



COLABS

**A Guide
for the Tohoku University
Cooperative Laboratory
Study Program
2026 Fall**

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1. Study

- **Core Course (Required)**

Individual Research Training in Lab (IRTLab)

- **Elective Courses**

COLABS students are required to take **30 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) Equivalent or more each semester, including the ECTS Equivalent from the IRTLab course.

Description of School Hours (Workload) **for IRTLab**

1. Implementation Hours

2. Participation Hours in lab. activities

- Oral presentations
- Seminars
- Meetings
- Tutorials
- Independent study
- Other laboratory activities

Elective Courses

- A) - Master and Doctor courses in the Graduate School of**
Engineering / Information Sciences / Life Sciences / Environmental Studies /
Biomedical Engineering / Agricultural Science / Medicine / Dentistry / Pharmaceutical Sciences /
- International Graduate Program for Advanced Science courses**
(IGPAS) in the Graduate School of Science

*Detailed info available at Academic Affairs Section of Graduate School

B) Courses in the Junior Year Program in English (JYPE)

*JYPE program is designed for undergraduate students, however, COLABS students can also take JYPE courses.

C) Collaborative Learning class:

We highly recommend the Intercultural Collaborative Learning class for its unique opportunity to enhance intercultural communication and teamwork in a global setting.

D) Japanese Language Program at Kawauchi (JLPK):

If you plan to take Japanese language courses, watch the instruction video and register for courses.

(2) Course Description of IRTLab

	Assignments	Applicable Students	Deadline/Date
1	<u>Summary</u> * (template available)	All Student *Students participating for two semesters should submit it every semester .	Jan.21, 2027 (Fall) July 22, 2027 (Spring)
2	<u>IRTLab Poster Presentation</u> * (width 83cm x height 120cm)	Fall-Spring students	February 4-5, 2027
		Spring-Fall students	August 4-6, 2027
	<u>IRTLab Oral Presentation</u> * (approx. 15min.)	Fall-only students Spring-Fall Students	February 4-5, 2027
		Fall-Spring students Spring-only students	August 4-6, 2027
3	<u>Research Paper</u> * (A4 size / 30-40 pages as a guide)	Oral Presentation Students Only *Students participating for two semesters should submit it one time in their last semester	Feb. 15, 2027 (Fall) Aug. 15, 2027 (Spring)

* **Mandatory**

Deadlines/Dates = Japan Standard Time (JST) (as of September 2026)

(2) Course Description of IRTLab

IRTLab Course Categories

Table 1. School Hours (workload)

Category Name		IRTLab1	IRTLab2	IRTLab3	IRTLab4
School Hours for IRTLab (hours)	1. Implementation Hours (Research time)	150	240	300	420
	2. Participation Hours in laboratory activities	150	210	250	330
Total School Hours		300	450	550	750
ECTS Equivalent of School Hours (25 hours = 1ECTS)		12	18	22	30

Table 2. Total TU credit units of elective courses per semester necessary for completion

Categories of IRTLab (Required Course)	IRTLab1	IRTLab2	IRTLab3	IRTLab4
Total TU credits of elective courses per semester necessary for completion	9	6	4	0

Students are strongly recommended to take **IRTLab 4** or **IRTLab 3**.

(3) Course Registration

Obtain Approval from Academic Advisor

If you plan to take an Intercultural Collaborative Learning (ICL) course, please **obtain permission from the course instructor** via email.



Submit
Course Registration
Form

Deadline: **October 14**
at Noon



Register
for JLPK courses

Details: Refer to the Syllabus - JLPK page

Period : **October 8 - 22**

Grading, Credit Transfer and Transcripts & Certificate

Gradeing: AA 90–100 / A 80–89 / B 70–79 / C 60–69 / D Fail

Credit Transfer:

- Credits certified by each faculty
- Transfer according to **home university's policy**

Transcripts & Certificate* (PDF):

- Official transcript* will be uploaded in each student's folder and a notification email will be sent out: (*Certificate Request is NOT Required)
- Certificate of Completion issued upon fulfilling program requirements

