Tohoku University, Creating Global Excellence

Over more than a century of history, Tohoku University’s tradition of Research First, philosophy of Open Doors and ethos of Practice-Oriented Research and Education have produced excellent graduates, generated numerous research achievements and contributed to the development of a peaceful and just society.

Today, the world embarks upon a new global age, characterized by the globalization of the economy, the movement of people, rapid advances in information technology and the dissemination of knowledge. In times such as these, our university must continue its endeavors to create new value, of course in Japan, but also with the intent of contributing significantly to the stability and development of the international community.

Tohoku University therefore wishes to be an international hub where talented students and researchers can “gather, learn and create.” They will rise to face various global changes and challenges and contribute to the development of the world and Japan. Tohoku University will continue to pave the way for societal paradigm shifts, conduct excellent education and research to take the initiative in the global age and maintain its status as a world-renowned university.

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About Tohoku University
As of November 1, 2017

Total number of students
學生数 (including international students)
17,896

Undergraduate Students
大学院生
10,961

Graduate Students
大学院生
6,935

Faculty
教員
3,156

International Students
外国籍学生
2,217

Partner Institutions
姉妹大学・機関
213

Library Collection
図書館蔵
4,109,574 volumes

(As of May 1, 2017)
Why Tohoku University?

With its location in the green environment of the city of Sendai in northeastern Japan, Tohoku University has been offering academic excellence for over a century. It has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most liberal universities in the country as well as an institution that places a particularly strong emphasis on leading-edge research.

Open Institution

Since its foundation in 1907 as Japan’s third national university, Tohoku University has been open to diverse talents and values. Tohoku University was the first Japanese university to accept female and international students over a hundred years ago and this inclusive tradition certainly continues today. Currently, around 2,000 international students from some 80 countries and territories are enrolled, creating a dynamic multicultural learning atmosphere on the campus. Tohoku University’s emphasis on openness and equality means that we value students and academics with diverse backgrounds and welcome them as an integral part of our university community.

Study Environment

About 18,000 students are currently enrolled in 10 undergraduate departments and 13 graduate schools. Tohoku University boasts about 3,000 highly engaged faculty members, who actively interact with students in classrooms and research laboratories. A student-to-faculty ratio of 6:1 enables us to offer a personalized learning environment with special emphasis on research. On our beautiful campus, surrounded by nature, students not only strive for academic excellence, but achieve personal growth and prepare to become future leaders in every endeavor they will pursue through various extracurricular and social activities.

Cutting-Edge Research

Strong emphasis on quality research has always been our tradition. From fundamental discoveries to large-scale practical applications for everyday life, Tohoku University’s research outcomes have deeply impacted our way of thinking and our way of living. Several recent world university rankings have recognized Tohoku University’s research strength and competitiveness in physics, chemistry, materials science and engineering and many other fields. In this advantageous setting, students have unparalleled learning and research experiences, enabling them to acquire scientific skills through classroom teaching by our world-class research faculty as well as actual laboratory activities by students themselves.

Social and Community Role

“Practice-Oriented Research and Education” has long been one of the core values of Tohoku University, whereby the fruits of leading-edge research are put to practical use for the benefit of society and toward improving living standards. In keeping with the Open Door policy, various facilities of Tohoku University are available to the public. The university actively supports microlabs and education and maintains community involvement through science cafes, international festivals, delivery classes, providing classroom experience and promoting lifelong learning.

Reconstruction Action

Tohoku University’s commitment to its community role was demonstrated in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011. Tohoku University was one of the institutes of higher education at the center of the disaster area and the university has undertaken considerable efforts toward reconstruction and revitalization of the local region. The focus of these endeavors is on establishing new industries through close collaboration with industry and government agencies so as to boost employment and invigorate the Tohoku region. These efforts are in turn serving as a stimulus to the Japanese economy as a whole.
MEXT Top Global University Project

Tohoku University has been selected for the FY2016 Top Global University Project, a higher education reform initiative launched by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

The MEXT program aims to raise Japan’s global competitiveness in higher education by supporting internationalization and reform efforts at select institutions. Tohoku University’s reform initiative is called “Tohoku University’s Global Initiative” and is categorized as “Type A: Top Type” in the Top Global University Project.

