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4 (Spring Semester)



## **Reasons for choosing COLABS**

Tohoku University has long been the ideal university I dreamed to study in. I learned from textbooks since I was a child that one of the greatest thinkers in modern Chinese history had studied in Sendai Specialized Medical School. How lucky I was once I got the chance to study in the same school with the same identity of medical student of Luxun!

(I have been training to be a medical doctor in my home university, therefore I chose COLABS to learn laboratory skills when overseas.)

## **COLABS Experience**

After all the necessary procedures, finally I was enrolled in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, where I met my academic advisor, Izumi Shinichi, probably for life long time. It is kind of dramatic when I recall the experience in our lab and with Izumi-sensei.

I was frustrated during the first two weeks and wanted to quit, but it was Izumi-sensei and all the people around me had lifted me up to focus on my research. Every week I had one private meeting and several email-communications with Izumi-sensei to build a very interesting research frame, which turned out to be my major research theme even when I am back to China. And of course, A deep mutual respect and understanding has been developed between us.

I've got an extraordinary experience through COLABS program.

## Experiences at TU, in Sendai and Japan

The beauty of Tohoku University campus, Matsushima coast and some other famous cities in Japan, such as Nara, Kyoto, all had left an indelible impression on me.

## **Future Plans**

I plan to go back to Tohoku University for my doctoral degree. Let's do good deeds together, TU!

