



TOHOKU
UNIVERSITY

Short Program



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY IMMERSION in JAPAN(TUIP)

Japanese Study through Exploration of Local Culture

April 27th (Mon.) – May 22nd (Fri.) **2020**

What's the TUIP?

This intensive program provides students with an opportunity to explore Japan through diverse learning experiences in English and Japanese. The highlight of the program is participation in a local traditional festival called "Sendai Aoba Matsuri" as performers of the "Suzume Odori," or Sparrow Dance, combined with the intensive Japanese language classes for pre-intermediate learners, topical seminars about Japanese culture and society, various cultural workshops, field trips including a homestay, and interactions with domestic students in both curricular and extracurricular activities.

Tohoku University

Tohoku University, located in Sendai City, was founded in 1907 as Japan's third national university. It continues to be an innovative university committed to the principles of "Research First" and "Open Doors". It has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the most progressive universities in the country. For details, please visit:

<https://www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/>

Sendai

With a population of 1 million, Sendai is the largest city in the Tohoku region. It is located around 300 km northeast of Tokyo -only 1.5 hours by "Shinkansen" (bullet train). Combining the convenience of a modern city with abundant natural scenery, Sendai is often called "the City of Trees".



Program

SCHEDULE

April 27th (Mon.) to May 22nd (Fri.), 2020 [4 weeks]

ELIGIBILITY

- **Full-time students at partner universities of Tohoku University**
Students must be enrolled at their home university during this program.
- **Sufficient English Ability** (Equivalent to TOEFL® iBT 70. Results from other internationally recognized English exams are also accepted. English language ability certificate is not required for native speakers.)
All classes and instructions are provided in English except for Japanese language classes

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- **Pre-intermediate learners of Japanese language** (Equivalent to TTBJ/SPOT90 Japanese online test score of 31-64.) <http://ttbj1.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/apply/agree/>

MAXIMUM CAPACITY

20 students

PROGRAM FEES

Based on the exchange rate as of October 2019. Fees are subject to change.

Program	120,000 JPY Nonrefundable
Accommodation	approx. 170,000 JPY for 26 nights
Processing charge	approx. 9,000 JPY
TOTAL	299,000 JPY (approx. 2,700 USD)

All fees need to be paid on time via our online payment system

Payment instructions will be sent to those who are accepted. **Travel, insurance, meals, and personal daily expenses should be paid individually.*

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY (ONLY for students from partner universities)

A Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship may be awarded to those who meet the requirements below and attend the entire program. You can apply by completing the JASSO scholarship application form, available on our website.

Minimum requirement for JASSO scholarship: **GPA of 2.30 to 3.00 (out of 3.00)**
(by JASSO's GPA calculation method)

Scholarship amount: **80,000 JPY** (to be paid in cash after arriving at Tohoku University)

CREDITS

On completing the program successfully, students should be eligible to earn 8 ECTS* equivalent. * 1 ECTS is equivalent to 25 hours of work. ECTS credits are the value allocated to course units describing the students' workload required to complete the program. Please note that those credits are not conferred at Tohoku University, so each participant needs to request them from his/her home institution with the certificate we issue.

Performing the Sparrow Dance in the Sendai Aoba Festival became one of the best experiences in my life.

"I really enjoyed this program and hope to come to Tohoku possibly for a graduate program."

"Everyone was nice and the teachers and supporters were there when we needed them."

Student Voice



Courses

PROJECT WORK on “Suzume Odori (Sparrow Dance)”

The Sendai Aoba Matsuri Festival is held every year in May, attracting 1 million visitors from all over Japan. The festival signifies the arrival of spring, and a major highlight includes the “Suzume odori” or Sparrow Dance. The origin of the dance dates back to the building of Sendai castle in 1603, when stone masons danced like sparrows, at a feast before the famous samurai lord: Masamune Date. The participants of TUIP will join the Tohoku University International Team and immerse themselves into an authentic regional culture with members of the local community together with domestic students at Tohoku University. Expert instructors will focus both on theory and practice of the art of dance and music in classes that are aligned with the intensive Japanese language classes and other Japanology lectures and workshops.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

This course is designed to improve students’ communication skills efficiently, focusing on a variety of interesting topics in everyday life. Our qualified teachers offer well-structured classes in a friendly environment.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS (subject to change)

The program offers a wide variety of lectures and hands-on workshops that explore Japan and its culture.

- Comparative Japanese Studies
- Governmental Policy in Japan
- Education in Japan
- Disaster Risk Prevention
- Japanese Law and Society
- Tea Ceremony (Sado)
- Flower Arrangement (Kado)
- Karate
- Japanese Drum (Wadaiko)



HOME STAY

The highlight of the program is an overnight stay at Japanese family. This cultural immersion will lead students to gain deeper understanding about Japanese culture and society.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

1 st WEEK							
	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	2-May
AM	Arrival & Check-in	Welcome & Orientation	Japanese language classes				Field Trip (optional)
PM			Lectures or Workshops, Project work				
2 nd WEEK							
	3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May
AM	Home stay			Free time	Japanese language classes		Field Trip (optional)
PM					Lectures or Workshops		
3 rd WEEK							
	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May
AM	Free time	Japanese language classes					Sparrow Dance Performance
PM		Lectures or Workshops, Project work					
4 th WEEK							
	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May
AM	Free time	Japanese language classes			Beer Brewery tour	Final Presentation & Farewell Party	Departure
PM		Lectures or Workshops, Project work					

Schedule and contents are subject to change without prior notice.

Application

Applicants are required to fill in the online application form and upload the required documents no later than the deadline below. Note that the results of an online Japanese test are used to balance the number of students in the appropriate classes.



Project Work with TU students

Required documents:

1. Transcript from the previous academic year in English
2. Photocopy of passport (page with applicant's photo)
3. Personal statement (300-400 words/reasons for applying)
4. Copy of English language ability certificate and scores (if applicable)
5. Result of online Japanese test: "TTBJ/SPOT90"
<http://ttbj1.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/apply/agree/>
6. Application Form for Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship with hand-written signature (if applicable)

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Nomination/Application Deadline	January 31st, 2020 (JST)
Admission Notification	Late February, 2020
Payment Deadline	March 31 st , 2020 (Payment instructions will be sent to those who are accepted)
Check-in	April 26 th , 2020
Welcome Ceremony	April 27 th , 2020
Farewell Ceremony	May 22 nd , 2020
Check-out	May 23 rd , 2020



Company visit : KIRIN Brewery

ACCOMMODATIONS

The university-contracted off-campus accommodations (hotel) will be a 20-min. walk from Kawauchi Campus, where most classes and activities will be held during the program. Each student will be assigned a furnished bedroom with a unit bathroom.

INSURANCE (Medical and Personal liability)

Short program participants are required to buy travel insurance in their own country BEFORE coming to Japan.

VISAS

Any student who needs a visa to enter Japan should indicate that on the application form. Tohoku University will provide an invitation letter to admitted students. Passport holders of certain countries do not need a visa to enter Japan for periods of less than 90 days.

FIELD TRIP (Optional)

Students can choose to join a field trip on an off day. They will visit some local areas and facilities, allowing them to experience Japanese culture and history on a deeper level. The participation fees will be approx. 6,000~7,000JPY.

Contact

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