Under this framework, we intend to further accelerate the initiatives we have undertaken with the “Global 30 Project” and the “Go Global Japan Project” to create a new global education.

Further, based upon this new global education, we aim to form strong partnerships with overseas universities, with the goal of entering the world’s Top Ten Ranking in the fields of Spintronics, Materials Science, Cosmological Physics, Earth Science, and Mechanical Systems as well as pushing for developments in the new disciplines of Data Science, Life Sciences, and Disaster Reduction/Safety Science, and Japanese Studies founding the International Joint Graduate Program in a total of nine fields. Additionally, we will also seek cooperation in the foundation of our “Tohoku Forum for Creativity” and other measures aimed at consolidating our research strength.

Outline of Tohoku University’s Top Global University Project

Tohoku University Global Vision

The university is a fellowship of knowledge, open to the world, where people gather, learn, and create, achieving World-Class Status and Leaping Ahead / Leading the Restoration of Tohoku and Japan.

Concrete Efforts Towards Further Internationalization

Tohoku University’s Global Initiative

A fundamental revolution in education, research and governance with accelerated efforts towards internationalization along with creating the International Joint Graduate Program to achieve our goal of jumping forward to a new era of global research and education.

Investing in knowledge as a world-class university

—Pursuing international excellence in education and research—

Creating a sustainable world society and solving problems on a global scale

Creation of disciplines and techniques to stimulate innovation

Increasing our general rankings as a world-class university

Revolution in governance

Create an educational foundation to cultivate global leaders

International Joint Graduate Programs

Consolidate research abilities

Further improve our globalized environment

What is Tohoku University’s Global Initiative?

Tohoku University plans to raise their level of internationalization, strengthen their education and research abilities, grow into a world-class university, and play a main role in developments that will benefit Japan and the entire world. Achieving this will require brilliant young minds from across Japan and the world and creating a place where these people can gather, learn, and create, and through high-level education, create real changes in society, while giving these young people a high level of global mindedness.

Investing in knowledge as a world-class university

―Pursuing international excellence in education and research—

Reform in Education

International Joint Graduate Program

From strong partnership with leading overseas universities with the goal of entering the world’s Top Ten Ranking in specific fields. Jointly supervised double / joint degrees.

Strengthen Research Abilities

Tohoku Forum for Creativity

Japan’s first-ever creativity research institution, linking Nobel Prize-winning researchers from around the world to nurture young researchers.

“Reform in Education and Research with Accelerated Efforts towards Internationalization”

Create an Educational Basis to Cultivate Global Leaders

- Attractive array of international courses (G Global 30 development)
- Continuing to develop Tohoku University’s Global Leader Program (TGUR)
- Exponential expansion of international cooperative education

Further improve our research environment in globalized context

- Strategic use of overseas offices
- Actively pursuing academic exchange agreements
- Strengthening the support network for researchers and students from overseas and for those from Tohoku University going overseas

Foundation of International Joint Graduate Programs

Using Tohoku University’s strengths to make contributions to fields that will be important to humanity in the future, and to raise the level of global society.

Gather the knowledge of Tohoku University’s different departments to overcome the boundaries between disciplines and form strong cooperative education ties with leading overseas universities.

Ideas and Roles

- Breakdown

1. Think outside the box and collaborate highly capable human resources across the world
2. Develop cutting-edge education programs within and across disciplines
3. Create an international laboratory for the future, support international competition, and create innovations to solve the creation of a sustainable world society

- Ideas and Roles

1. Interdepartmental graduate programs
2. Jointly organized interaction between Tohoku University and overseas institutions
3. Plan to have a minimum of nine programs in five years

Nine International Joint Graduate Programs Established Under this Program

Five Fields Aiming to Enter the World’s Top Ten Ranking

Spintronics
Materials Science
Cosmological Physics
Earth Science
Mechanical Systems

Four New Academic Disciplines

Data Science
Life Sciences
Disaster Reduction / Safety Science
Japanese Studies
## Global Network Partnership with 221 world-leading institutions in 36 countries and regions

Teihoku University’s unique global network is comprised of academic exchange agreements with many top educational institutions around the world. The university is developing various study abroad programs and expanding its research presence around the world.

