

Application Guidelines for Admitting Students through Double Degree Programs at Tohoku University in AY2026

These guidelines are designed to admit students through the following Double Degree Programs in the 2026 academic year. The qualifications and requirements are determined by the Memorandum of Understanding and Details of Implementation for each program.

- Double Degree Program with KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
- Double Degree Program with INSA-Lyon, France
- Double Degree Program with five schools of Ecole Centrale Group, France

Before applying, you must contact your prospective academic advisor at Tohoku University and receive their consent. And please note that only faculty members who hold the position of Professor (教授) or Associate Professor (准教授) can supervise students, an “Assistant Professor” (助教), etc. cannot be your academic advisor at Tohoku University.

Regarding department, research group and advisor preferences, please refer to the information available on Tohoku University's official website: [Double Degree Program](#)

Applicants to the programs mentioned above must submit the following documents to the Student Exchange Division of Tohoku University via the Application form (Google form).

※All the files, except the ID photo, must be in PDF format.

1. Double Degree application form (Google form), Tohoku University
2. Statement of your reasons for the choice of the advisor (free format, single page)
3. Statement of your reasons for applying to the program (free format, single page)
4. A letter of consent from your prospective advisor at Tohoku University
(A copy of the email indicating the professor's consent is also ok.)
5. Two recommendation letters from persons who know your academic qualifications
(e.g., Your direct supervisor and an official representative of your institution)
6. Curriculum Vitae with a passport-sized photo taken within the past six months
7. Undergraduate academic transcripts. Your academic transcript should list your academic record throughout your whole study period: courses taken, grades received, any honors or degrees awarded etc.
8. English Language Certificate (If your native language is not English)
A certificate from an internationally recognized English exam is preferable. If not available, consider obtaining a recommendation letter from your English language instructor(s).)
9. A photocopy of your passport
10. Identity Photo (JPEG)
11. Certificate of bachelor's degree or equivalent document (preferably in English)
12. Pledge of Compliance (hand-signed by yourself)

Selections will be determined through a comprehensive review of the abovementioned application and documents, and an interview between you and your prospective advisor over the Internet. Finally, we will send the results to the applicants in April (France) and December (Sweden).

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Application process

Please be aware that each partner institution's application process and schedule are different, as shown below.

Schedule for students taking the Japanese language course	
	KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
Application period	June 2025 to September 2025
Selection period (including online interview)	September 2025 to December 2025
Expected date of result announcement	Late December 2025
Students come to Japan	End of March 2026
Japanese course	April 2026 to September 2026
Master course	From October 2026

Schedule for students starting the master course directly	
	KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
Application period	June 2025 to September 2025
Selection period (including online interview)	September 2025 to December 2025
Expected date for announcement of results	Late December 2025
Students come to Japan	End of March 2026
Master course	From April 2026

Schedule for students taking the Japanese language course	
	INSA-Lyon, Ecole Centrale Group (France)
Application period	December 2025 to February 2026
Selection period (including online interview)	February to March 2026
Expected date for announcement of results	April~May 2026
Students come to Japan	End of September 2026
Japanese course	October 2025 to March 2026
Master course	From April 2027

Schedule for students starting the master course directly	
	INSA-Lyon, Ecole Centrale Group (France)
Application period	December 2025 to February 2026
Selection period (including online interview)	February to April 2026
Expected date for announcement of results	April~May 2026
Students come to Japan	End of September 2026
Master course	From October 2026