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## Announcement of The Keio Medical Science Prize 2022

Keio University, Japan’s oldest private university located in Tokyo, annually awards The Keio Medical Science Prize to recognize researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to the fields of medicine or the life sciences. It is the only prize of its kind awarded by a Japanese university, and 8 laureates of this prize have later won the Nobel Prize. The 27<sup>th</sup> Keio Medical Science Prize is awarded to **Carl H. June, M.D.** from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and **Yoshihiro Kawaoka, D.V.M., Ph.D.** from the National Center for Global Health and Medicine Research Institute.

### 1. Laureates

#### Carl H. June, M.D.



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in Immunotherapy  
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Center for Global Viral  
Diseases,  
National Center for  
Global Health and  
Medicine Research  
Institute

Project Professor, The  
Institute of Medical  
Science, The University  
of Tokyo

**“Understanding Viral Pathogenicity for  
the Control of Pandemic Infectious  
Diseases”**

### 2. Award Events

The award ceremony and commemorative lectures are scheduled as below. Media outlets are welcome to attend, and we would greatly appreciate any coverage you can provide.

#### Award Ceremony and Commemorative Lectures

Date & Time: Monday, November 28, 2022, 14:00-17:30

Venue: Kitasato Memorial Hall, Keio University School of Medicine, Shinanomachi Campus, Tokyo, Japan

Admission: Open to the public and streaming online. The number of participants allowed on site will be limited according to the infection prevention measures.

Language: English (Simultaneous translation available)

**For more information, please visit the Keio Medical Science Prize website:**

<https://www.ms-fund.keio.ac.jp/en/prize/>





# The Keio Medical Science Prize 2022 Laureate

## “Development of CAR-T Cell Therapy as a Novel Immunotherapeutic Strategy”

### Carl H. June, M.D.

Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy  
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University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Dr. Carl June has pioneered the clinical application of CAR-T cell therapy, a new class of personalized immunotherapy for cancer and infectious diseases. CAR-T cell therapy uses genetically engineered T cells to produce chimeric antigen receptors (CARs). Dr. June has elucidated the role of the co-stimulatory molecule CD28 in T cell proliferation and, by expressing the CAR in combination with co-stimulatory molecules, has advanced CAR-T cell therapy to a practical level for antigen-specific and potent cytotoxic activity. CAR-T cell therapy has demonstrated breakthrough efficacy in the treatment of refractory acute leukemia, which does not respond to conventional therapies. CAR-T cell therapy has been approved in many countries worldwide and has become an established treatment method in clinical practice. Dr. June's achievements in laying the foundation for further development of new therapeutic strategies through the clinical development of CAR-T cell therapy make him deserving of the Keio Medical Science Prize 2022.

#### Education

1975 B.S.(Biology) United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
1979 M.D.(Medicine) Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
1985 Postdoctoral Fellow (Oncology/Immunology) Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Washington

#### Positions

1978-1979 Research Fellow, World Health Organization Immunology Research and Training Center, Geneva, Switzerland  
1979-1980 Internship: Basic Medicine, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, USA  
1980-1982 Teaching Fellow, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services, University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland  
1980-1982 Residency: Internal Medicine, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland  
1982-1983 Instructor, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services University  
1982-1983 Chief Resident: Internal Medicine, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland  
1983-1985 Fellow in Oncology, University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington  
1986-1990 Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services  
1990-1995 Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services  
1995-1999 Professor, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
1999-2001 Professor of Molecular and Cellular Engineering, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine  
2001-present Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine  
2004-present Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine  
2015-present Director, Center for Cellular Immunotherapies at the University of Pennsylvania  
2016-present Director, Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy at the University of Pennsylvania

#### Major Honors/Awards

2015 Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize (shared with J. Allison)  
2016 Novartis Prize in Immunology (shared with Z. Eshhar and S. Rosenberg)  
2017 Karnofsky Prize from the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
2020 Lorraine Cross Sanford Health Award  
2021 Dan David Prize from Tel Aviv University

#### Comment from Carl H. June, M.D.

On behalf of my team at the University of Pennsylvania, I am humbled to accept the Keio Medical Science Prize in recognition of the development of chimeric antigen receptor T cells for cancer therapy. I am grateful that studies of applications of this technology beyond cancer -- for chronic infections, organ transplantation and autoimmune diseases - - are now underway in clinical trials on a global basis to treat patients in need.



# The Keio Medical Science Prize 2022 Laureate

## “Understanding Viral Pathogenicity for the Control of Pandemic Infectious Diseases”

### **Yoshihiro Kawaoka, D.V.M., Ph.D.**

Director, Research Center for Global Viral Diseases, National Center for Global Health and Medicine Research Institute  
Project Professor, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo

Dr. Yoshihiro Kawaoka has developed a revolutionary technology for the artificial synthesis of influenza viruses. By synthesizing influenza viruses on demand, he succeeded in clarifying their mechanisms of infection and propagation, as well as the acquisition of high virulence and drug resistance at the molecular and cellular levels. Furthermore, he has contributed to the development of new vaccines against novel influenza viruses through the artificial synthesis of viruses. He has also made extensive contributions to pandemic control against the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV2), including evaluation of the pathogenicity of various variants and their reactivity to drugs and the development of animal models of infection.

