SOCIETY FOR ASIA MEDICAL DECISION SCIENCE

Call for Nominations

2026 Award for Medical Decision Science

Invitation for Nominations

On behalf of the Society for Asia Medical Decision Science (SAMDS), we are pleased to invite nominations for the **2026 Award for Medical Decision Science**.

Established to honor excellence in the fields of medicine and the life sciences, this annual distinction recognizes researchers who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly contributions. Detailed nomination criteria and submission procedures are outlined in the guidelines on the following page.

We look forward to receiving your distinguished nominations.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Chi-Chang Chang

Chairperson, Board of Directors

Society for Asia Medical Decision Science

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Objective:

This award recognizes researchers who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and made outstanding contributions with significant impact in medical decision-making, healthcare data analysis, and related medical and life sciences. It honors scholars whose work has advanced medical science and strengthened healthcare systems.

The award encourages continued innovation in medicine, particularly in areas such as medical decision-making, healthcare quality assessment, medical data analytics, and health technology assessment. It also seeks to foster global research collaboration and, through distinguished scientific achievement, contribute to the improvement of human health and well-being.

Eligible Fields:

- Medicine
- Life Sciences closely related to Medicine
- Medical Decision Science
- Healthcare Quality and Safety
- Healthcare Data Analysis
- Health Technology Assessment
- Other related disciplines

Selection Priority:

Priority will be given to applicants whose work demonstrates strong relevance to medical decision-making, healthcare data analysis, and evidence-based improvements in healthcare quality and outcomes.

Number of Recipients and Award Details

- Number of Awardees: In principle, up to two recipients will be selected annually.

Eligibility:

Nominees must be active scholars in their respective fields and demonstrate a sustained trajectory of impactful research, with the expectation of continued significant contributions to medical and life sciences.

Candidates must have made breakthrough, transformative, or pivotal contributions in medicine, life sciences, or closely related disciplines that have demonstrably advanced the development of basic and/or clinical medicine.

Award items:

Each laureate will receive a certificate and a commemorative medal.

Award Ceremony: The award ceremony is scheduled to be held at the following conferences:

- Tenth International Conference on Medical and Health Informatics 2026 (ICMHI 2026) (Kyoto, Japan | May 15-17, 2026)

- Ninth International Conference on Healthcare Service Management (ICHSM 2026) (Isparta, Turkiye | September 24-26, 2026)

Deadline: Nominations must reach the SAMDS Office by March 30, 2026. Review period will be April 25, and the notification will be sent by May 05th, 2026.

Please refer to the guidelines on the following page for more details.

Guidelines for Award Nomination

1.Selection Criteria

- **Academic and scientific contribution:** Demonstrated internationally recognized academic influence, particularly in medical decision science, healthcare data analysis, or health technology assessment.
    - Original and innovative research achievements that substantially contribute to decision-making models at clinical or public health policy levels, health resource allocation, or improvement of healthcare quality.
- **Research dissemination**: The nominee's work should be published in internationally peer-reviewed and indexed journals (e.g., Scopus, PubMed), with preference given to publications in high-impact journals, such as those ranked in Q1 or Q2 quartiles.

- **Social and Clinical Impact:** The nominee's research has led to measurable and meaningful advancements in clinical decision-making, patient safety, decision support systems, medical information technologies, and overall healthcare system performance.
- **Potential for Continued Contribution:** The nominee remains actively engaged in research and demonstrates strong potential to sustain and expand their impact, with clear capacity to make significant future contributions to the field.

2. Selection

Selection committee members and specialists from various fields will select laureates through a rigorous review process (details of evaluation scoring at the Appendix 1).

3. Eligibility

Nominees must be currently active in their field of research and be expected to make future contributions to the field.

4. Nomination Criteria

1) Individual nominators may make one nomination only.

2) There is no limit to the number of nominations that institutions or organizations may make, but academic societies may make only a small number of nominations. In the case of making multiple nominations, nominations are limited to one nominee per research theme.

5. Nomination Procedure and Required Documents

• Please download the official nomination form from the SAMDS website and complete it with endorsement by a SAMDS Board member.

The following documents must be submitted electronically via email to the Secretariat:

- The nominee's complete curriculum vitae (including date of birth, academic and professional history, current position, and contact details).

- A list of five representative publications with full texts attached, including DOIs or other standard identifiers.

- Nomination statement summarizing contribution, decision-science relevance, impact etc (e.g., 1–2 pages, max 1,000 words).

Notes:

- All submitted nomination materials will be used solely for the award selection process and will not be disclosed or used for other purposes.
- Submitted materials will not be returned. The review process and evaluation comments are strictly confidential and will not be made public.
- To avoid Conflict of interest + self-nomination policy, self-nominations are not accepted" (if true), and we will be examined nominators/committee members to declare conflicts.

6. Nomination Deadline

• The nomination deadline for the 2026 Award is March 30, 2026 (inclusive). Late submissions will not be accepted.

• All nomination materials must be received by the SAMDS Office at secretary@samds.org

Note:

- Applications submitted after the final application date will not be considered.
- A nomination should be made for one researcher only. We do not accept group nominations.
- Nomination materials will not be returned and will be used exclusively for the selection process and will not be used or disclosed for any other purposes.
- SAMDS is unable to respond to individual inquiries regarding review status.

Selection Criteria and Scoring Guidelines

Criterion	Description	Weight
Innovation & Scientific Excellence	Demonstration of novel ideas, new methodologies, creative solutions. High quality of research design and methodological rigor; strength and consistency of scholarly publications; robustness of analytical approaches.	45%
Research Impact	Demonstrated, measurable impact on healthcare systems, clinical practice, health policy, or public health outcomes, with successful translation into practice. Significant contributions to medical decision science, AI/ML in healthcare, health management, and public health systems.	30%
Research Leadership & Initiative	Leadership in establishing or directing research programs; interdisciplinary collaboration; success in securing competitive funding; strategic vision and initiative.	15%
Ethics, Equity & Sustainability	Commitment to ethical research practices, responsible AI use, promotion of health equity, and long-term societal value and sustainability.	10%

Total: 100%