

# **Application Guide for Tohoku University Future Global Leadership (FGL) Undergraduate Courses (October 2023 Enrollment)**

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## **1. Tohoku University**

### **(1) Philosophy & Mission**

With over 100 years of history and distinguished traditions, Tohoku University has promoted excellence in education and research under its principles of "Research First," "Open Doors," and "Practice-Oriented Research and Education" since its founding 1907. The university will maintain these traditions while striving for even more dramatic progress in the future. As a world-leading center of education and research, it will contribute to the human race by grappling with the difficult and complex issues facing the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Tohoku University will focus its efforts of its faculties, graduate schools, and research institutes on fostering ethical international leaders who will carry humanity into the future, while expanding its globally renowned creative research for the benefit of society at large.

### **(2) Characteristics**

#### 1) Three Foundational Ideals

Soon after its founding, Tohoku University established a set of unique ideals —"Research First," "Open Doors," and "Practice-Oriented Research and Education" — that it continually reimagines in response to the changing times.

#### 2) Rich Educational Environment

Tohoku University has numerous education and research organizations and facilities, comprising 10 undergraduate schools, 15 graduate schools, 3 professional graduate schools, and 6 research institutes. Research institute staff also participate in education (approx. 3,000 instructors; approx. 2,400 undergraduates, 2,700 for graduate students admitted/year).

#### 3) Research University

Tohoku University is continuously producing internationally recognized research outcomes and concertedly pushing forward with leading-edge research and education.

#### 4) Active Regional & Industrial-Academic Ties

The university is actively working to expand its diverse regional and industrial ties.

#### 5) Globalizing Education and Research

With an ever-expanding number of educational and research exchanges, Tohoku University is one of the top universities in terms of agreements with overseas universities. It strives to foster globally active individuals through strong support for studying abroad by Japanese students, as well as recruitment of numerous international students.

### **(3) Qualities of our Students**

In keeping with the above, the Tohoku University undergraduate curriculum enables students to achieve the following goals:

- 1) obtain knowledge in their specialized fields, but also a multifaceted perspective based on an interest in and general academic knowledge
- 2) receive the education necessary to become accomplished adults, able to contribute to their communities with field-specific expertise
- 3) develop the awareness and vision needed to assume leadership/central roles in the global community, in addition to basic competencies

Our undergraduate education offers a curriculum that creates organic links between General Education Subjects, which foster broad knowledge and sophistication, and Specialized Subjects, which confer basic knowledge in specialized fields. Active learning is promoted both in and outside the classroom to encourage autonomous learning.

Tohoku University seeks students who sympathize with these values, and possess the following:

- 1) the desire to contribute as researchers by seriously addressing issues facing humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- 2) the desire to significantly contribute to the development of society as high-level professionals with abundant

knowledge and leadership,

and the strength of will, intense academic curiosity and an appropriately high level of academic abilities to realize the above. As to what constitutes a high level of academic abilities, we expect candidates to have excellent grades in a wide range of high school subjects, possess logical thinking/problem-solving/analytical abilities, and abundant creativity, inventiveness, expressiveness, and communication skills. Students are also expected to be ethical and display leadership in their independent academic pursuits while maintaining a collaborative attitude when working with their peers.

## **2. Future Global Leadership (FGL) Undergraduate Courses (AMC, IMAC-U, AMB)**

### **(1) About FGL**

Tohoku University established three 4-year FGL undergraduate courses to attract applicants from around the world who possess an international view, the desire to be globally active, and excellent basic academic abilities.

As classes in these courses are conducted in English, Japanese ability is not required for the entrance examination. Because students can confidently begin studying without any knowledge of Japanese, we hope it will attract many students who have an interest in Japan and the desire to study at Tohoku University.

All courses are conducted by distinguished instructors and provide a system enabling students to learn everything from the basics of their field to the very latest knowledge. Students who fulfill the course requirements will receive the bachelor degree offered by their course.

Exchange activities with Japanese students are provided even outside of the classroom, being able to learn about Japanese language and culture. Tohoku University actively offers career support for students to help them continue to the graduate program, or find employment after graduation. This gives them opportunities to begin an active career in Japan or abroad.

### Financial Support for FGL Students

Tohoku University may provide any of the following financial supports for international students in the FGL undergraduate program who **indicate they want them at the time of application**.

