



# STS forum YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

## STS forum Young Leaders Program 2026 Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates

The “Young Leaders Program” aims to invite as many as 140 young, promising leaders to attend the STS forum Annual Meeting and the special event “Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates”. We would like to ask for your support in nominating outstanding Young Leaders from your organization.

### PARTICIPANTS

Around 140 young professors, researchers, engineers, government officials, and business leaders recommended by national organizations or foundations take part in this program.

### DATE

**Saturday, October 3, 2026, 12:00 – 15:30**  
@Kyoto International Conference Center, Japan  
12:00–12:50: Young Leaders’ Network  
12:50–15:30: Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates

### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Participants must:
1. Communicate and discuss effectively in English.
  2. Show strong leadership in research, business, or innovation.
  3. Be **40 years old or younger** as of **October 4, 2026**.
  4. Hold a **PhD, MD, or equivalent degree** (not required for business participants).
  5. Not have joined any previous STS forum Future/Young Leaders Program.
  6. Be available to attend **both the Young Leaders Program (Oct. 3)** and the **23<sup>rd</sup> STS forum Annual Meeting (Oct. 4–6, 2026)**.

*We are particularly seeking outstanding participants from the business sector.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Organizations that recommend young leaders should cover the participation fee (100,000 JPY per person), travel expenses, and accommodation fee.
- Participants will later complete a short questionnaire on their experience.
- Two participants will be invited to present their reflections at the Closing Plenary Wrap-up Session on October 6, 2026.

# PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL MEETING













Young Leaders can attend all the sessions of the *forum* and enjoy interactive dialogues. They will also reap the benefit of building their network with top world leaders (scientists including Nobel Laureates, academics, policy makers, business leaders, and others).



## NOBEL LAUREATES IN 2025

12 Nobel Laureates Participated in the Dialogue in 2025.

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Physiology or Medicine

 <p><b>Frances H. Arnold</b> 2018 Donna and Benjamin M. Rosen Bioengineering Center California Institute of Technology (CALTECH) U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>Martin Chalfie</b> 2008 Columbia University U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>Andrew Zachary Fire</b> 2006 Stanford University School of Medicine U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>F. Duncan M. Haldane</b> 2016 Princeton University U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>Tim Hunt</b> 2001 The Francis Crick Institute U.K.</p>	 <p><b>Takaaki Kajita</b> 2015 The University of Tokyo Japan</p>
 <p><b>Konstantin Sergeevich Novoselov</b> 2010 Institute for Functional Intelligent Materials National University of Singapore Singapore</p>	 <p><b>Ryoji Noyori</b> 2001 Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) Japan</p>	 <p><b>Paul Nurse</b> 2001 The Francis Crick Institute U.K.</p>	 <p><b>Richard J. Roberts</b> 1993 New England Biolabs U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>Harold E. Varmus</b> 1989 Weill Cornell Medical College U.S.A.</p>	 <p><b>Ada E. Yonath</b> 2009 Weizmann Institute of Science Israel</p>

## YOUNG LEADERS BY REGION

138 outstanding young leaders representing 41 countries and regions took part in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in 2025.

