

National University Corporation
Ochanomizu University

Consideration of Proposed Tuition Adjustments for Students Enrolling in Academic Year 2027 and Beyond

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1. Purpose of the Proposed Tuition Adjustment

- Ever since its founding in 1875, Ochanomizu University has been a pioneer in women's education, nurturing female professionals with advanced expertise and a rich liberal arts education. Through education and research that bridge the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, we have walked alongside our students in pursuit of our mission to **cultivate global female leaders** who contribute to solving societal challenges.
- Since becoming a National University Corporation in 2004, **we have strived to secure funding for educational learning environments for students** through measures such as securing operational grants, actively acquiring external funding, increasing self-generated revenue, and reviewing various expenses. At the same time, the environment surrounding the university has undergone significant changes, driven by recent rises in prices and personnel expenses, as well as the rapid advancement of educational and research facilities and the Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) infrastructure. In order for our university to continue maintaining a learning environment that responds to societal changes and to further enhance it, in addition to our existing efforts, it is essential for us **to secure a stable source of funding that will support our high quality of education well into the future.**
- Ochanomizu University will continue to respond to the evolving needs of society **while keeping pace with advances in AI and digital technology and addressing increasingly diverse social challenges. In doing so, we remain committed to cultivate female leaders who connect people and society and create new value.** Achieving this goal requires maintaining and continually enhancing the quality of the educational environment that forms the foundation of our education. To ensure that we can continue to provide this high-quality educational environment in a sustainable manner, we are **carefully considering a revision of tuition fees, which will provide a stable and essential financial foundation for our educational activities.**
- To ensure that no student will be denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial reasons, we are also exploring support measures—such as **expanding the university's own tuition reduction and scholarship programs**—to enable motivated students to continue their studies.

2. Overview of the Proposed Tuition Adjustment

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Program	Current	After Revision	Revision Timing
Undergraduate Program	¥535,800	¥642,960	Effective for students enrolling in April 2027 (*For third-year transfer students, this will take effect in April 2029 or later, in line with their academic progression)
Master's Program	¥535,800	¥642,960	Effective for students enrolling in April 2028
Doctoral Program	¥535,800	Not revised	Not revised

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- For undergraduate students who enrolled in or before the 2026 academic year and master's students who enrolled in or before the 2027 academic year, the current tuition rates will apply for as long as they remain enrolled in the respective programs.
- The revised amount is a 20% increase over the current amount (the maximum allowed under the Ministerial Ordinance on Tuition and Other Fees at National Universities).
- Given the application timeline and other factors, this policy will apply to Master's program students starting in April 2028 or later—one year later than originally planned.
- There will be no changes to admission and examination fees.
- There will be no changes for the doctoral program.

2. Proposed Measures for Financial Support

*Utilizing the university's own revenue and university endowment funds

In light of the tuition fee revision, we are considering implementing the following support measures to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial reasons.

- For students eligible for tuition waivers under the “New Financial Support System for Higher Education,” we will increase the amount of the tuition waiver in accordance with their assigned support category (full waiver, two-thirds waiver, or one-third waiver).
- We will expand the university's own scholarship programs.

Migakazuba Scholarship: Extend the award period (from 2 years to 4 years for undergraduate students) or increase the annual award amount by 100,000 yen.

Minako Ozawa Scholarship: Increase the annual award amount by 100,000 yen.

3. Initiatives to Improve the Educational Learning Environment

We will utilize the increased revenue generated by the tuition adjustments to enhance the educational environment by providing personalized support for each student. At the same time, by keeping pace with advances in AI and digital technology and responding to increasing diverse social challenges, we will cultivate female leaders who connect people and society and create new value.

Reference: Estimated revenue increase of approximately 270 million yen in the fiscal year of completion (FY 2030)

Improving the Quality of Education and Strengthening Student Support

- Improve convenience through the overhaul of the academic affairs system and strengthening data integration with campus systems (IPPUKU, Moodle)
- Enhance the functionality of the competency development support system
- Expand support for students' physical and mental health (support for students with disabilities, strengthening the Health Management Center's infrastructure)

Enhancing and Improving the Campus Environment

- Renovate aging facilities (Main University Building, Comprehensive Research Building—air conditioning system upgrades, etc.)
- Provide a comfortable learning environment (upgrading projectors and audio equipment, maintaining classroom supplies, etc.)
- Improve the learning environment through a university-wide switch to LED lighting

Developing an Academic Information Infrastructure Environment

- Strengthen the campus network and systems through the upgrade of the information infrastructure
- Renew the Microsoft volume license (Microsoft 365) and provision of security software
- Continue to expand student resources by purchasing new books, journals, etc.

4. Review Schedule (Draft)

2026 (Reiwa 8)

June: Review of the proposed tuition adjustments at various university committees

Late June: Hold information sessions for faculty, staff, and students

July 1: Announce the review of the proposed tuition revision

July–September: Gather feedback from stakeholders

October: Finalize and announce the tuition revision following deliberation by various university committees

2027 (Reiwa 9)

April: Implementation of Tuition Adjustments for New Undergraduate Students (Scheduled)

2028 (Reiwa 10)

April: Implementation of Tuition Adjustments for New Master's Program Students (Scheduled)