



Thursday, June 25, 2026
OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY
Extraordinary Press Conference
(President's Presentation)

**Policy on Tuition Fee Adjustment
for Students Entering in FY2027 and Thereafter
~A World-Leading Research University Serving as a Regional Core~**

OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

We would like to inform you that the following decision has been made regarding 「Policy on Tuition Fee Adjustment for Students Entering in FY2027 and Thereafter」, following deliberations by the Board of Directors, Administrative Council and Education and Research Council.

- Based on Okayama University's "Research University Commitment," the University places research excellence and innovation creation at the core of its activities and will continue to stand among the world's leading research universities while serving as a central pillar of the region.
- To this end, it is essential to establish a brand that is chosen not through "**price competition,**" but through "**high added value,**" including the quality of education and research as well as the living environment.
- Since March 27, 2026 the University has held discussions with undergraduate schools, graduate schools, and other internal units, as well as external stakeholders. The University has also broadly invited feedback from stakeholders through its website via an opinion submission form.
- Taking into account the feedback received, Okayama University has decided on its policy for tuition fee adjustment in order to secure sufficient educational resources for students into the future and to further improve and enhance the education and research environment.
- The financial resources generated through this adjustment will be used to enhance the learning environment and promote internationalization, with the aim of providing a high-quality education and research environment. At the same time, the University will expand support for education and research activities so that students, including international students, are not deprived of opportunities to pursue higher education due to the financial burden of this revision, and so that outstanding and highly motivated students can continue their studies.

2. Key Feedback Received

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Discussions with Internal and External Stakeholders

- ① The impact on current students should be minimized, with appropriate support measures in place.
- ② There is significant concern that reduced price competitiveness could lead to a sharp decline in the number of international students.
- ③ The revised tuition level for international students may impose a substantial financial burden, making it difficult for them to secure the required funds.
- ④ The University should move from support that relies on individual faculty members to a university-wide support system for international students.
- ⑤ As doctoral students play a vital role in research, the University should provide them with the strongest possible support.

Feedback Submitted through the Online Form

- ⑥ Some feedback pointed to the need for further examination of the necessity and scope of support for international students.
- ⑦ International students suggested tuition reductions based on language proficiency scores, as well as linking tuition increases with improvements to the living environment.
- ⑧ Concerns were expressed that a substantial tuition increase would lead to a decline in the number of international applicants.
- ⑨ International students in doctoral programs are key contributors to research, and a decrease in their number would directly lead to a decline in research capacity.

※The numbers shown on this slide correspond to the related items highlighted in red on Slides 3 and 4.

3. Policy on Tuition Fee Adjustment for Students Entering in FY2027 and Thereafter: Revised Tuition Amounts and Timing

(¥=JPY)

Category・Courses		Current Tuition	Revised Tuition	Implementation
Japanese Students	Undergraduate Schools	¥535,800	¥642,960	Applicable to students entering in April 2027 and thereafter
	Master's Courses (including Professional Degree Courses)	¥535,800	¥642,960	Applicable to students entering in April 2031 and thereafter
International Students	All Undergraduate Schools, Master's and Doctoral Courses	¥535,800	¥1,339,500	Applicable to students entering in April 2027 and thereafter

- Tuition fees for currently enrolled students will remain the same.
- For international students who are enrolled at the University as of June 25, 2026, tuition fees will remain the same if they advance from research student status or Undergraduate Schools to Master's Courses, or from Master's Courses to Doctoral Courses. ... ①
- Tuition fees for Japanese students in Doctoral Courses and professional degree courses at the Law School will remain the same.
- For transfer students, the revised tuition will be applied in line with the year-by-year progression of regular entrants. The revised tuition will apply to second-year transfer students entering in April 2028 and thereafter, and to third-year transfer students entering in April 2029 and thereafter.

※Red text indicates additions made in response to the feedback summarized on Slide 2.

4. Enhancing Education and Student Support through Tuition Fee Adjustment

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Okayama University will enhance student support to enable outstanding and highly motivated students to pursue their education and research with confidence, while ensuring that opportunities for higher education and study abroad are not limited by financial circumstances.

Main Initiatives for All Students



- Expanded access to library resources and electronic journals
 - Enhanced support for domestic and international training and practical learning opportunities
 - Upgraded student welfare facilities
 - Strengthened mental health and career support, including services for international students ... ⑥, ⑦
- etc.

Main Initiatives for International Students



- Establishment of the International Support Division
 - Establishment of the Okayama University International Support Center (tentative name)
 - Enhancement of the tutor system ... ⑥
 - Diversification and improvement of payment methods for tuition and other fees from overseas ... ③
- etc.

Main Initiatives to Support Education and Research Activities of Outstanding Students (Funded by the University's Own Resources)



<For Japanese and International Students>

- Establishment of scholarships for outstanding students, including students with top GPA rankings and recipients of Okayama University's "Award for a student awarded the prize from an Academic Conference."

[Top GPA students: Top two students in each year of each Undergraduate School × an amount equivalent to tuition, JPY 640,000; recipients of Okayama University's "Award for a student awarded the prize from an Academic Conference" in Master's Courses: 25 students per year × an amount equivalent to tuition, JPY 640,000]

<For Japanese Students>

- Under the New System on Supporting Higher Education, the University will provide waivers equivalent to the tuition increase to ensure that students' out-of-pocket tuition payments do not increase.

[Student Tuition Payment: The amount will remain at the current level after the revision: JPY 178,600 with a two-thirds waiver and JPY 357,200 with a one-third waiver.]

<For International Students>

- Education and research activity support for doctoral students with outstanding academic performance (approximately 100 students) 100 students per year × the amount of the tuition increase, JPY 800,000] ... ②, ⑤, ⑧, ⑨
 - Education and research activity support for students with outstanding academic performance in the Discovery Program for Global Learners (Undergraduate degree programs in English), [For all students in the Discovery Program for Global Learners, tuition reductions will be provided to bring their tuition to the same level as Japanese students. In addition, only students with particularly outstanding academic performance will be eligible for full tuition waivers or scholarships.] ... ②, ⑥, ⑦, ⑧
- etc.

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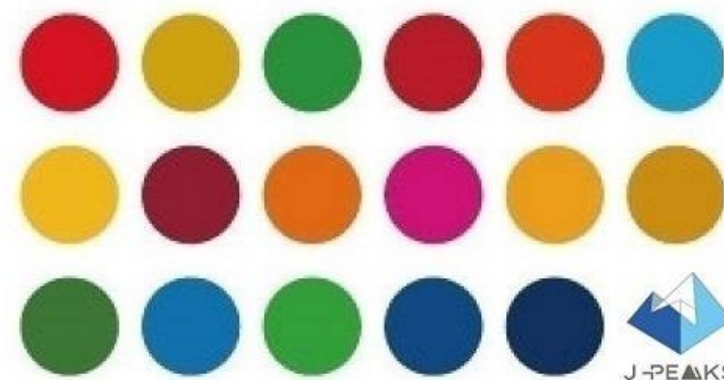


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