FY2025 Call for Applications

	①OU-BOOST-AI	②OU-SPRING
Application Period	September 2 – September 25	September 2 – September 25
Amount of payment	Research Encouragement Funding (equivalent to living expenses): 3,000,000 yen/year Research grant: 900,000 yen/year	Research Encouragement Funding (equivalent to living expenses): 2,200,000 yen/year Research grant: 400,000 yen/year
Tuition Fee Exemption	Under consideration	Under consideration
Eligibility Requirements	Applicants who are planning to enroll in a degree program in Advanced Science and Technology (course of Mathematical and Data Sciences, Computer Science, Information and Communication Systems, and Electrical and Electronic Engineering) at Graduate School of Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology, Okayama University in April 2025, and who took lectures on "Artificial Intelligence", "Machine Learning", or the underlying fields such as information engineering and information and communication system in their master's course, and who are undertaking research on advanced or applied research in these fields. The following are not eligible to apply. (1) Students who have stable income that is sufficient to live on (2,400,000 yen/year) (2) Research Fellows (Young Scientists) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (3) Students from abroad receiving support through the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship and scholarships from their own countries *Please refer to the application guidelines for details.	Applicants who are enrolled in or planning to enroll in a doctor's course at Okayama University. The following are not eligible to apply. (1) Students who have stable income that is sufficient to live on (2,400,000 yen/year) (2) Research Fellows (Young Scientists) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (3) Students from abroad receiving support through the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship and scholarships from their own countries *Please refer to the application guidelines for details.
Expected Number of Recipients	2 students	Approx. 30 students (Mainly for those who are in the first year as of 2025.4.1)
Note	・It is possible to apply for this program together with "②OU-SPRING". However, if you are selected for "①OU-BOOST-AI", "②OU-SPRING" is declined. ・Research Encouragement Funding is treated as miscellaneous income, so each applicant is required to file his/her own tax return.	・It is possible to apply for this program together with "①OU-BOOST-AI". However, if you are selected for "①OU-BOOST-AI", "②OU-SPRING" is declined. ・Research Encouragement Funding is treated as miscellaneous income, so each applicant is required to file his/her own tax return.