### University-level Agreement
221 institutions in 36 countries and regions

### Department-level Agreement
492 institutions in 40 countries and regions

**Countries and Regions**
- **China**: Beijing University, Shanghai University, Fudan University, Tsinghua University, Peking University, Zhejiang University, Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fudan University, Zhejiang University, Xiamen University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fudan University, Zhejiang University, Xiamen University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- **Japan**: The University of Tokyo, Osaka University, Tohoku University, Nagoya University, The University of Tokyo, Osaka University, Tohoku University, Nagoya University
- **Korea**: Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University, Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University
- **Taiwan**: National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University
- **South Korea**: University of Seoul, Yonsei University, Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University, Seoul National University, Yonsei University, Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University
- **Italy**: University of Rome La Sapienza, University of Rome La Sapienza, University of Rome La Sapienza
- **France**: University of Strasbourg, University of Bordeaux, University of Poitiers, University of Strasbourg, University of Bordeaux, University of Poitiers
- **Germany**: University of Göttingen, University of Göttingen, University of Göttingen, University of Göttingen, University of Göttingen, University of Göttingen
- **UK**: University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh
- **Australia**: University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne
- **New Zealand**: University of Auckland, University of Auckland, University of Auckland

**Institutions**
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- **Japan**: The University of Tokyo, Osaka University, Tohoku University, Nagoya University, The University of Tokyo, Osaka University, Tohoku University, Nagoya University
- **Korea**: Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University, Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea University
- **Taiwan**: National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University
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- **UK**: University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh
- **Australia**: University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne, University of Melbourne
- **New Zealand**: University of Auckland, University of Auckland, University of Auckland

(As of January 1, 2018)
Consortia with World’s Top Universities

Tohoku University has entered into a number of international university consortia in order to foster exchange between researchers and students from Tohoku University and various regions and nations. You will probably have the chance to participate in international symposiums, workshops and seminars held by those consortia.

APRU
Association of Pacific-Rim Universities

APRU was established in 1997 with the aim of fostering cooperation in education and research contributing to economic, scientific and cultural advancement and has grown rapidly to become a reputable international organization of leading research universities in the Pacific Rim. It organizes various exchange programs under three thematic priorities with its Strategic Framework and holds annual meetings for presidents and senior staff of the member universities to discuss and plan future activities. As Part of Tohoku University’s active participation, we are taking on the role of regional program hub for APRU’s Multi-Hazards Program from 2013.

Established: 1997
Membership since: 2008
Participating Institutions: 50

AEARU
The Association of East Asian Research Universities

AEARU was established in 1996 with the aim of forming a forum for the presidents of leading research universities and carrying out mutual exchanges between the major universities in East Asia. Expectations are that this regional consortium, on the basis of common academic cultural backgrounds among member universities, will contribute not only to the development of higher education and research but also to the opening up of a new era leading to cultural economic and social progress in the region.

Tohoku University served as a board member from 2012 to 2013.

Established: 1996
Membership since: 1998
Participating Institutions: 18

T.I.M.E.
Top Industrial Managers for Europe

T.I.M.E. is an international network of leading higher educational institutions specializing in engineering focused on master-level double degree programs. It now launches other innovative exchange programs through task forces formed by member institutions to foster internationally competitive engineers for tomorrow’s world.

Established: 1989
Membership since: 2007
Participating Institutions: 56

HeKKSaGOn
German-Japanese University Network

HeKKSaGOn German-Japanese University Network was founded in 2010, is a bilateral university network composed of three Japanese and three German major universities that aims to promote exchange between Japan and Germany through activities such as research staff/student exchange, joint research, workshops and summer schools.

Tohoku University hosted the 8th HeKKSaGOn President’s meeting in April 2015.

Established: 2010
Membership since: 2010
Participating Institutions: 6

RENKEI
Japan–UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives

RENKEI, the Japan–UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives, is a bilateral consortium that was formed in 2012 by leading universities from Japan and the UK with the support of the British Council. Its aim is to encourage knowledge transfer and research collaboration not only between the two countries, but also between the higher education and industry sectors.

