

**AY2026 Program Outline [TUMUG Support Programs] [Next Generation Programs]**

TUMUG Support Programs		Program name	Summary of program (see each application guide for details)	Persons eligible to apply	Deadline
1	Work-life balance support	<b>Research Support Staff</b> (pregnancy (including fertility treatment), childbirth, childcare, or caregiving)	Grant to cover cost of hiring research support staff (technical/clerical assistants, RA/AA) (Max. 2 million yen/year; actual amount based on review of application and degree of necessity)	Male/female academic, and technical staff who are expectant mothers, caring for children, or providing family care, (include PD/RPD/CPD) *	Submitted directly by applicants. March 6, 2026
	Nurturing female leaders	<b>Research Support Staff (Social contributions)</b>		Female academic and technical staff who will serve on a national government council or hold other key position (include PD/RPD/CPD) *	
2	Work-life balance support	<b>Assistance with babysitting and temporary childcare</b>	Fee assistance for hiring babysitters or other child caregivers while engaged in research, lecturing or traveling	Male/female academic and administrative staff and doctoral students who are caring for children (include PD/RPD/CPD)	In Preparation
3	Nurturing female leaders	<b>Start-up Research Fund</b>	Research grant of up to 1 million yen in the first year	Newly appointed female academic staff (assistant professor and above)	Submitted directly by applicants. July 3, 2026
4	Nurturing female leaders	<b>Next Step Research Grant</b>	Grant to support new research projects without other external funding, and research expenses* necessary for gathering data and publishing research results (max. 500,000 yen/year, 150,000 yen/year) *Expenses directly required for conducting research and publishing research results, such as travel costs, meeting registration fees, equipment/supply costs, honoraria, English proofreading fees, etc.	Female academic staff (associate professor, senior assistant professor, assistant professor, research associate) (include PD/RPD/CPD)	Submitted directly by applicants 1st period: May 8, 2026 2nd period: early September 2026

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5	<b>Tohoku University Science Ambassadors</b>	Planning and implementation of seminars for high schools, etc., open campus days and science events	Female grad students (including those self-identifying as female)	Submitted through the section in charge of general affairs in each department (Pay attention to deadlines within the department.) 1st period: March 6, 2026 2nd period: April 24, 2026
6	<b>Zonta Club of Sendai I financial assistance for overseas academic presentations by Tohoku University female grad students</b>	Funds to help offset the cost of attending overseas conferences, symposiums, etc. where the applicant will give a presentation (The amount of the scholarship will be notified when the application is open.)	Female grad students	1st term: around at the end of May 2nd term: around at the end of November
7	<b>TU-UW Academic Open Space. (AOS) DEI Exchange Program</b>	Enforcing DEI in education and research	Graduate Students who are doing research related to DEI. (Only for humanities/social science majors)	Planned

\*PD = Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

RPD = Restart Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

CPD = Cross-border Postdoctoral Fellowships

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