

Okayama University Science, Technology, and Innovation Creation Fellowship (OU Fellowship) Application (Advanced Notice)

Okayama University established the Okayama University Science, Technology, and Innovation Creation Fellowship (OU Fellowship) in April 2021 to assist students enrolling in the doctor's course and to cultivate young researchers capable of playing important roles in science, technology and innovation creation in Japan.

We are planning to start accepting applications for the FY2024 in September 2023. For details, please refer to the application-related materials to be released in mid-August.

Applications were accepted for Type A and Type B until FY2023, but from FY2024, applications will be accepted together as the "OU Fellowship".

Application Schedule (tentative)

Advanced Notice (Mid July)→**Application Period** (9/1 – 9/25) →**Document Screening**→**Interview Screening**→**Selection of Successful Applicants** (by the end of November)
The start of the application period for OU Fellowship will be announced via the University website and email will be sent to students via Okayama University Gmail system.
We plan to release the application guidelines by mid-August and hold a web information session in late August.
※However, this is subject to change depending on the budget and other conditions related to the new project.

○ Eligible Graduate Course and Students [Doctor's Course only]

| Graduate Course | Students |
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| Doctor's Course Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology (Excluding Division of Earth and Planetary Materials Science) Graduate School of Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology Graduate School of Health Sciences Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences (Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences) Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems | Students enrolled in the graduate school listed on the left as of April 2024 (Including individuals planning to take entrance examinations for graduate schools) ※The number of applicants for each grade will be announced when the application guidelines are posted (scheduled for mid-August). |
| Five-year Doctor's Course Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology (Division of Earth and Planetary Materials Science) | |
| Four-year Doctor's Course Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences (Excluding Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences) | |

Selection Criteria

Okayama University awards OU Fellowships to applicants who are highly motivated to learn and conduct research, and they are expected to promote research in the priority fields designated by Okayama University and to play important roles in science, technology, and innovation creation in Japan in the near future.
In the selection process, preference will be given to those who are engaged in research that falls under the **top priority research fields of Okayama University** (see attached document).

○ Application Requirements

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| Annual Amount per Student | Research Encouragement Funding (living expenses) : 1,800,000 yen *1 Research Grant : About 400,000 yen |
| Capacity | Under consideration |
| Duration | For 3 years in principle (4 years for four-year doctor's course), and within the standard period of completion |
| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JSPS Research Fellows (Young Scientists): Not eligible• Students from abroad receiving support through the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship and scholarships from their own countries: Not eligible• Members of the workforce: Eligible *2 |

*1 In the case that the applicant is the recipient of the other scholarship, the relevant scholarship amount shall be adjusted or may not be combined with your scholarship.

*2 Students who have income at a level equivalent to living expenses (2,400,000 yen/year) are **not eligible**.