- 1) 8 applicants (total for the 3 courses), who achieved an excellent outcome on the entrance examination and meet the criteria specified by Japanese Government (MEXT), will be recommended for the MEXT Scholarship by Tohoku University.
- 2) Except for recipients of 1) above, international students who have outstanding academic records and characters, are eligible for the President Fellowship.
- 3) Except for recipients of 1) above, international students who achieved an excellent outcome on the entrance examination, are of excellent character, and poses economic hardships, may be eligible for the MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students. However, those already living in Japan are not eligible.
- 4) All accepted applicants are eligible for two years of housing at University House Aobayama dormitory.

### **(2) Admission Policy for the FGL Undergraduate Courses (AMC, IMAC-U, AMB)**

#### **Faculty of Science (AMC) Admission Policy**

Science is the most basic field in terms of understanding how nature works. It includes a wide range of areas, from the microscopic world of subatomic particles, atomic nuclei, atoms, and molecules, to the macroscopic world of life, the earth and the cosmos.

The Faculty of Science has seven departments and five affiliated research facilities. As one of Japan's foremost scientific research centers, the Faculty of Science's mission is to foster pioneering researchers for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and leaders who will use their scientific education in various fields. We are looking for students who have a strong interest in science, flexible imaginations and minds, and excellent problem-solving skills. They should also possess intellectual curiosity and the desire for personal growth.

*Advanced Molecular Chemistry Course (AMC)*

The Advanced Molecular Chemistry Course provides a curriculum taught in English for students from diverse nations. It aims to foster individuals who will be capable of acting as international leaders in materials science, a field that is critical to creating new, world-changing technologies. We are seeking international students who understand the course's aims and have a strong desire to study in Japan. Applicants must pass a written test to assess basic academic skills and English proficiency, and an interview to evaluate their level of academic motivation, language ability, and communication skills.

**School of Engineering (IMAC-U) Admission Policy**

The School of Engineering fosters highly creative individuals who can think for themselves and who will use their broad perspective and deep knowledge of humans and nature to lead scientific and technological innovation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are seeking students with excellent academic records, a strong desire to study at the School of Engineering, a deep interest in human society, the ability to confront the unknown, the capacity to think about things logically, the patience to develop theories and applications for themselves, a deep concern for others, and a leadership ability.

*International Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Course (IMAC-U)*

The International Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Course (IMAC-U) seeks students who will pursue science and technology that improves peoples' lives, while being active both in Japan and abroad via exchange with students from various countries. The application screening will consist of an evaluation of the academic records from the candidate's previous schools, university entrance examination score, English proficiency test score, and a written test that will assess basic Physics and Mathematics proficiency, logical thinking skills, and articulation. In addition, the interview will evaluate the candidate's knowledge of science and technology, English proficiency, and enthusiasm and initiative towards learning/research.

**Faculty of Agriculture (AMB) Admission Policy**

The Faculty of Agriculture pursues creative basic and applied research in scientific fields, such as food, health, and environment that are closely connected to the existence and well-being of the human race. The goals of this faculty are to provide students with specialized knowledge, technical expertise, and comprehensive thinking skills. We encourage them to have an international perspective and be active in the global community. We seek applicants with strong interest and motivation regarding research in the above-mentioned fields, the desire to improve their individual abilities at this faculty, and the potential to become community leaders working autonomously to solve and confront future problems.

*Applied Marine Biology Course (AMB)*

The Applied Marine Biology Course (AMB) seeks applicants who have obtained solid basic academic skills overseas, and will act as leaders by independently solving problems related to marine biology in an international context. Applicants will be selected based on a screening of their transcripts in fundamental academic areas (English, Mathematics, Science), and written test and interview to determine their knowledge/motivation regarding marine biology, logical thinking ability, and communication skills.

**(3) FGL Program Capacities**

The recruitment capacities for new students in each bachelor degree course are as follows.

Faculty	Department	Course	Capacity(see *1)
Faculty of Science	Department of Chemistry	Advanced Molecular Chemistry Course (AMC)	About 10
School of Engineering	Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	International Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Course (IMAC-U)	About 15 (see *2)
Faculty of Agriculture	Department of Applied Biosciences	Applied Marine Biology Course (AMB)	About 10

\*1: After successful applicants have been notified, if the number who actually enroll is fewer than the program's capacity, additional applicants may be admitted from the wait list.

