Graduate Studies Abroad

Application Guidelines for the 2025 Okayama University Outbound Student Scholarship

At least 90 days

*For graduate students only; online study abroad programs are not eligible.

I. Purpose

Scholarship are awarded to **graduate students** of Okayama University who undertake research at overseas universities or institutions and who demonstrate outstanding academic performance and character.

2. Applicable Study Abroad Programs

- A) Dispatches based on inter-university or inter-department exchange agreements
- B) Dispatches organized by graduate school
- C) Dispatches for conducting degree-related research
- D) Dispatches based on a written agreement between universities, etc.
- E) Dispatches approved by the Director of the Institute of Global Human Resource Development

3. Study Abroad Period

1 April 2025 (Tuesday) - 31 March 2026 (Tuesday)

Study abroad programs commencing within this period are eligible.

4. Eligibility

Regular graduate students of Okayama University who meet all of the following conditions:

- A) Those who will study abroad based on <u>2. Applicable Study Abroad</u> Programs and 3. Study Abroad Period above.
- B) The study abroad period must be <u>at least 90 days</u> (excluding travel days required for departure and return to Japan).

For second-year graduate students and above, the following must also be met:

- C) Students are expected to earn the <u>standard number of credits</u> for their current year of study.
 - · The standard number of credits varies by graduate school.
 - For confirmation, please contact the International Education and Student Mobility Division, Academic Affairs Department.

Note: If it is discovered after receiving the scholarship that the student does not meet the eligibility requirements, the scholarship must be **returned.**

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5. Grant-in-Aid

Asian region: 200,000 Yen (one-time payment, not a monthly scholarship) **Outside Asia:** 400,000 Yen (one-time payment, not a monthly scholarship)

Notes:

- A) The definition of the Asian region follows the classification established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.
- B) If the student receives a scholarship under the JASSO Overseas Study Abroad Support System (dispatch by agreement), the Grantin-Aid will be reduced so that the total payment does not exceed the JASSO monthly allowance.

6. Co-subsidy with Other Scholarships

- A) This scholarship may be awarded in conjunction with other scholarships for overseas study.
 - *Only if the other scholarship program permits simultaneous receipt.
- B) In the selection process, priority will be given to applicants not receiving other overseas study scholarships.

7. Application Procedure

Application Period: 2 October 2025 - 18 December 2025, 5:00 PM How to apply:

- A) Login to Moodle below https://moodle.el.okayama-u.ac.jp/course/view.php?id=254364
- B) Complete the application form.
- C) Complete the application form on Moodle:
 - · Study Abroad Plan (prescribed form)
 - Documents confirming the study abroad period is at least 90 days (e.g., acceptance letter indicating duration of stay)
 - Application form for transfer of salary/travel expenses (prescribed form)
 - *Submit in Excel format

8. Selection and Results

Screening will be conducted rigorously by the Institute for Global Human Resource Development. Selection results will be notified via Okadai G-mail in late January 2026 (tentative).

Scholarship payments are scheduled for late March 2026. Applicants whose academic performance does not meet the criteria specified in *4. Eligibility* will not be selected.

9. Post-Study Abroad Report

Recipients are required to submit a Research Study Abroad Report (prescribed form) via the above Moodle as soon as possible after completing their study abroad program.