

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	Research Support Staff (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	Research Support Staff (Social contributions)		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	Assistance with babysitting and temporary childcare	Fee assistance for hiring babysitters or other child caregivers while engaged in research, lecturing or traveling	Discount Coupon Course	Transitional Period Jun 1, 2026 (Mon) <Eligible Usage Period/Apr 1 - Apr 30, 2026> Round 1 Aug 3, 2026 (Mon) <Eligible Usage Period/May 1 - Jul 31, 2026> Round 2 Dec 1, 2026 (Tue) <Eligible Usage Period/Aug 1 - Nov 30, 2026> Round 3 Apr 1, 2027 (Thu) <Eligible Usage Period/Dec 1, 2026 - Apr 1, 2027>
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3	Nurturing female leaders	Start-up Research Fund	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	Next Step Research Grant	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	Tohoku University Science Ambassadors	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	Zonta Club of Sendai I financial assistance for overseas academic presentations by Tohoku University female grad students	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	TU-UW Academic Open Space. (AOS) DEI Exchange Program	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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