#### **Education**

- 1978 B.S., Hokkaido University, Japan (Veterinary Medicine)
- 1978 D.V.M., The Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, Japan
- 1980 M.S., Hokkaido University, Japan (Microbiology)
- 1983 Ph.D., Hokkaido University, Japan (Microbiology)

#### **Professional Appointments**

- 1980-1983 Research Associate, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University, Japan
- 1983-1996 Postdoctoral Fellow, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tennessee, USA
- 1996-1997 Member, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tennessee, USA
- 1997-present Professor, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA
- 1999-2005 Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo, Japan
- 2005-2021 Director, International Research Center for Infectious Diseases, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo, Japan
- 2021-present Project Professor, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo
- 2021-present Director, Research Center for Global Viral Diseases, National Center for Global Health and Medicine Research Institute

#### **Major Honors/Awards**

- 2006 Robert Koch Prize (with Peter Palese)
- 2011 Medal with Purple Ribbon
- 2013 Member of the United States National Academy of Sciences
- 2015 Carlos J. Finlay Prize for Microbiology
- 2016 Japan Academy Prize

#### **Comment from Yoshihiro Kawaoka, D.V.M., Ph.D.**

It is my honor to receive the Keio Medical Science Prize and follow in the footsteps of previous awardees whose world-class work I have admired. My selection for this award is humbling, and only made possible thanks to the relentless efforts of past and present members of my laboratories and my collaborators. I am also indebted to the funding agencies and their officers, the personnel at the business offices of my institutions, and my colleagues for their constant support. The COVID pandemic has, and continues to have, devastating effects on public health and economies globally. It is a stark reminder that infectious diseases will always be a threat. I hope to make a lasting contribution to society by working to reduce the burden caused by infectious diseases.



# The Keio Medical Science Prize

## 1. **Background**

In the fall of 1994, Dr. Mitsunada Sakaguchi, a 1940 alumnus of the School of Medicine, donated five billion yen to Keio University with the expressed desire that it be used to commend outstanding researchers, to encourage medical research and its creative progress at Keio through grants, and to promote worldwide medical advances. In keeping with Dr. Sakaguchi's commitment, Keio launched The Keio University Medical Science Fund on April 1, 1995. Dr. Sakaguchi made an additional donation of two billion yen in July 1999, bringing the fund to a total of seven billion yen.

## 2. **Initiatives**

- The Keio Medical Science Prize
- Grants for International Activities in Medicine and the Life Sciences
- Keio Medical Science Rising Star Award
- Research Grants for Medicine and the Life Sciences
- Sakaguchi Laboratory

## 3. **Objective**

The Keio Medical Science Prize gives recognition to the outstanding and creative achievements of researchers in the fields of medicine and the life sciences, in particular those contributing to scientific developments in medicine. It aims to promote worldwide advances in medicine and the life sciences, encourage the expansion of researcher networks throughout the world, and contribute to the well-being of humankind.

## 4. **Prize**

Laureates receive a certificate of merit, medal, and a monetary award of 10 million yen. The award events and the commemorative lectures are held at Keio University.

## 5. **Nomination and Selection**

The Keio Medical Science Prize is an international award, and each year academics and researchers from around the world are invited to nominate a candidate. Laureates are then selected through a rigorous review process by about ninety Japanese academics from both within and outside of Keio University.

### Selection Committee 2022

Haruhiko Siomi:	Chairperson of the Committee Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Keio University School of Medicine
Shizuo Akira:	Specially Appointed Professor, Immunology Frontier Research Center, Osaka University
Masayuki Amagai:	Vice-President, Keio University Professor, Department of Dermatology, Keio University School of Medicine
Makoto Arita:	Professor, Division of Physiological Chemistry and Metabolism, Keio University Faculty of Pharmacy
Kenya Honda:	Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Keio University School of Medicine
Yoshiaki Kubota:	Professor, Department of Anatomy, Keio University School of Medicine
Ryozo Nagai:	President, Jichi Medical University
Jin Nakahara:	Professor, Department of Internal Medicine (Neurology), Keio University School of Medicine
Tetsuo Noda:	Representative Director, Executive Director, and Institute Director, Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research
Takao Shimizu:	Representative Director, Microbial Chemistry Research Foundation Director, Institute of Microbial Chemistry Project Leader, National Center for Global Health and Medicine
Yoshiko Takahashi:	Professor, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University
Keiji Tanaka:	Board Chairperson, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science
Masashi Yanagisawa:	Director, International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (WPI-IIIS), University of Tsukuba

## 6. Nobel Prize Winners from the Keio Medical Science Prize Laureates

- 1996 Stanley B. Prusiner (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1997)  
Discovery of Prions and Prion Diseases
- 1999 Elizabeth Helen Blackburn (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2009)  
Telomeres and Telomerase
- 2002 Barry J. Marshall (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2005)  
Establishment of Diagnostic Techniques and Treatment for Helicobacter Pylori
- 2004 Roger Y. Tsien (The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2008)  
Visualization and Control of Molecules within Living Cells
- 2006 Thomas A. Steitz (The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009)  
Structural Basis of Large Ribosomal Subunit Function and Drug Development
- 2010 Jules A. Hoffmann (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2011)  
Discovery of Insect-innate Immune System and Toll Receptors
- 2015 Yoshinori Ohsumi (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2016)  
Discoveries of Mechanisms for Autophagy
- 2016 Tasuku Honjo (The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2018)  
Identification of PD-1 and Establishment of Cancer Immunotherapy Principle by PD-1 Blockade

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