

Regarding Section 16, "Place of visa application"

- I'm planning to travel from my home country to my school country mid-march, but as I don't know when I will be receiving the COE, which place of visa application should I write?

→ You do not necessarily need to apply for the visa at the place where you have mentioned on your COE web application system.

Regarding Section 18, "Past history of applying for a certificate of eligibility"

- I went to Japan as a high school student (not university). Does that mean I have a past COE application or is COE for adults only?

→ If you have stayed in Japan more than 3 months as a student or for non-sightseeing/tourism purposes, you have most likely applied for the COE. If you are not sure, we strongly recommend you to check with your previous school/past entry history.

Regarding Section 23, "Education (last school or institution) or present school"

- In the section 23 if I'm attending my master degree I have to select master, haven't I?

→ Yes. Please select your degree course.

Regarding Section 24, "Method of support to pay for expenses while studying at Tohoku University"

- As for the proof of self-financing - is a pdf bank statement about current balance from online banking enough?

→ As long as we can confirm the name of the bank, bank account holder's name, amount, and issued date of the statement, we can accept it.

- Since bank statement is going to show the amount in my home country's currency, do I need to convert and have them written separately in Yen?

→ If you could, please add converted amount to your document. Or you can write them in a separate sheet.

- If our home university gives us a contribution money for exchange student. We have to put it in a scholarship?

→ If it is not considered a scholarship please put it as "Others" in the Web

Application system (Section 24), and provide us details.

- If I have a supporter living abroad whose annual income is over 2,000,000 yen, and I'm also receiving a scholarship, do I need to add the scholarship information as part of my financial support?

→ If you receive a scholarship and use it as an expense during your stay in Japan, please add scholarship information, and upload the certificate.

- I have a question about the date of Jasso scholarship announcement. In case it's not announced within the time of COE application, I have to choose "Self" in number 24 right?

→ As mentioned on Form 2, please do not add JASSO information as scholarship.

- If I have more than 480,000 yen in my bank account (I will stay for 6 months) but I also receive scholarships (of unknown amount), can I just put myself as the supporter and not mention the scholarships at all?

→ If you receive a scholarship(except JASSO), please fill out your scholarship information. *If you cannot submit the scholarship certificate/proof document, do not fill out those scholarship information.

- If I am receiving financial aid at my school for that school period, do I need to submit my school as a supporter?

→ If it's considered as a scholarship, please fill it out as Others / その他 on (1) Method of support and amount of support per month (average) section, and please provide us the details.

- I applied for state-funding (not a typical Scholarship) by my home country. However, I will not know if or how much funding I will receive until April/May. Luckily I have enough money at the moment.

So should I just not mention the state-funding at all? Because I don't need it as of now and do not have any proof for it yet.

→ If you cannot submit the scholarship certificate/proof document, do not fill out those scholarship information.

- If my supporters annual income is over 2,000,000 Yen I understand that I should not submit supporting documentation like a bank statement. But do I need to

submit a document proofing the annual income? Or can I just write it without any proof?

→ You do not need to submit a document of proof of the annual income.

Regarding Section 25, "Plans after graduation or completion of the program at Tohoku University"

- For the expiration date of the exchange student acceptance period for question 25, the information is not provided on GLC form 2. should we leave it blank?

→ Please check the section "Period of Enrollment at Tohoku University (Application Item No. 3)" in the web page below.

<https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/coe-application-instructions-for-exchange-programs-form-2/>

Regarding Section 26, "Research subject"

- Regarding application item No. 26 for COLABS students: how specific does my research theme have to be? Is it sufficient to write a Research Keyword? I founds that something like mathematics may be not okay.

→ If your research theme is not decided yet, please write as specific as possible.

Regarding Section of "Attachments"

- In COE WEB entering information page, which are the attachments, that are not specified? I 'm talking about attachment 3,4,5 below the copy of passport and the photo.

→ Attachment 3, 4,5 are for the documents such as scholarship certificate or bank statement, if necessarily. Attachment order does not matter.

Questions regarding Other ideas

- How to apply for Jasso support?

→ Regarding Jasso or anything related to your exchange program beside COE, please contact with

Student Exchange Division (studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp)

- Do we need proof of leaving the Country by entry? like a ticket for a flight back? and how Long are we allowed to stay in Japan?

→ You do need to bring proof of leaving the country for entry into Japan. All the exchange students in JYPE/DEEP/IPLA/COLABS are required to return to their home

institutes right after the program at Tohoku University ends to complete their own course work. If you wish to stay in Japan after your program for the purpose of sightseeing, tourism etc, you must change your residential status.

- Since the COE only last for 3 months, does it means that I need to apply for COE again after coming to Japan if I stay more than 3 months?

→ COE is required document for the visa application.

- I renewed my passport after applying for the Exchange semester at Tohoku, which means I have a new passport now (so with a different passport number). Will it be a problem for the COE application?

→ I assume that you have used your old passport to apply for an exchange program, and you have not applied for the COE. If so, it does not affect your COE application. Please apply for the COE with your new passport.

- Are we allowed to enter Japan before 18th March?

→ Please do not enter Japan before 18th March.

- Could we enter Japan before 18th March with a Tourist visa?

→ **No**. You must enter Japan with a student COE and student visa.