

## **STS *forum* Young Leaders Program**

The “Young Leaders Program” is a dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates (online), where young leaders will have fruitful and productive discussions with Nobel Laureates in a friendly atmosphere. The program aims to invite outstanding young, promising leaders to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> STS *forum* Annual Meeting. They can attend all the sessions of the Annual Meeting as regular participants. Representing the younger generations who bear the future of humankind, they will be expected to contribute their perspectives to the interactive dialogues of the forum. They will be able to build networks with the world’s top leaders and their peers and, in time, be part of the emerging movement to resolve the new types of problems stemming from the application of science and technology.

### **◆Participants**

Approximately 100 professors, researchers, engineers, government officials and business leaders recommended by national organizations or foundations.

(Maximum **2 people** from each organization)

### **◆Participation Conditions**

The participant at the “Young Leaders Program” must:

1. be able to debate and discuss in English
2. have a strong leadership to play central roles in research or business fields
3. be 40 years or younger on the day of October 1, of the year (**41 years or younger in 2021**, since the program was canceled in 2020)
4. have a PhD, MD or equivalent degree (for participants from academia or research institute)
5. have not participated in the past STS *forum* Future/Young Leaders Program
6. be available to attend the entire program of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting from Saturday, October 2 through to Tuesday, October 5, 2021, and the special event “Young Leaders Program” on Thursday, September 30, 2021 (time will be determined later).

### **◆Other Information**

1. Participation fee (10,000 JPY per person) should be covered by the organizations which have recommended them
2. Participants are required to submit a report to the STS *forum* about their impressions and what they’ve learnt through participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> STS *forum* Annual Meeting
3. Two representatives from the “Young Leaders Program” will be asked to review about the 18<sup>th</sup> STS *forum* Annual Meeting at the Closing Session (Key Messages from the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, including RACC & Peer Meetings) to be held from 24:00 to 25:00(UTC+9) on October 5, 2021 (=00:00-01:00(UTC+9) on October 6, 2021)

### ◇Regional Action on Climate Change (RACC13)

RACC13 is an adjunct meeting which focuses on climate change. Young leaders can participate in this program as audiences. Details will be announced later.

### ◆Photos from the Young Leaders Program 2019



*In 2019, 129 Young Leaders, recommended by 66 universities, research institutes, foundations and member companies in 24 countries and regions, participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in Kyoto, Japan and had lively discussions with 11 Nobel Laureates.*

*\* In 2020, the program was not held due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*