\*2: Capacity given for the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering includes applicants from other examination divisions.

### **3. Important Dates for Applications, Screenings and Admissions**

Application Submission Period	<b>Noon (JST) 2023.1.10 (Tue.) to Noon (JST) 1.18 (Wed.)</b>
Announcement of 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Screening Outcome	<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.2.16 (Thu.)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening	<b>One or two days during 2023.3.6 (Mon.) to 3.10 (Fri.)</b>
Announcement of Successful Applicants	<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.4.3 (Mon.)</b>
Admission Procedures	<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.4.3 (Mon.) to 8:00 (JST) 4.10 (Mon.)</b>

### **4. Eligibility for FGL**

#### **(1) Basic Qualifications**

You must fulfill, or expect to fulfill by **September 30, 2023**, (A) and (B) below, and any one of 1), 2), or 3) from (C).

(A) Your nationality is, in principle, other than Japanese. (if you are not a Japanese citizen but hold a Permanent Residence permit, you cannot apply.)

(B) The total amount of education you received in a school conforming to the Japanese educational system, whether in Japan or overseas, is six years or less.

(C)	1)	<p><b>You have completed a 12-year curriculum of school education outside Japan, or have an equivalent education as specified by the Minister of Education of Japan.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must have completed a curriculum deemed equivalent to that of a Japanese high school.</li> <li>If you completed a 12-year curriculum in 11 years or fewer (because you skipped a year, graduated early, etc.), please contact us before applying.</li> </ul>
	2)	<p><b>You fulfill any one of a, b, c, d, or e below.</b></p> <p>a. You have an International Baccalaureate Degree granted by the Swiss International Baccalaureate Organization.</p> <p>b. You have an Abitur qualification, which qualifies you to enroll in a university in the Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>c. You have a Baccalaureate qualification, which qualifies you to enroll in a university in the French Republic.</p> <p>d. You have a General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, which qualifies you to enroll in a university in the United Kingdom</p> <p>e. You have completed a 12-year curriculum at an educational institution whose educational activities have been certified by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), or Council of International Schools (CIS).</p>
	3)	<p><b>Your academic abilities are judged to be equal or superior to those of a high school graduate upon individual screening of qualifications by Tohoku University and you are at least 18 years old.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When applying under this provision, you must contact us by e-mail at least one month prior to the submission deadline.</li> </ul>

\* Japanese citizens who wish to apply should contact us, as in 3) above, to confirm that they are eligible before applying. For details, please see "2. Admissions" in the FAQ.

**(2) Requirements for Each Course**

You must fulfill the requirements of both (A) and (B) below.

\*Caution: If you are unable to submit a test score certificate showing the subjects taken and scores by the submission deadline, we will be unable to accept your application.

**(A) Academic Qualifications**

Submit scores for the subject tests required by your desired course.

Required Subjects for Each Course:

Course	Examination	Required Subjects
AMC	IB	Mathematics HL, Chemistry HL and Physics SL/HL
	GCE A Level, International A Level	Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
	Cambridge Pre-U	Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
	ACT (with/without writing)	Mathematics and Science
	AP	Mathematics (Calculus), Physics, and Chemistry
	EJU	Mathematics Course 2, Physics, and Chemistry.
	SAT Subject Tests	Mathematics Level 2, Physics, and Chemistry
	National Standardized Examinations (see separate list of exams)	Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
IMAC-U	IB	Mathematics HL, Physics HL and Chemistry SL/HL
	GCE A Level, International A Level	Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics
	Cambridge Pre-U	Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
	ACT (with/without writing)	Mathematics and Science
	AP	Mathematics (Calculus), Physics, and Chemistry
	EJU	Mathematics Course 2, Physics, and Chemistry.
	SAT Subject Tests	Mathematics Level 2, Physics, and Chemistry
	National Standardized Examinations (see separate list of exams)	Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
AMB	IB	Mathematics HL, and any two from Physics HL, Chemistry HL, and Biology HL
	GCE A Level, International A Level	Mathematics, and any two from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
	Cambridge Pre-U	Mathematics, and any two from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
	ACT (with/without writing)	Mathematics and Science
	AP	Mathematics (Calculus); any two from Chemistry, Physics, and Biology
	EJU	Mathematics Course 2, and any two from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.
	SAT Subject Tests	Mathematics Level 2, and any two from Chemistry, Physics, and Biology E/M
	National Standardized Examinations (see separate list of exams)	Mathematics and Science (any two from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology)