Established: 2012
Membership since: 2012
Participating Institutions: 12

http://www.apru.org/
http://www.aearu.org/
http://www.time-association.org/
http://www.hekksagon.net/
http://www.renkei-researchers-school.or.jp/
Sendai: City of Trees

Combining the convenience of a modern city with abundant natural scenery, Sendai, where Tohoku University is located, is often called “the City of Trees.” There are seasonal events throughout the year, attracting tourists from around the nation and local residents alike. Sendai is situated between the ocean and mountains, with easy access to hot spring spas, ski resorts, and the scenic coastal islands of Matsushima.

Major Events in downtown Sendai:

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Climate

Sendai is characterized by a very moderate climate, yet you can experience the beauty of the four seasons. There are only a few days in summer reaching 30°C (86°F) and few days in winter colder than -3°C (26°F) and little snow.

Arts and Sports

The city of Sendai offers its guests and residents a broad variety of cultural activities. The games of the city’s own professional baseball, soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams are among the most popular events. There is an impressive variety of museums, galleries and concert halls. Sendai offers rich collections of art from all around Japan and overseas.

文化・美術館・スポーツ

文化施設には、野球、サッカー、バスケットの試合が行われ、ホームゲームには多くの観客が集まります。また、美術館、美術館やコンサートホールなどの施設も充実しており、音楽、映画、美術、歴史を学ぶのに感謝することができます。
Study in Tohoku University

At Tohoku University, students are able to study and research in a wide range of fields. Undergraduate programs offer 10 fundamental fields of specialization, 4 in the humanities and 6 in the sciences. Moreover, you will be able to further increase your specialization in 15 graduate schools in expanded fields, enabling you to pursue research in cutting-edge areas.

Courses Taught in English (The Future Global Leadership Program)

Undergraduate Courses

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Undergraduate
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Graduate

International Cultural Studies 国際文化研究科
Information Sciences 情報科学研究科
Life Sciences 生命科学研究科
Environmental Studies 環境科学研究科
Biomedical Engineering 医工学研究科
Professional Graduate Schools

Science 理学部
Economics 経済学部
Law 法学部
Humanities and Social Sciences 人文学部
Science and Technology 工学部
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Agriculture 農学部
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Tohoku University
### Undergraduate Programs (For Degree Seeking Students)

Classes for degree courses taught in Japanese, which you can take together with Japanese students, begin in April. Degree courses taught in English start in October. The courses taught in English are attended by international students from a variety of countries. The number of international coeducational classes open to all students is also being increased, allowing you to take classes taught in Japanese, which you can take together with Japanese students.

**Faculties / Schools**

- **Arts and Letters**
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Education
  - Law
- **Economics**
  - Business Administration
- **Science**
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Astronomy and Geophysics
  - Chemistry
  - Geoenvironmental Science
  - Earth and Planetary Materials Science
  - Biology
- **Medicine**
  - Medical Sciences
  - Health Sciences
- **Dentistry**
  - Dentistry
- **Pharmaceutical Sciences**
  - Pharmaceutical Sciences
- **Engineering**
  - Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
  - Electrical, Information and Physics Engineering
  - Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biomolecular Engineering
  - Materials Science and Engineering
  - Civil Engineering and Architecture
- **Agriculture**
  - Applied Bio-Sciences
  - Applied Biological Chemistry

**Courses Taught in Japanese**

**Courses Taught in English**

The Future Global Leadership (FGL) program offers three undergraduate courses taught entirely in English in the fields of Molecular Chemistry, Mechanical, Aerospace Engineering and Marine Biology. Please refer to our website to learn about the requirements before applying. The application guidelines will be updated in October. Further information is available here: [http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/](http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/)

**Undergraduate Admission**

If you wish to participate in programs taught in Japanese, you will enter in April. Please begin your preparations by undergoing the Examination for Japanese International Students (EJU) in June or November of the previous year.

**1. Application Requirements**

1. **Academic qualification exam or standardized national exam**
   - A) IB, SAT Subject Tests or SGE (A-Level)
   - B) National standardized examination offered in your home country
   - C) EJU
   - Required. Subjects depend on the course.

