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Tuition Adjustment for Students Enrolling in Academic Year 2027 and Beyond

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1． Purpose of the 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 have decided to revise 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 will also **expand support measures—such as the university's own tuition reduction and scholarship programs**—to enable motivated students to continue their studies.

2． Overview of the Tuition Adjustment

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**

- **<u>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.</u>**
- 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.

3. Review of the Tuition Adjustment

Before and after the July 1, 2026 announcement of the proposed tuition adjustment, we explained the proposal and sought a wide range of opinions from students, parents, alumni, prospective students and their parents, faculty and staff, and others through university information sessions, Open Campus events, the inquiry form, and other channels.

After considering the opinions received, we have decided to retain the purpose, tuition amounts, and implementation timing of the original proposal and **to add to and expand financial support and initiatives to improve the educational learning environment.**

Review and Explanation

- ○ Announcement of the proposed tuition adjustment (July 1)
- ○ Receipt of opinions and questions through the inquiry form (June 23–September 30): 38 submissions received
- ○ Faculty/staff session (June 24) and three student sessions (June 30, August 24, September 17), with Q&A
- ○ Explanation and Q&A for prospective students and parents at Open Campus (July 18, 19, 20)
- ○ Review of financial support and educational learning environment improvements in light of the feedback received

Main Opinions Received

- ○ Opinions concerning the need for tuition adjustments
- ○ Requests for more detailed explanations of the university’s finances and the grounds for the revised amount
- ○ Consideration of financial burdens and expansion of tuition reductions and university scholarship programs
- ○ Improvement of the educational learning environment and use of additional tuition revenue
- ○ Explanation, consultation and decision-making processes

4. Measures for Financial Support

1. Expansion of Tuition Reductions

*Utilizing the university's own revenue, university endowment funds, etc.

(Undergraduate Students) Increased Tuition Reductions

The amount will be increased in accordance with each support category (full, two-thirds or one-third waiver).

The government-funded tuition reduction under the "New Financial Support System for Higher Education" will remain unchanged.

Government support will fall short of the reduction calculated on the revised fee (full, 2/3, 1/3).

The university will cover the difference.

(Master's Program) Expanded Eligibility and Amounts of Tuition Reductions

(1) Additional support for students with greater financial need among recipients of a half-tuition waiver (approx. 80 per year)

Half-tuition waiver → **Half-tuition waiver + ¥100,000 reduction**

(2) Support for those with greater financial need who are not eligible for a tuition waiver (approx. 20 per year)

Not eligible for a waiver → **¥100,000 tuition reduction**

4. Measures for Financial Support

2. Expansion of the University's Own Scholarships

*Utilizing the university's own revenue, university endowment funds, etc.

(Undergraduate Students) Expansion of the Migakazuba Scholarship

Extend the award period to cover the entire standard period of study.

¥300,000/year for 2 years	⇨	**¥300,000/year for 4 years**

(Undergraduate and Master's Students) Expansion of the Minako Ozawa Scholarship

Increase the award for science students with greater financial need (two undergraduates and two master's students each year).

¥250,000/year (4 years undergraduate / 2 years master's)	⇨	**¥400,000/year** (4 years undergraduate / 2 years master's)

(Master's Students) Expansion of the Mitsuko Sakai Educational Scholarship and Mariko Nakamura Scholarship

Increase award amounts (assessed together with tuition waiver applications).

¥250,000/semester	⇨	**¥300,000/semester**

5. 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)
- 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

- Improve facilities to enhance the learning environment for lectures, experiments and practical training (including air conditioning system upgrades in the Main University Building and Comprehensive Research Building, etc.)
- Provide a comfortable learning environment (upgrading projectors and audio equipment, maintaining classroom **and loan equipment**, 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. **(including a student-requested acquisition category)**

*Bold and underlined passages indicate items added in response to feedback.