Notes on IB, GCE A Level, International A Level, and Cambridge Pre-U

- You may also submit your predicted grades/scores.
- If you are accepted based on predicted grades/scores, you will be considered "conditionally accepted." To be formally accepted, you must submit proof that you have obtained a diploma and your final scores/grades by August 31(Thu.), 2023. Be aware that your final grades/scores may result in your conditional acceptance being withdrawn.
- AS Level scores are also required for GCE A Levels. O Levels are not accepted.

## Notes on EJU

- In general, you should take the examination the year before you want to enroll or later.
- The EJU may be taken in either Japanese or English. (No Japanese language test required.)

Table: Accepted National Standardized Examinations

Country	Examination	Acceptance of Predicted Grade grades/scores
China	The National College Entrance Exam (GAOKAO)	You may also submit your predicted grades/scores. Predicted grades/scores must bear your school principal's official stamp or signature.
China	General Senior Secondary Graduation Examination (Huikao)	*If you are accepted based on predicted grades/scores, you will be considered "conditionally accepted." To be formally accepted, you must submit your final scores by August 31(Thu.), 2023
France	Baccalaureate	. Be aware that your final grades/scores may result in your conditional acceptance being withdrawn.
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Advanced Level Exam (HKALE, HKDSE)	-
Korea	College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT)	-
Taiwan	General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT)	-
Malaysia	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)	-
Malaysia	Unified Examination Certificate	-
Malaysia	Matriculation Programme Exam	-
Vietnam	University Enrolling Examination (UEE)	-
Thailand	Ordinary National Education Testing (O-NET)	-
Thailand	GAT/PAT	-
India	Class XII Examinations (CBSE/CISCE or state examination boards)	-
Nepal	Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB)	-
Egypt	Thanawiya Amma Examination	-
Germany	Abitur	-

**(B) English Proficiency**

Submit either (I) or (II) below.

(I) Submit a score from the TOEFL iBT® TEST (including Home Edition) or IELTS Academic. TOEFL ITP® TEST and IELTS Indicator are not accepted. The score must be equal or superior to that required by the desired FGL course.

Course	Required Score
AMC, IMAC-U, AMB	TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition): 79 or higher, IELTS Academic: 6.0 or higher

\*Score must be from a test dated October 2021 or later.

\*Only a score with a test date can be used for the TOEFL iBT®. (*MyBest*™ scores are not accepted.)

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(II) Applicants who attended middle/high schools where the primary language of teaching is English for four years or longer in one of the countries specified below, may present a document to that effect from the school's principal or guidance counselor in place of the test scores described in (I) above.

Applicable Countries: America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, Ireland, the Caribbean Islands (Not all Caribbean Islands are eligible. Please inquire in advance.)

**IMPORTANT**

We accept all exam results electronically via the online application system. Consequently you do NOT need to ask the organizations/institutions that run your examinations to send original result certificates directly to us by postal mail. However, should you wish to do so, Tohoku University's registration codes are as follows.

ACT: College Code 7083; Tohoku Univ. FGL Program  
TOEFL - DI Code 7477; Tohoku University FGL Undergraduate Admissions

Documents received through postal mail will not be returned.

**(3) Requests for Consideration on Screening and Studies**

Consulting is available for applicants who have special needs related to their screening and studies. Those with a physical disability, or who wish to consult with us on issues that may have affected past test results, please submit the following information to us (no special form required) at least two months before the application deadline. Making such inquiries will not negatively affect their applications in any way. However, please understand that we may be unable to meet some requests.

*Required information:*

- Name, address, phone number
- Name of high school etc. from which you graduated (will graduate)
- Description of considerations required regarding screening and/or studies
- Any special day-to-day needs
- Other reference materials (applicants currently undergoing medical treatment, please send a copy of doctor's diagnosis)

**5. Application Procedures****(1) Application Period**

Application periods are shown below. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Application Period
<b>Noon (JST) 2023.1.10 (Tue.) to Noon (JST) 1.18 (Wed.)</b>

**(2) Paying the Examination Fee**

The below examination fee must be paid as described below during the above Application Period.