2. **English Proficiency**
   - A) TOEFL iBT/TEST: 79 or higher / TOEFL PBT®TEST: 550 or higher / IELTS: 6.0 or higher
   - B) Submit a written certificate from your principal if you attended for four years or longer a middle/ high school where the main language used was English. (Applicable countries only)

**2. Documents to be submitted**

1. Photograph
2. Statement of Reasons for Applying
3. Proof of Graduation / Certificate of Completed Graduation
4. Academic Transcript
5. Score of Academic or Standardized Examination
6. Score of English Proficiency Test
7. Proof of Nationality

**3. Submit your Application**

Complete the online application through the Teco's system on the FGL program’s website: [https://applyant.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/t-cens_tohoku/login.php](https://applyant.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/t-cens_tohoku/login.php)

**4. Application Period**

1st Recruitment Period: Jan.
2nd Recruitment Period: Apr.

*The period is subject to change.

**Inquiries**

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Tel: +81-22-795-3242 E-mail: tohoku-fgl@grp.tohoku.ac.jp
### Graduate Schools (For Degree Seeking Students)

Tohoku University offers degree courses, open to both international and Japanese students, taught in Japanese and/or English. Tohoku has degree courses for international students taught entirely in English. Application qualifications, procedures, and application periods may vary on each graduate school. An outline follows, but applicants should refer to the Contact Information list (p.27) and contact their desired graduate school directly for detailed information.

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**Notes:**
- 日本人学生と同様に日本語の書類で手続きを取る学生を対象とする入試と、英語ベースでの書類を参照するコースがあります。いずれも入試の手続き方法や内容の詳細は下記のウェブサイトを参照いただき、入学のための手続きを順次手順に従って行ください。
- 詳細情報については、各学位プログラムの担当窓口に直接お問い合わせいただくことをお勧めします。
Graduate Admission

If you wish to enter graduate school, you should first look for a prospective academic advisor in your preferred field. Please see our website to help you decide what kind of research you want to perform at Tohoku University. The application process differs depending on the graduate school.

Graduate Degree Program (Degree seeking students)

1. Get consent of acceptance from a prospective supervisor. 送信内容の重要性

You should first find a prospective supervisor. Find faculty members in the field of your interest, contact them, and obtain consent of acceptance. 学生は、検定対象の区分が必要です。研究を希望する分野の教員を自社で選択し、受講対象の区分を送信する必要があります。

To search by name, school, field, or keyword: 氏名、分野、キーワードから探す

Academic Research Staff at Tohoku University 東北大学研究者紹介

To search by department and/or school: 研究科、専攻から探す

To search courses in English: 英語による学位取得コースから探す

To search courses at Tohoku University: 東北大学のコースを教員に探す

To search courses in English: 英語による学位取得コースから探す

http://db.tohoku.ac.jp/ehosu/

2. Check application eligibility/procedure. 申請資格と手続きの確認

The following items differ depending on the graduate school. Contact the admissions office or office in charge of admission (See P. 27 for contact information) directly or through your prospective supervisor for details. 以下は各大学によって異なります。詳細は、直接または推薦者を通じてお問い合わせください。

- application eligibility, documents, and schedule
- entrance examination
- fee and how to pay application fee

If you do not meet the requirement below you may need to take a preliminary screening. Confirm you are eligible to apply. 下記の要件を満たすことが必要です。申請資格を確認してください。

Master Course: 修士課程への進学

You must have a bachelor’s degree in a related field. Your bachelor’s degree must have been completed within the last 10 years. You must have at least the GPA of 2.7. 母大学の学位を修了し、母大学の学位を取得した4年前に完成する必要があります。 GPAは2.7を満たす必要があります。

Doctor Course: 博士課程への進学

You must have a Master’s degree in a related field. Your Master’s degree must have been completed within the last 10 years. You must have at least the GPA of 3.0. 母大学の学位を修了し、母大学の学位を取得した4年前に完成する必要があります。 GPAは3.0を満たす必要があります。

3. Submit application documents. 申請書類の提出

4. Take an exam. 試験

In some cases applicants for admission for courses taught in English can take the exam in English without coming to Japan. Contact the academic affairs section in other cases. 英語の試験の機会はありません。母国語の試験の機会はありません。
Programs for Partner Institutions

Tohoku University has an extensive range of Student Exchange Programs with universities throughout the world, which are open to undergraduate and graduate students. You might also be able to have your Tohoku University course work credited towards your degree back home.

