

Application Guidelines for the 2026 “Co-Flower Fellowship”

1. Objective

The purpose of this fellowship is to provide research funding to outstanding female students enrolled in the University’s doctoral program in order to support their independent research at the University and to foster creative female researchers who will play a leading role in the future.

2. Target applicants

The target students for “Co-Flower Fellowship” will be the female students who are currently enrolled in doctoral courses at the Integrated Graduate School of Medicine, Engineering, and Agricultural Sciences, University of Yamanashi, or female students who intend to enroll in April 2026 and who meet the application criteria listed below.

3. Number of fellows selected

1 student

4. Eligibility for Application

Applicants who have excellent research skills and wish to concentrate on research who meet all requirements listed in each of the following items.

(1) Enrollment status

Applicants must enroll in the University of Yamanashi doctoral program in April 2026 or already be enrolled in the program.

However, the following individuals are not eligible: working adult students who receive, or have access to, a system that provides, financial support equivalent to living expenses from their affiliated companies or institutions; students on a leave of absence; and students who have exceeded the standard period of study.

(2) Age requirement

Applicants must be under 30 years of age at the time of entering the doctoral program.

However, consideration may be given to applicants who have experienced life events such as childbirth or childcare, depending on individual circumstances.

(3) Other funding

Applicants must not be recipients of at the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowship, the MEXT Scholarship for International Students, or any other scholarship or financial support from their home country. Applicants must also not be recipients of the *University of Yamanashi "Cross-Border" Program for the Development of Expanded Doctoral Talent*.

(4) Supervisor recommendation

Applicants must be recommended by their academic supervisor.

5. Support period

By the end of March 2027.

6. Details of Support

This fellowship provides research funding of 300,000 yen per year in order to foster creative researchers who will contribute to the future by offering recipients opportunities to pursue independent research based on their own ideas during the support period.

7. Application procedures

Application Document: Attached Application Form (Form 1-4)

Submit the completed Form 1-4 via the following link by the due date.

<https://forms.office.com/r/k19DLJDHwZ>

*Notes

- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your application within 2–3 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays). If you do not receive this confirmation email, please contact us immediately at this number (055-220-8271).
- As the above online form requires a University of Yamanashi account, applicants

who will enroll in April FY2026 must submit the form after receiving their student ID card.

8. Application deadline

DD/MM/2026 noon (strict deadline)

9. Selection of applications

Selection of applicants will be conducted by the “Co-Flower Fellowship” Selection Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).

10. Selection Method and Review Policy

Selection will be conducted by the Committee through a document review.

- (1) The feasibility of the research plan will be evaluated, including whether the proposed topic is appropriate for a doctoral dissertation, whether the methodology and schedule are realistic, and whether the proposed use of research funds is appropriate.
 - (2) The necessity of the research funding will be evaluated, particularly in terms of what aspects of the research would not be possible without this financial support.
 - (3) The applicant’s future aspirations and expected contributions as a researcher will be considered.
2. The application documents for the review shall be the Co-Flower Fellowship Application Form specified separately. The research plan and career plan must be written within two A4 sheets (four pages).

11. Selection Results

The applicant and their academic supervisor will be notified of the selection results.

12. Obligations of Fellows

In light of the objectives of this program, fellows are required to fulfill the following obligations:

- (1) After being selected as a fellow, fellows must submit a detailed research plan.
- (2) Fellows must devote themselves to research activities based on their research plan, except in cases of interruption due to childbirth, childcare, or illness.
- (3) Fellows must participate in programs related to research capacity development conducted by the University.
- (4) Fellows must periodically report on the status of their research activities to the University.
- (5) Fellows must regularly attend mentoring meetings with their assigned mentor.
- (6) Fellows must apply for the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists.
- (7) In conducting research activities, fellows must recognize that the research funds originate from public funding, comply with relevant laws and regulations, and conduct their research efficiently and with integrity.

13. Cancellation of Support

If any of the following situations occur, the University may request the return of research funds.

- (1) The fellow no longer satisfies the eligibility requirements described in Section 4.
- (2) The progress of the research plan or fulfillment of the obligations described in the previous section is deemed insufficient.
- (3) The fellow requests to withdraw from the program.
- (4) The President of the University determines that there are other reasons for canceling the support.

The amount to be returned will correspond to the unused portion of the research funds from the date the fellowship began until the date of termination.

14. Notes

- Fellows may receive income such as TA compensation, part-time wages, academic awards from academic societies, or remuneration from paid internships, provided that such activities do not interfere with their research.
- If the fellow is already receiving support from other scholarships or funding

programs, they must confirm the eligibility requirements of those programs and take appropriate action, such as declining the scholarship if necessary.

- Fellows are required to cooperate with follow-up surveys regarding their career development for 10 years after receiving the support.

15. Others

- Selected fellows will be required to submit a pledge confirming their commitment to devote themselves to research activities.
- The names and affiliated programs/courses of selected fellows will be published on the University's website.
- After the selection process, the supervisors of selected fellows will be asked to submit a document describing their educational and supervisory policy for the student. Details and the format will be provided when the selection results are announced.

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