Travel Grants and Accommodations:

Up to 12 teams will be selected to participate in the training at OIST, in Okinawa, Japan. Each selected team can receive travel grants and accommodation for a maximum of 2 participants. If additional team members wish to participate in the training, they shall cover their own expenses.

- **1. Travel Grant:** For recipients of the travel grant, it is the responsibility of selected participants to make their own travel arrangements. OIST will facilitate reimbursement <u>only for airfare costs</u> based on the following guidelines:
 - Reimbursement Method: OIST will reimburse the air ticket cost for a simple round trip
 between your home and Okinawa using the table below. The reimbursement amount is
 capped based on the geographical region of the participant's departure location.
 - Reimbursement Process: Upon successful completion of the two-week training, participants
 will be required to present their boarding passes, itinerary, and receipt as evidence of their
 travel. The reimbursement will be processed and provided to participants after the training
 concludes.
 - Personal Travel Changes/Cancellations: If participants choose to alter or cancel their travel plans due to personal reasons, any associated fees or charges resulting from these changes will not be covered by OIST.
 - Participants from Japan: OIST will reimburse the actual expenses of the air ticket from mainland Japan to Okinawa. Domestic flights within Japan must be booked in economy class.

Region	Upper Limit (JPY)
Taiwan	30,000
Korea	50,000
China	60,000
Asia	80,000
Oceania	180,000
Middle East	200,000
Europe	180,000
North America	160,000
Africa	190,000
Latin America and the Caribbean	220,000

Regional division for the international air ticket

Asia	Excluding Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan. Asia (excluding Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Belarus, Moldova, Russia and the regions specified in the preceding item), Indonesia, East Timor, Philippines and Borneo and their surroundings Island
Africa	The African continent, Madagascar, Mascaleny Islands and Seychelles Islands and their surrounding islands (except Azores, Madira and Canary Islands)
Europe	Continental Europe (<u>including</u> Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Belarus, Moldova and Russia, <u>excluding</u> Turkey), Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, Malta and Cyprus and their surroundings Islands (including Azores, Madira and Canary Islands)

Oceania	Australian continent and New Zealand and their surrounding islands and islands in the Polynesian, Micronesian and Melanesian waters (except Hawaiian Islands and Guam)
Middle East	Arabian Peninsula, Afghanistan, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Jordan, Syria, Turkey and Lebanon and their surrounding islands
Latin America and the Caribbean	Sub-Mexico North America, South America, West Indies and Easter and surrounding islands
North America	North American continent (<u>excluding</u> regions south of Mexico), Bermuda and Guam and surrounding islands (<u>excluding</u> West Indies)

- 2. Airport Transportation: Please note that transportation from the airport to the hotel is not included as part of the travel grant. OIST will not cover the costs of airport transportation, nor will reimbursement be provided for such expenses. However, to assist participants in arranging their arrival logistics, a comprehensive list of available transportation options from the airport to the hotel will be provided.
- **3. Accommodations:** OIST will provide accommodation for the duration of the training [from Sunday, January 14th to Saturday 27th]. Accommodation will be arranged in a hotel selected by OIST, and close to the OIST campus.
- **4. Room Sharing:** Teams comprising up to 2 members share a double occupancy room.
- **5. Transportation to Training Venue:** OIST will provide transportation from the designated hotel to the training venue.
- **6. Personal Accommodation Preferences:** Should a team or individual prefer to arrange their own accommodation, they are welcome to do so. However, it's important to note that any costs associated with personal accommodations choices **will not be covered or reimbursed by OIST**. Participants will also be responsible for getting themselves to the training venue.
- **7. Training venue:** Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST), 1919-1 Tancha, Onna, Kunigami District, Okinawa 904-0412.