Examination Fee: JPY 5,000.

Applicant must pay transfer/handling fees. Payment is made by credit card (parent/guardian cards accepted). Please use e-shiharai.net to make payment. See the following URL for detailed instructions.

Undergraduate (English)>How to Apply> Examination Fee Payment Instruction

URL: <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/degree/undergraduate-english/>

The examination fee is nonrefundable once the application has been accepted. However, if the application is not accepted, or the examination fee is accidentally paid twice, this fee will be refunded to the payer's credit account via the credit card company three months after the application deadline. At that time, transfer/handling fee will be charged in addition to the examination fee. Refunds cannot be made if the payer cancels the credit card, or uses a prepaid card not attached to an account.

### (3) Online Application Procedures

**Applications are accepted only through the online application system.**

#### (A) Outline of the Online Application

Please upload all application documents as listed below onto the online application system during the application period. Your application will only be accepted if you complete the application procedures through the system during the Application Period.

If we have any questions about your application, admissions staff will contact you via the system. Please follow their instructions.

The online application system: <https://admissions-office.net/en/portal>

#### (B) Required Information/Documents

##### *Required Information*

1) Applicant Information	Enter your name, date of birth, gender, nationality, and contact information. *In your contact information, please give a mailing address, name, phone number, and e-mail address at which you can reliably receive communications and notifications from Tohoku University. *If your current address differs from your permanent address, please enter both. Posted items will be sent to your current address.
2) Academic Record	Enter information for all schools you have attended from elementary school to present.
3) Current Status	If you have already graduated from high school at the time of your application and are not attending any school now, please describe what you are currently doing.
4) Basic Qualifications	Confirm your basic qualifications to apply. *See 4.-(1).
5) Requirements (Part 1)	Academic Qualification Examination or Standardized National Examination *See 4.-(2) (A) and enter the exam name as shown in Appendix 1, required subjects, and your scores/grades.
6) Requirements (Part 2)	English Proficiency Test *See 4.-(2) (B) and enter the test date and your score in the appropriate fields.
7) Scholarship Preference	Check yes/no for MEXT Scholarship, President Fellowship, and MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students. Only international students (applicants with "Student" resident status) are eligible. Also explain your reason for requiring a scholarship. This will not affect the admission decision.
8) Dormitory Preference	Indicate whether or not you want a room at the University House Aobayama dormitory.
9) Other Important Information	Enter other information here as needed.
10) Other Universities	If you are applying to any other universities, please note them here. This will not affect the admission decision.

*Required Documents: Please upload the following documents via the online application system.*

- Also upload Japanese or English translations for any documents written in languages other than English.
- All file names for uploaded documents must be exactly the same as those indicated on the system.
- After uploading the required documents, please pay the examination fee.

1) Photograph	Must have been taken within three months of your application. No hats. Photo must be clear and taken in front of a plain background. Please use a passport photo or similar.
2) Statement of Reasons for Applying	Essay on your reasons for applying to your chosen FGL course. Please download the form from the FGL website or the online application system, and write about 400 words in English.
3) Proof of Graduation / Enrollment Certificate	If you are applying under item (C)-1) of the Basic Qualifications: Submit proof of graduation or certificate of expected graduation issued by your high school. If you are applying under item (C)-2) of the Basic Qualifications: Submit the certificate issued by the relevant accrediting institution (e.g. International Baccalaureate Degree etc.)
4) Academic Transcript	If you are applying under item (C)-1) of the Basic Qualifications: Submit an academic transcript issued by your high school etc. If you are applying under item (C)-2) of the Basic Qualifications: Submit an academic transcript issued by the relevant accrediting institution. Any subject names shown as codes or abbreviations must be accompanied by explanations/descriptions. *Transcript should include an explanation of the grading criteria and show your GPA. *If you were allowed to skip years or graduate early, provide an explanation of the circumstances. *Grades must be included for the past three years (10th and 11th grades, up to the most recent semester in which grades were received).
5) Certificates for Application Requirements (Part 1)	*See 4.-(2)-(A).
6) Certificates for Application Requirements (Part 2)	*See 4.-(2)-(B).
7) Proof of Nationality	Document issued by the authorities of your country proving your nationality, or a copy of your passport (page showing your name, date of birth, and nationality). *If you already live in Japan, also submit a copy of your Resident Card.
8) Receipt for Examination Fee	When paying with e-shiharai.net, print out the final "Result" screen that is displayed upon completing payment.
9) Reference Materials	These are optional. If you want to submit any reference materials (e.g. awards or commendations you have received), you may do so.

