



# **Equality and Diversity**

OKINAWA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE UNIVERSITY





The various measures in place to promote gender equality at OIST are designed to minimize barriers as well as to create a family-friendly workplace:

# **Child Development Center**

- provides quality nursery care, bi-lingual early childhood education, afterschool and holiday programs.

## **Changing tables and Parents' room**

- available throughout campus for parents of infants.

#### **Professional travel support**

- under special circumstances, for child-rearing employees who must travel to present their work at professional meetings, OIST will provide partial support for travel for the child or at-home child care.

## **Stop-the-clock Policy**

- tenure track faculty may request an extension of their contract and postponement of their tenure evaluation to accommodate parental responsibilities relating to the birth, adoption of a child or rearing of a baby.

#### **Dual-career couple**

- considerations are given to accommodate dual-career couples whenever possible.

#### Recruitment, selection, and career advancement policies

- incorporate procedures designed to proactively promote gender equality at all levels







Diversity, in its broadest sense, is an essential element of a world-class university. Gender equality is a major focus of OIST's effort to create a diverse, vibrant community. We strive to establish an institutional environment where all members can realize their full potential, while maintaining an appropriate work-life balance.

## **Campus**

- is built in harmony with nature, providing plenty of open space for relaxation and quiet places for reflection.

#### **Facilities**

- include state-of-the-art laboratories with the latest instrumentation, modern library services, a 500-seat auditorium, and housing complexes for faculty, senior administrators, researchers and students.

#### Stimulating and intellectually diverse environment

- promoted through large and small international scientific conferences/workshops, numerous individual invited speakers, the visiting scientists program, and a sabbatical leave for tenured faculty after every three years of service.

## Language support

- English language classes, Japanese language classes, English presentation skill training, and technical editing support to assist with publications.

# Wellbeing of employees, students, and their families

- promoted through Ganjuu, the wellbeing center with trained psychologists, the Medical Center with a full-time physician, and the Resource Center with information about life on campus and in Okinawa.

## **Cultural activities on campus**

- including concerts, performances, art exhibitions, lectures and clubs.



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