Young Female Scientist Programme – Application Form

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR COMPLETE CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONSWITH THIS FORM.

A) General Information

1) Last name: First name:

2) Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):

3) Current nationality:

4) Academic degrees:

5) Permanent address (city, country, postal code etc.):

6) Affiliation (institution, department, faculty, etc.):

7) Currentposition (e.g. Professor, Assistant Professor,etc.):

8) Language proficiency (English, Japanese, etc.):

9) Honours/Awards:

10) Emergency contact information:

Name: Phone Number:

E-mail address:

B) Visiting Information

1) Preferred research period: days (minimum 14 days, maximum 30 days)

2) Preferredstarting date (DD/MM/YYYY): Ending date:

* Please set your starting andending dates between 1 October and 25December 2026

3) Information about your preferred host researcher(s)at Okayama University

(Please list up to three preferred hosts):

1st Preference

Host faculty or department:

Name:

Reason for selecting this host researcher (what you want to do specifically in the lab)

2nd Preference

Host faculty or department:

Name:

Reason for selecting this host researcher (what you want to do specifically in the lab)

3rd Preference

Host faculty or department:

Name:

Reason for selecting this host researcher (what you want to do specifically in the lab)

C) ResearchBackground and TeachingActivities(max. two pages)

1) Research Background and Current Research

(Please provide a summary of your research background and current research activities)

2) Publications

(Please provide a summary of your publications related to your research)

3) Teaching Activities (if you are currently teaching at a university or other institution, please providea brief summary of your teaching activities)

4) How did you learn about this Programme?

5) Reasons for your application (why did you apply for this Programme? What do you intend to gain through this Programme?)

6)What are your plans after completing this Programme?

I hereby certify that the abovestatements are true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date:

Country :

Nomination #

NominationForm

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Instructions:

The nomination form should be filled out by the relevant governmental authority of the nominatingcountry, in typewritten English

Information of Governmental Authority			
Country		Organization	
Name and title of the contact person		Office Phone No.	
		Mobile	
		Email	

The *(name of Governmental Authority)* of*(country name)* takes note of this application and hereby nominates the following applicant to participate in theYoung Female Scientist Programme supported by United Nations Trade and Development and Okayama University.

Thecompleted application form is attached.

Signature:

Date:

(With Official Seal)

Basic Information of Nominee		
Name	Date of Birth	Current Employer

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Young Female Scientist Programme in Japan

The Young Female Scientist Programme was launched by the United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in collaboration with Okayama University in Japan. The Programme aims to build human capital in STI-related fields in developing countries through educational activities and contribute to achieving of Sustainable Development Goals. The Programme offers eligible young female scientists from selected African, Southeast Asian, Latin American and Caribbean countries to engage in cutting-edge research activities at Okayama University in Japan for a period of 14 to 30 days.

Successful applicants will travel to Japan between October and December 2026, depending on the availability of receiving faculty and participants. Each participant's Programme start date and duration will vary. Any adjustment to the Programme's timeline and travel plans will be communicated accordingly.

Requirements of Applicants

The applicant must:

1. Hold the nationality of a selected country in Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. Be a female scholar under 40 years of age (at the time of application) with an excellent research background, a PhD degree, or currently enrolled in a PhD programme.
3. Be fluent in English or Japanese.
4. Be in good health.
5. Have experience and interest in one or more of the academic fields below.

Nomination Process

Interested countries are invited to nominate one young female scientist. The relevant governmental authorities should make the nomination to UNCTAD through their Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva are requested to submit one nominee to UNCTAD (sticourses@un.org) **before 16 March 2026,** including the following documents:

1. A scanned copy of the nomination form completed by the relevant governmental authority in the capital (official seal and/or signature required).
2. A duly completed application form, a complete curriculum vitae (CV), and a list of publications.

Matching Procedures

Based on the application documents, UNCTAD and Okayama University will arrange to match participants with receiving faculties and teams. For the matching, UNCTAD and Okayama University might contact participants to work out the details, including research fields, the programme's schedule, etc. While UNCTAD and Okayama University will make the best efforts in the matching process, there is a possibility that not all the applicants will be accepted due to the availability of receiving faculties and teams, competition among applicants, or other reasons.

Expenses

Application Fee/ Programme Enrollment Fee: None (free)

Fees covered by the Applicants	Provide by Okayama University
● **Round-trip Airfare** ● **Transportation** ● **Living Expenses** **(Food, health insurance, sundry, etc.)**	● **Accommodation arrangement in Okayama based on the participants' research period** ● **Provide Accommodation in Okayama (On-Campus / Off-Campus)** ● **Provide Research Environment on Campus**

Okayama University will arrange and provide the accommodation on-campus or off-campus during the participants' stay at Okayama. Accommodations will usually be arranged based on the location of their research laboratory. Participants are expected to cover any other incidentals expenses not listed above, including their travel, transportation, and living expenses.

Academic Fields Covered by the Programme

Please refer to the university website:

University website: https://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/index_e.html

OU x SDGs: https://sdgs.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/

Search for academic programmes and staff:

https://soran.cc.okayama-u.ac.jp/search?m=home&l=en

- Education
  https://edu.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/
- Environmental, Life, Natural Science, and Technology
  https://www.elst.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/
- Health Sciences
  http://www.fhs.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/
- Humanities and Social Sciences
  http://shabun.ccsv.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/

http://www.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/

- Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences
  https://www.mdps.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/

Certification

Upon completion of the Programme, participants are required to:

1) Submit a Final Report
2) Share their experiences and research results at a Presentation Session in early 2027.

UNCTAD and Okayama University will issue a certificate after the successful completion of the programme.