Exchange Programs

- **Junior Year Program in English (JYPE)**
- **International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)**
- **Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS)**
- **Direct Enrollment Education Program for Humanity / Social science students (DEEP-Bridge)**
- **Direct Enrollment Education Program for Natural science students (DEEP)**

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**Financial Aid**

Since these programs are based on exchange agreements between Tohoku University and the students’ home institutions, tuition fees are waived for exchange students. Although the students themselves should basically bear the cost of living, they are eligible to apply for the JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Stay in Japan), which provides an allowance of 40,000 Yen/month for the duration of study. Applicants will be asked to indicate their interest at the time of application.

For more information: [http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/](http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/)
Fees and Expenses 費用

Tohoku University’s application, admission, and tuition fees are shown in the table below. (In Japanese yen)

| Degree Students 教育生 | Undergraduate Students / 学部生 | 17,000 | 282,000 | 535,800 (per year) |
| | Graduate Students / 大学院生 | 30,000 | 282,000 | 804,000 (per year) |
| | Law School Students / 法科大学院生 | 30,000 | 282,000 | 804,000 (per year) |

| Non-degree Students 非教育生 | Accounting School Students / 会計学科学生 | 30,000 | 282,000 | 599,300 (per year) |
| | Research Students / 学術研究者 | 9,800 | 84,600 | 297,700 (per month) |
| | Special Research Students / 特別研究学生 | - | - | 279,000 (per month) |
| | Credit Auditors / 認定検査士 | 9,800 | 28,200 | 14,600 (per credit) |
| | Special Auditing Students / 特別検査生 | - | - | 14,800 (per credit) |

* Admission fee, tuition fee and examination fee are not subject to change.
* Students who are in the process of admission, transfer, or re-admission must pay the tuition fee in full.

Fee Waivers 入学料・授業料免除

Degree students who find it difficult to pay the admission fee and/or tuition for economic reasons may be granted a waiver on application and screening.
* Non-degree students are not eligible for the waivers.

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Living Expenses 生活費

The cost of rent and living is cheaper compared to other major Japanese cities. Monthly living expenses are around 110,000 yen, which is relatively low for Japan, making it a very livable city.

Average Monthly Living Cost by Region

- Hokkaido/北海道：¥125,000
- Chubu/中部：¥111,000
- Chugoku/中国：¥123,000
- Kansai/近畿：¥154,000
- Kanto/東京：¥136,000
- Tohoku/東北：¥118,000
- Kyushu/九州：¥116,000

Average (全日本) ¥114,000

Source: Tohoku University Survey of Non-Japanese Enrolled Students Department, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

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<td>Approx. 40,000 yen to 55,000 yen/month (approx. 5,000 yen/month)</td>
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Housing 住居・寮

International students are provided housing in dormitories, as such as the Tohoku University International House and University House.

Tohoku University provides international students with various types of housing support to help them find suitable housing relatively easily. Housing costs vary depending on location and other conditions.

**International House**

- Sanjo I
  - Single
  - Couple
  - Family
  - Rent: ¥13,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,000
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Sanjo II
  - Single
  - Couple
  - Family
  - Rent: ¥22,800
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,000
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Higashi Sendai
  - Single
  - Couple
  - Rent: ¥10,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,000
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

**University House**

- Sanjo
  - Single A
  - Rent: ¥21,600
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥2,500
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Sanjo II
  - Single B
  - Rent: ¥22,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥3,100
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Nagamachi
  - Single
  - Rent: ¥22,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,500
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Katsuragi
  - Single
  - Rent: ¥25,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,000
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

- Aoba-yama
  - Single
  - Rent: ¥28,000
  - Maintenance Fee: ¥1,500
  - Deposit: ¥30,000
  - Duration: 6 - 12 months

**Private apartment**

- Single A
  - Rent: ¥30,000 - ¥40,000
  - Utilities: ¥
  - Deposit: ¥

**Tutor System チューター制度**

Newly enrolled international students are provided tutors, recruited from the Tohoku University student body, to advise them on their studies and daily lives and help them adjust to their new environment as quickly as possible.

