

Evaluation of the 6th Batch of IRDR Young Scientists Programme

Applications

1. Background

IRDR IPO released the call for applications of 7th batch of IRDR Young Scientists Programme (YSP) in January 2026. Until the extended deadline of 30 April, IPO received 19 applicants.

The 3 young scientists representatives from the IRDR Scientific Committee (Nuraini Rahma Hanifa, Khamarrul Azahari Razak, and Yu Lei) and IRDR YSP focal point Fang Lian set up an initial meeting and made the following decisions:

- The top 10 applicants will be approved.
- The evaluation committee consists of Nuraini Rahma Hanifa, Khamarrul Azahari Razak, Yu Lei and Fang Lian

2. Evaluation Process and Methodology

The assessment was guided by the criteria outlined in Section 3.3 of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the IRDR Young Scientists Programme.

The process was as follows:

- Each reviewer independently evaluated all 19 applicants.
- Applicants were scored on a scale of 1 (worst) to 5 (best).
- The average scores of 4 reviewers will be the final scores for the applicants

3. Evaluation result and outcome

The following top 10 were approved for the 7th batch of the IRDR Young Scientists Programme.

Final Result				
Score	Gender	Country	Nationality	Name
4.8625	Female	Japan	Zimbabwe	Nombulelo Kitsepile Ngulube
4.825	Female	Malaysia	Malaysian	Siow Yuet Me
4.75	Male	Indonesia	Indonesian	Yolanda
4.6875	Male	China	Chinese	Zhengtao Zhang
4.483333	Female	China	Chinese	Jingyan Wu
4.425	Female	New Zealand	Chinese	Alicia Cui
4.3125	Male	Afghanistan	Afghan	Sayed Abdul Baset Rahmani
4.275	Male	Japan	Armenian	Tatul Atalyan
4.2	Male	Singapore	Singaporean	Alex Wen Jie Lew
4.1125	Male	India	Sudanese	Mohammed Al-Ajamee