

Call for Applications

Social Contribution Projects

■ Overview

Applications are invited for Social Contribution Projects aimed at fostering and promoting interdisciplinary research/activities and student-led startups. These projects should be led by OMU SPRING Scholarship Awardees and involve organized, interdisciplinary collaboration that contributes to the development of researchers with strong social implementation skills. We welcome ambitious projects with high social significance.

■ Eligible Activities

The following types of activities are eligible for support.

- Creation of new research groups
- Creation and promotion of student startups
- Other projects that create social value and enhance the presence of Osaka Metropolitan University

■ Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements.

- The project must be led by an OMU SPRING Scholarship Awardee.
- The team must consist of at least three OMU SPRING Scholarship Awardees, including the representative.
- Team members must belong to at least three graduate schools or equivalent academic disciplines.

■ Support

Item	Details
Number of Projects Supported	Determined through review (up to 3 projects)
Funding Amount	Up to JPY 1,000,000 per project
Project Period	Until March 31, 2027 Projects are expected to become self-sustaining after this period
Remarks	Advisory support may be provided upon request, subject to availability.

※All expenditures must comply with the research funding regulations of JST and OMU.

■ Application Period

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – Wednesday, September 30, 2026

■ Selection Process

Projects will be selected based on the submitted application documents.

■ Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated comprehensively based on the following criteria: interdisciplinarity, originality, social significance and impact, feasibility, and the clarity of the implementation plan.

1. Appropriateness of Objectives

The project clearly identifies societal or community challenges to be addressed and solved, or clearly presents a vision of the desired future society.

2. Originality and Novelty

The project demonstrates originality and innovation, with clear differentiation from existing initiatives.

3. Feasibility

The project presents a concrete and well-defined approach to addressing the identified challenges or achieving the proposed vision of society.

4. Team Composition

The project team consists of appropriate and essential members capable of achieving the proposed objectives and goals.

■ Application Procedure

1. Obtain the Application Form

Please download and use the designated application form below.

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https://www.omu.ac.jp/spring/assets/%E2%98%85FY2026_Rhizome_App_%28New%29.docx

2. Submission Method

Please submit the application by email.

- Submission Address: gr-knky-rhizome-su@omu.ac.jp
- Submission Method: Email submission only
- The application must be submitted by the representative who is an OMU SPRING Scholarship Awardee.

■ Schedule

Item	Timeline
Application Period	Jul. 29-Sep. 30, 2026
Notification of Results	Oct. 2026 (tentative)

■ Other

- Additional materials and/or reports may be requested if necessary.

■ Contact Information

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