

## Important

This form should be completed individually by each person nominating a mentor for the *Nature* mentor award

All forms required for preparing a nomination are available for download from:  
[www.natureasia.com/en/mentor/](http://www.natureasia.com/en/mentor/)

### I. Instructions for nominators

#### 1. How to use this form

- a. This form can be filled out, saved and sent electronically. It does not need to be printed.
- b. This form can be completed in Japanese or English.
- c. Each nomination must be supported by THREE nominators who must each complete their own copy of this nomination form.
- d. The principal nominator must also complete a nomination summary form.
- e. The suggested word limits for answers provided on this form are for guidance only and answers may be slightly shorter or longer than the stated limits.

#### 2. Rules for submitting an application

- a. As far as possible, the three nominators should have been mentored by the nominee (the person recommended for the award) at different times during the nominee's career.
- b. The nominee must give consent to be nominated for the award.
- c. The nominee should prepare the following documents to support the nomination: 1) their curriculum vitae, and 2) a nominee form.
- d. The complete nomination package, comprising the nomination summary form, three nomination forms and the nominee's documents (see c. above), should be sent by email (one email only), along with a brief covering message (in Japanese or English), to the *Nature* mentor award coordinator ([mentor@natureasia.com](mailto:mentor@natureasia.com)). The package should be submitted by the principal nominator.
- e. Completed nominations must be received by **5:00 pm on Friday, September 25, 2009.**

## II. Contact details for the nominee and nominators

### 1. Details of nominator

Name:	
Job Title:	
Current Affiliation:	
Period mentored by nominee:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

### 2. Details of nominee

Name:	
Job Title:	
Current Affiliation:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

### IMPORTANT

**Please be sure to inform the nominee that they are being nominated for the *Nature* mentoring award and obtain the required documentation before submitting this nomination form**

## III. Details of the nomination

### 1. Your scientific achievements

*Please provide a brief summary of your main scientific achievements to date, supported by up to four key references. (Up to 400 words in English, or 1000 characters in Japanese.)*

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**2. Reason for your nomination**

*Please describe the reasons behind your nomination of the nominee for mentoring scientific researchers. What makes the nominee special as a mentor? How do they encourage the development of their students as scientists? (Up to 700 words in English, 1600 characters in Japanese.)*

**3. What effect has being mentored by the nominee had on your career?**

*How has mentoring by the nominee aided your career development as a scientist? What role has their support and advice played in your progress after leaving their research group?*

**4. What did your experience of being mentored by the nominee teach you about mentoring?**

*Has it influenced the way you mentor your own students (if you have any) or the way you guide and manage your staff or subordinates?*

**5. What aspects of the nominee's personality and approach to science make them a particularly effective mentor?**

**6. Please give at least one specific example of how the mentoring you received from the nominee, either at a critical moment or over a sustained period, had an important effect on your scientific career.**

7. Over to you. Please use the space below to add any comments regarding this nomination that you think would assist the judging panel in assessing the mentoring style of the nominee. This section is optional and leaving it blank will not disadvantage the nomination.

**Thank you for completing this form**

The information provided on this form will only be used for the express purpose of evaluating this nomination and is subject to the Nature Publishing Group's privacy policy, which can be viewed at [www.nature.com/info/privacy.html](http://www.nature.com/info/privacy.html)