

## 1. Student's Life

•Do you think the program and the educational environment helped promote your research? In either case, please also explain the reasons behind your answer.

I liked my laboratory, several lectures and the variety of places to study. The administration staff were also always nice and supportive.

•Suggestions and criticisms for space of improvement

There were very few choices for lectures in English and I was disappointed by the lack of conferences.

## 2. Living in Sendai: Experience and Advice

•Tips for new arrivals. (e.g., food and traffic can be more expensive than the cost in France)

The shinkansen is expensive but there are more affordable buses and boats between each big city in Japan.

•What is the monthly cost of maintenance in Sendai beyond the dormitory?

Maybe about 400 euros. JASSO scholarship was sufficient.

•Preparation for essential items for maintenance before arrival: living accessories, manuals of various kinds, etc.

I could not find tampons (for girls' periods) in Japan. Also maybe some medicine can be useful. It is also very cold in winter, so I suggest snow boots and a ski jacket.

•Difficulties you may encounter after arriving in Japan. (e.g., shopping, hospitality) If any.

Do not put too much pressure on you to fit in with Japanese culture. Just be yourself if this does not imply to be rude.

Besides, I have regretted not taking the intensive course during the first 6 first months. Since double degree students were not well categorized, I thought I could not but apparently, some other double degree student took this class. Moreover, this class is more intermediate level so you should better have a good basis before coming. But anyway, the first months are also an opportunity to discover Japan slowly and to settle.

- Leisure (Upload as many photos as you want)

I am sorry I broke my phone. I don't have good pictures.

### **3. Career paths**

- Pursuing graduate school degree (including PhD) at home university or Tohoku University

The double degree partnership was an opportunity for me to pass from engineering to physics. Also, I found it enriching to discover another working environment and new academic requirements. (20% of lectures and 80% of research). Ensure your supervisor can speak English well enough for you to learn from him/her. I think my learning would have been significantly better if I did not have so many misunderstandings with my supervisor.

- Professional career outside of academia

You can also come for a specific expertise. For example, Japan is a leader in neutrino physics and has famous experiments like KamLAND.