(6) Period of Study in Exchange Program

Program	Study Period	Program End:
JYPE	1 or 2 Semester(s)	Poster (Fall) / Oral (Spring)
COLABS		Oral Presentation
DEEP		Final Class

If you wish to shorten or extend the exchange period:

- **Confirm with the home university for eligibility.**
Submit an official letter to the student exchange division, if the extension is approved by your home university.
- Once the student exchange division receive the letter, we will contact your academic advisor about your request.
- **Discuss with your academic advisor at Tohoku University for permission.**
- **Share the email response from your academic advisor** regarding the extension with the student exchange division.

Deadline; May 15 (Spring) / Nov. 15 (Fall).

(7) Academic Calendar

Fall Semester (Oct. 2026 - Mar. 2027)

Orientation	September 28
Classes Begin	October 1
Winter Vacation	December 29 – January 3, 2027
Classes End	February 3, 2027
<u>IRTLab Oral / Poster Presentation</u>	February 4-5, 2027 *JYPE ▪ COLABS only
Self-Education Period	February 6 - April 7, 2027

Spring Semester (Apr. 2027 - Sep. 2027)

Orientation	Early April, 2027
Classes Begin	April 8, 2027
<u>IRTLab Oral / Poster Presentation</u>	August 4-6, 2027 *JYPE ▪ COLABS only
Classes End	August 5, 2027

The Academic Calendar is in Japan time and subject to change. (as of Fall 2026)

2. JASSO

- **JASSO Scholarship Orientation Video** is available via Google Classroom.
 - For more information, refer to the email and join the Google classroom titled “**JASSO Scholarship Classroom 2026F** (Class Code: dh6f4zrl)” *.
 - **We will contact you in the Google Classroom** for pledges, monthly Signing Dates, Bank account and other important information, make sure to join!
- *We will send you an invitation email for the Google classroom, please check your Tohokudai-DC email address.**

The October signing dates are the 1st and 2nd.

Things you need to do for JASSO scholarship

1. **P**articipate in Google classroom
2. **S**ubmit Transfer Request Form
3. **S**ign for attendance confirmation sheet
4. **A**nsWER a web questionnaire



Monthly signing



Open your bank account



Transfer at the end of the month

1. Participate in Google classroom

The JASSO Scholarship Orientation will be held online from **October 1st via Google classroom, all of the JASSO scholarship awardees should participate in. (Time: anytime)**

- When you receive an invitation email for “JASSO Scholarship Classroom 2026F”, log in the google classroom (Class Code: dh6f4zrl) with your Tohoku-Dai Gmail account and password.
- View the material of the orientation.
- After checking the materials, click “Class (授業)”, then complete the "Pledge for the JASSO Scholarship Awardee“ and “H-1/H-2 Report of JASSO”.

JASSO Signing Schedule:

JASSO scholarship awardees are required to sign for the designated attendance confirmation sheet every beginning of month to receive the scholarship. **Please come to the Student Exchange Division with your residence card.**

(If you do not have the residence card yet, bring your passport).

For October signing, **the signing date is designated on October 1st and 2nd.**
If you are unable to sign on the above date due to unavoidable reasons (research activities or classes), please contact us in advance.

2. Submit Transfer Request Form

- **Documents to submit**

You need to submit the “Wire Transfer Request Form” to receive the JASSO Scholarship via bank transfer.

Please submit the required documents as soon as you receive the bank book or the card in your hand.



Sample: Bank Card

- **How to submit: Via Google Form**

We will announce how to submit the “Wire Transfer Request Form” at the JASSO Google classroom. Please wait for an email to join the classroom.

New students open a Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) account with your smartphone using the “Yucho Direct Plus” app.

For more information on how to open a bank account, check [STEP 4: Opening a Bank Account](#) in [Getting Started in Japan](#).