#### **(4) Notices and Warnings**

- 1) If your application documents are incomplete, you may be asked to resubmit them, or submit documents by postal mail. If you do not complete your application by the deadline, it will not be accepted.
- 2) Application documents cannot be changed or withdrawn once they have been accepted.
- 3) If any application documents are found to have been falsified you will be disqualified, even if you have already been accepted.

## **6. Screening Method and Notification of Outcome**

### **(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening is conducted as follows, based on the documents you submit.

Course	Documents Examined
AMC, IMAC-U, AMB	a. Academic transcript issued by your school etc. b. Score from academic qualification exam or national standardized exam for college entrance c. Score from English proficiency test, etc. d. Statement of reasons for applying

## (2) Notification of 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening Outcome

The examination numbers of those who pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening will be announced on the FGL website.

Announcement of 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Screening Results
<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.2.16 (Thu.)</b>

- FGL Website: <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/degree/undergraduate-english/>
- If you pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening, examination tickets and instructions regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening will be sent via the online application system. You must present the ticket on the day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening.
- If you do not pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening, a notification will be sent via the online application system.

## (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening

If you pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Screening, you will be eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening, which will be held as follows.

Date	<b>One or two days during 2023.3.6 (Mon.) to 3.10 (Fri.)</b>	
	<p>*May be held on other dates if necessary. Details will be provided via the online application system.</p> <p>*We cannot accept requests to change the date or time once they have been determined by the university. Please keep your schedule open during the screening period.</p>	
Method	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening will be conducted as follows.	
	Course	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening Method
	AMC	Written and oral test including questions that will test basic academic ability in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, and essay.
	IMAC-U	Written and oral test including questions that will test basic academic ability in Physics and Mathematics.
	AMB	Written and oral test to determine knowledge of and interest in the field of marine biology, ability to think logically, and expressiveness.
<p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening written tests and interviews will be conducted online. You will need a computer equipped with a webcam and microphone. You might be asked to prepare another device equipped with a camera (tablet, smartphone etc.) to enable monitoring of the examination.</p> <p>In addition, you will need a fast, stable Internet connection (wired LAN is preferable) and a quiet place (a room in your own home etc.) to take the exam. Failure to follow the exam supervisor's instructions may result in disqualification.</p>		

## (4) Notification of 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening Outcome

The examination numbers of those who pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening will be announced on our website.

Announcement of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Screening Results
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<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.4.3 (Mon.)</b>
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- FGL Website: <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/degree/undergraduate-english/>
  - Successful applicants will be notified by the online application system. An official letter of acceptance will be sent by postal mail to the address you provided in your application.

## **7. Admission Procedures**

An outline of the admission procedures is as follows. Details will be explained in the Enrollment Guide.

### **(1) Deadlines for Admission Procedures**

Admissions Period	<b>10:00 (JST) 2023.4.3 (Mon.) to 8:00 (JST) 4.10 (Mon.)</b>
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- Failure to complete the admission procedures during this period will result in loss of permission to enroll.
- After successful applicants have been notified, if the number who actually enroll is fewer than the program's capacity, additional applicants may be admitted from the wait list. We are unable to respond to any inquiries regarding the acceptance of additional applicants.

### **(2) Fees**

1) Entrance and tuition fees are as follows.

Entrance Fee	JPY 282,000
Tuition Fee	JPY 267,900 (per semester) x 2 = JPY 535,800/year

- The above amounts are subject to change. If fee amounts are changed, the new fees will apply from the time of the revision.
- Payment deadlines will be announced in the Enrollment Guide.

2) Insurance for International Students

After admission, international students are required to enroll in insurance plans that cover medical fees for injuries/illnesses and liability. Insurance fees come to about JPY 40,000 total for all four years. Details will be explained in the Enrollment Guide.

