

Criteria for Commendation, Etc. in the “University Regulation
on the Commendation of Students”

1. Criteria for Commendation

(1) President’s Award and Award of Excellence

(a) Undergraduates

- i. Spring Graduates: The individual with the highest GPA (grade point average) for all courses taken shall be granted the President's Award. Those with the second and third highest GPA shall be granted the Award of Excellence.
- ii. Autumn Graduates: The individual with the highest GPA for all courses taken shall be granted the President's Award. (The committee shall have the discretion as to whether to grant the individual the President’s Award following deliberation with reference to the GPAs of past awardees.)

*1 Only those expected to graduate from the UoA within the standard length of program shall be eligible.

*2 Only those who acquired 100 or more academic credits at the UoA shall be eligible.

*3 When individuals under consideration for commendation have the same GPA, a judgment considering evaluation items such as the total number of academic credits earned at the UoA shall be made.

(b) Master's Students

- i. Spring Completion: Among individuals whose papers have been accepted for publication in academic journals and/or those who are expected to present their two or more papers at domestic or international academic conferences, the individual with the best comprehensive evaluation (such as GPA and research achievements) shall be granted the President’s Award. The individual with the second-best comprehensive evaluation shall be granted the Award of Excellence.
- ii. Autumn Completion: Among individuals whose papers have been accepted for publication in academic journals and/or those who are expected to present their two or more papers at domestic or international academic conferences, the individual with the best comprehensive evaluation (such as GPA and research achievements) shall be granted the President's Award.

*1 Only those expected to complete the UoA Master’s program within the standard length of program shall be eligible.

*2 Only research achievements submitted and accepted during the enrollment in the UoA master’s program shall be evaluated.

*3 The committee shall have the discretion as to whether to grant the individual the President’s Award and Award of Excellence following deliberation with reference to the research achievements of past awardees.

(2) Award for First-to-Third-year Students

(a) Undergraduates

- i. Spring Entrants: The two or three individuals in each year with the highest GPAs for all courses taken shall be commended.
- ii. Autumn Entrants: The individual in each year with the highest GPA for all courses taken shall be commended.

*1 Only those who have earned (at the UoA) the standard number of academic credits for each year shall be eligible.

*2 Students graduating from the University of Aizu Honors Program Type B2 are eligible for the President's Award and the Award of Excellence, but are not eligible for the Awards for First-to-third-year Students

*3 When individuals under consideration for commendation have the same GPA, a judgment considering evaluation items such as the total number of academic credits earned at the UoA shall be made.

*4 The committee shall have the discretion as to whether to grant the individuals the awards following deliberation with reference to the GPAs of past awardees.

2. Deliberation on Commendation

(1) Deliberation regarding items 1-(1)-(a) and 1-(2)-(a) above shall be made by the Student Health and Welfare Committee.

(2) Deliberation regarding item 1-(1)-(b) above shall be made by the Graduate School Academic Affairs Committee referring to the opinions of the University President and the Dean of the Graduate School.

3. Timing of Commendation

(1) Individuals granted President's Award and Award of Excellence, 1-(1)-(a) and (b) above shall be commended on the day of the Degree Conferment Ceremony.

(2) Individuals granted Award for First-to-Third-year Students, 1-(2)-(a) above shall be commended as soon as possible after the decision on commendations are made.

4. Official Announcement

Official announcement of commendations shall be made through the university website, materials to be distributed at the Degree Conferment Ceremony.

Determined at the Health and Welfare Guidance Committee meeting held on December 16, 2008

Revised at the Student Health and Welfare Guidance Committee meeting held on May 15, 2017

Revised at the Student Health and Welfare Guidance Committee meeting held on November 14, 2018

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Revised at the Student Support Committee meeting held on November 15, 2023