入学者の新入生に対して、教員または助教がチューターとなり、学びの支援を行うもので、日常生活の相談も行います。
Financial Aid

A variety of scholarship opportunities are offered to international students at Tohoku University. Most scholarships accept applications from students already enrolled, but some scholarships are awarded before admission.

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

There are three ways to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) MEXT Scholarship. Once selected, awarded benefits from two waivers and a monthly stipend ($40,000) until the stipulated period.*1

*1: 167,000 yen for doctoral students at Tohoku University (as of the year 2015)
*2: Usually required to complete the program in 3 to 4 years for master courses.

Applying from outside of Japan before Admission

1. Embassy Recommendation
You apply for a scholarship through an embassy or consulate general of Japan in your country or region of residence, take a primary screening, and then choose the universities you wish to enter. Admission can be in April or October.

2. University Recommendation
You apply for the scholarship through Tohoku University as a prospective applicant for an admission. Admission under this scheme is only in October.

Applying from within Japan after Admission

3. Domestic Selection
You can apply for the scholarship as an international self-financed student after admission.

Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship

Self-financed international students can apply for the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship offered by the Japanese Student Services Organization (JASSO) through Tohoku University. Once selected, awarded benefits from monthly stipends ($48,000 yen) for up to 12 months.

Tohoku University President Fellowship

This scholarship system is unique to Tohoku University. It provides an amount covering tuition fees for international students of excellent character and academic standing. For application information, students should inquire with their desired faculty or graduate school.

Other Scholarships


Some private foundations or other organizations in Japan offer scholarships for international students. These scholarships vary with regards to recruitment procedures, eligible fields of study and amount.

Student Organizations

International support organizations are active at Tohoku University, so there are numerous international exchange activities on campus. International students can deepen their interaction with Japanese students through various international exchange events held at the university.

TUFSA (Tohoku University Foreign Students Association)

This is the main organization for international students at Tohoku University, consisting of students from Asia, Europe and South America. It has a long history, having been founded in 1945. Shortly, it will celebrate its 50th anniversary. This association also holds a long-running international festival each year. This event, which attracts over 3,000 visitors every year, is one of the Tohoku area’s largest international festivals. It also holds exchange trips, welcome parties, dances and sports competitions. In addition, the association is planning to open an international festival each year.

TUMCA (Tohoku University Muslim Cultural Association)

This association promotes cultural exchange and friendship with people from all over the world. It participates in the Tohoku University International Festival and Sendai World Festival every year. It also enables international exchange by holding cooking classes each month.

IPLANET

This organization supports exchange students in the International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA). They plan special events such as cooking classes, cultural experiences, and welcome and farewell parties. They also organize the Global Café, in which students are asked to see other students' languages and cultures. Many members are IPLA students or tutors from various matters from study to daily life.

IPLANET

https://www.facebook.com/iplanet.tohoku/

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This organization is operated by Japanese students and conducts exchange activities between Japanese and international students. It cooperates with the International Exchange for Students and Japanese students and in helping international students start their lives in Sendai while participating in planning activities.

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http://www.inn.tohoku.ac.jp/~athome/
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Faculty, Research Institute, etc. | E-mail | Phone | Campus
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Campuses

Located on four campuses in the city of Sendai, the university is comprised of 10 undergraduate faculties, 15 graduate schools, 6 research institutes, 14 research centers and the University Hospital.

Katahira Campus

Kawasaki Campus

Aobayama Campus

Seiryo Campus
Tohoku University on the Map

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- Entrance Ceremony: Early October
- Special Orientation for New International Students: October
- Winter Vacation: December 27 – January 3
- Semester End Vacation: Early February
- Commencement: End of March / End of September
- Entrance Ceremony: Early April
- Special Orientation for New International Students: April
- University Foundation Day: June 22
- Semester End Vacation: Early August-September

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