang Z. Peng	RK Mellon Endowed Chair Professor, University of Pittsburgh
Prof. Mi-Ching Tsai	National Chair Professor, National Cheng Kung University