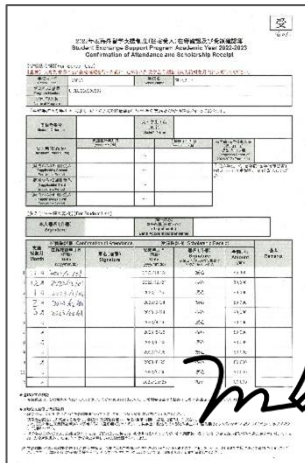
The following page in TU Support is also useful.

[Yucho Direct Plus Bank Account | TU Support](#) (Password: tusupport2026)

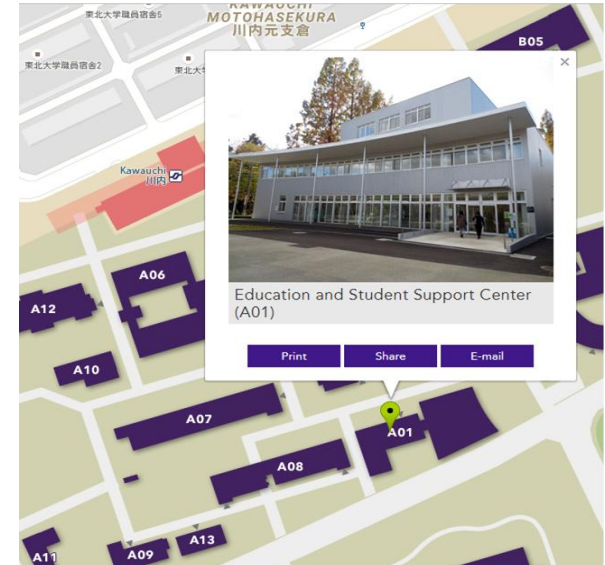
3. Sign for confirmation sheet

Where : the Student Exchange Division

6-C counter, second floor of the Education and Student Support Center (A01)



Form titled "Confirmation of Attendance and Scholarship Receipt" (出席確認書・奨学金受領書). It includes fields for student name, ID, and dates. A large handwritten signature is visible over the bottom half of the form.



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IMPORTANT

If you miss signing days, the scholarship for the month will NOT be provided.

4. Answer web questionnaire

All JASSO awardees are required to submit the **"Pre-arrival (H-1)"** and **"After the program Questionnaire (H-2)"** reports.

Deadline:

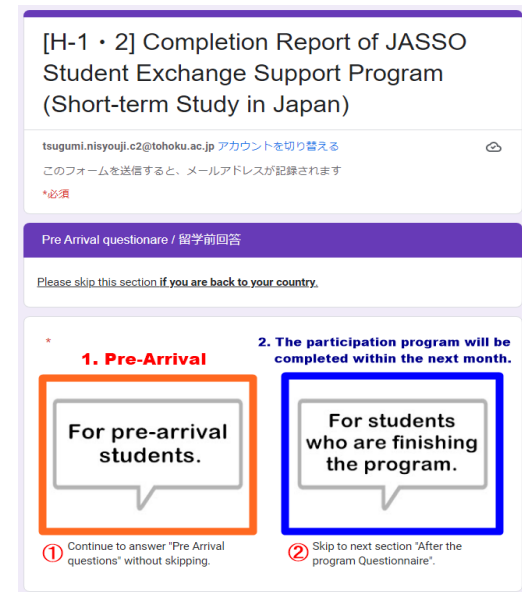
H-1: Before receiving the first scholarship.

H-2: After receiving the last scholarship (before leaving Japan).



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[H-1・2] Completion Report of JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (Short-term Study in Japan)

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このフォームを送信すると、メールアドレスが記録されます

*必須

Pre Arrival questionnaire / 留学前回答

Please skip this section if you are back to your country.

* 1. Pre-Arrival 2. The participation program will be completed within the next month.

For pre-arrival students.

For students who are finishing the program.

① Continue to answer "Pre Arrival questions" without skipping.

② Skip to next section "After the program Questionnaire".

3. Contact

Invitation to Google Classroom for COLABS student

- Most of the necessary information will be provided in the classroom.
- Please join immediately when receive an invitation.

COLABS 2026 Fall

Class code: s7ogtyvw

Activate from October 1st.

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