

Application Guidelines for the FY2026 Okamura Award for Female Researchers

1. Outline of the Award

This award was established with funding from donation to the Education Supporters' Association by Chieko Okamura, a graduate of Osaka University of Commerce, which is one of the roots of Osaka Metropolitan University, to promote support for female researchers. Inheriting her wish, Osaka Metropolitan University aims to foster the next generation of excellent female researchers and to contribute*¹ to gender equality in the fields of academic research, by honoring female researchers at the University who have produced creative and ambitious works, to contribute gender equality.

*¹For the purposes of this award, "contribution to gender equality" includes activities that promote gender equality in academic societies, departments, graduate schools, and local communities, as well as activities in which the applicant serves as a role model (e.g., demonstrating her own efforts in research and work-life balance to younger colleagues).

2. Award Categories

Category	Eligibility Only female members affiliated with the University	Number of Awardees	Prize Details	Note
Special Award	Full-time faculty	1 person	Certificate and ¥100,000-	
Encouragement Award	Postdoctoral researchers* ² , specially appointed faculty (including medical lecturers), junior residents, senior residents	1 person	Certificate and ¥50,000-	Includes JSPS Research Fellow PD and RPD
Encouragement Award for Graduate Students	Graduate Students	less than 4 people	Certificate and ¥50,000-	Includes JSPS Research Fellow DC1 and DC2

*² Researchers who hold a Ph.D. and are based at this university, and who have registered this university as their affiliated institution in e-Rad.

3. Application Procedure and Submission

(1) Complete the "Okamura Award for Female Researcher Application Form" and submit it via the following link.

Application Form <https://forms.office.com/r/JQinayqbRk>

* Please ensure you are logged in to Office365 with your OMU account (@omu.ac.jp) before accessing the site.

(2) Application period

Monday, July 13, 2026 – 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 31, 2026

4. Selection Process and Notification of Selection Results

The selection will be conducted by the Okamura Award Selection Committee, comprising representatives from the Women Researchers Support Office and the Education Supporters' Association. The evaluation will place particular emphasis on the promotion of gender equality, which is the core mission of the award, in addition to recognizing creative and motivated research activities. Applicants will be notified of the results by the end of October.

5. Award Ceremony

The awards ceremony is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Thursday, December 3, at the Sugimoto Campus. The list of awardees will be announced on the Women Researchers Support Office website and other relevant platforms.

6. Prize Details

In addition to the award certificate, a cash prize will be awarded to the winners.

7. Other matters

Only self-nominations will be accepted.

8. Enquiries

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