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OIST School Subsidy Program

Overview

OIST is pleased to launch a new, privately funded program supporting colleagues, including OIST Research fellows, on lower incomes with children whose primary language is not Japanese.

Many of these OIST parents want to have their children educated in English, at an international school in Okinawa. However, they can face significant financial barriers.

In response, the President and Executive recently approved a partial subsidy program, which will be paid from the institution's limited private funding. This program will help support attendance at accredited international schools in Okinawa, in which the curriculum is taught in English.

Eligibility conditions will apply. In addition to the child's primary language being other than Japanese, at least one parent/guardian must be a foreign national, and joint parental income must not exceed limits set by OIST.

Subsidy payments to parents will also be taxed as benefits, and they can only be made available when a child's enrolment at an OIST recognized international school has been demonstrated.

For OIST research fellows, subsidy payments will be made directly to applicable child(ren) under same conditions, however, the payments are considered to be non-taxable income under Japanese tax law.

Eligibility

- 1) At least 1 parent/guardian is a foreign national.

- 2) The child(ren)'s primary language is not Japanese.
The target child(ren) is/are enrolled in an accredited* international Elementary (including US kindergarten K5), Junior High School or High School in Okinawa in which the curriculum is taught in English.
- 3) The target child(ren) is/are enrolled in Elementary (including US kindergarten K5), Junior High School or High School.
- 4) The gross household income (i.e. the total family income) of the parent's/guardian's must not exceed the limits indicated in table 1 below.

*OIST currently recognizes Okinawa Amicus International (AMICUS), Okinawa Christian School International (OCSI), Da-Vinci, and Hope Academy.

Table 1: Household income limits

Number of dependent children	Gross household income limit
1	≤ ¥8,000,000
2	≤ ¥9,000,000
3 or more	≤ ¥10,000,000

Families with one dependent child and a combined gross income of 8 million yen or less; families with two dependent children and a combined gross income of 9 million yen or less; families with three or more dependent children and a combined gross income of 10 million yen or less may be eligible for the subsidy.

Household income explained

Gross household income refers to the combined income of the child's parents/guardians, sharing a household for the year prior to subsidy application. It includes all income earned in Japan and abroad. Single parents must include spousal support as part of household income.

Gross income earned abroad will be converted to Japanese Yen using the yearly average currency exchange (TTM rate) published by the MUFJ. If 1 or more parents are self-employed, proof of revenue can be used instead of income.

Annual application

Parents/guardians are required to apply for subsidy funding each year. Any changes in income during the year must be reported.

All applications will be reviewed by the Vice President of University Community Services. Applications will normally be reviewed within 10 working days of receipt. Only complete applications will be considered.

Payments

If/when eligibility is determined University Community Services will arrange for the subsidy to be paid in three installments (3 x ¥100,000). The payments will be made in January, May and September.

The subsidy will be paid directly into the OIST employee/students or child's designated bank account as an immediate payment at the end of the month. Payments to the OIST employee/student's account are subject to Japanese tax.

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If a child should stop attending international school this must be immediately reported to UCS who will suspend any further subsidy payments.

Subsidy funding is only available from September 2020 onwards, payments will not be made for schooling costs incurred prior to this date.

Application procedure

To apply for subsidy funding you should:

1. Complete the School Subsidy Application Form.
2. Attach evidence of the parent's/guardian's gross household income for the previous 12 months.

3. Attach evidence of your child's acceptance to one of the OIST recognized International School's.
4. Attach evidence that at least one parent/guardian is a foreign national (e.g. a copy of the front page of passport).