## **8. Scholarships**

1) *Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship*

International students who indicate that they wish to receive support at the time of their application, 8 successful FGL applicants (total for the 3 courses) who achieve excellent scores on the entrance examination, and meet the criteria specified by Japanese Government (MEXT), will be recommended for the MEXT Scholarship. Applicants selected for this scholarship will receive JPY 119,000/month for four years (as of AY 2021; amount subject to change each academic year). Entrance and tuition fees will be waived. They will also receive an economy-class air ticket for travel between an international airport in their country of citizenship and Narita International Airport upon enrollment (arrival) and graduation (departure).

However, certain subjects are mandatory for MEXT Scholarship students and they must maintain a GPA of over 2.30 while receiving scholarship payments. The formula used to calculate GPA will be explained when you enroll. Each recipient's GPA will be reviewed every academic year; if it drops below the specified level, they will be required to withdraw from the scholarship.

This scholarship has other conditions for those who are already living in Japan at the time of their application. Please inquire if this applies to you.

2) *Tohoku University President Fellowship*

International students who both indicated that they wish to receive a scholarship at the time of their application, and have outstanding academic records and characters, are eligible for the President Fellowship , which is equivalent amount of the examination, entrance, and tuition fees for the 1st year and to tuition later, at Tohoku University. The maximum duration of the scholarship is four years.

After being accepted recipients will be subject to grade and progress reviews. Payments may be terminated if their performance is deemed inadequate.

3) *MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students*

If JASSO issues a call for applicants for the Reservation Program for the MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (university recommendation), Tohoku University will recommend some of its privately financed international students who indicated that they wish to receive a scholarship at the time of their application, have outstanding examination results and characters, and are facing financial hardships in connection with their studies (those already living in Japan are not eligible). Applicants selected for this scholarship will receive JPY 48,000/month for half a year (2023.10-2024.3). Applicants can receive the President Fellowship simultaneously with this scholarship. They can also apply through their faculty to extend this scholarship for the next academic year and onward.

\*Only international students (those whose residence status is "Student") are eligible for these scholarships.

Scholarship Award

Scholarship Details \ Recipients		1) Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship	* Those not receiving 1) Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship are eligible. * 2) and 3) can be received simultaneously.	
			2) President Fellowship	3) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
Amount & Period (Living Stipend)		JPY 119,000/mo. x 12mos. x 4 yrs. + economy air ticket to/from Japan	JPY 267,900/term x 4 yrs.	JPY 48,000 x 6 mos. (2023.10–2024.3)
Examination Fee JPY 5,000	Upon Enrolling	—	Refunded after enrollment	—
Entrance Fee JPY 282,000	Upon Enrolling	Not required (waived)	Refunded after enrollment	—
Yearly Tuition Fee JPY 267,900 x 2 = JPY 535,800	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> yr.	Not required (waived)	Students can apply to have tuition fees fully or partially waived.	—

**9. Housing (University House Aobayama)**

To ensure FGL students are in an environment where they can focus on their studies, Tohoku University provides them housing at the University House Aobayama dormitory for the first two years.

- Dormitories are for the sole use of the dorm residents. Friends and family of residents cannot stay with them. The kitchens, showers, toilets, and laundry rooms are shared with other residents.
- Dormitory fees are approximately JPY 36,000/month, which residents must pay themselves. They are also charged for utilities, rental items, etc.
- Smoking is prohibited everywhere in dormitories.
- From the third year (September 2025), FGL students must move to private apartments. Rent is typically JPY 30,000-60,000/month. Usually, 1-3 months of rent is charged upon signing the lease as key money/deposit. Students must pay all housing fees themselves.

**10. Other**

Tohoku University Policy on Personal Information:

Tohoku University handles the personal information of all applicants and entrants in strict accordance with Japanese law.

1)	All personal information gathered by Tohoku University shall be treated with due care in compliance with the Law for the Protection of Personal Information Retained by Independent Administrative Institutions, and the Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Tohoku University, and security measures will be taken to protect it.
2)	Personal information, such as examination scores, used to screen applicants will be used exclusively for educational purposes, such as selecting applicants, enrollment procedures, pre-enrollment instruction, follow-up surveys, post-enrollment student support (scholarships, tuition waivers and health management etc.) and academic advising, or in connection with tuition collection etc.

**11. Contact Information**

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\*If you have any questions, please refer to the online FAQ.

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