



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

Student Exchange with Partner Universities

Fact Sheet



<< IMPORTANT NOTICE >>

[Application deadlines have been changed]

We shifted the application deadlines to ensure smooth and speedy screening results.

The deadline was shifted from December 1st to November 15th for Spring 2017, and from March 10th to February 20th for Fall 2017/2018. Please see "D. Admission" for details. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

[The Certificate of Health is no longer required]

We removed the Certificate of Health from the application materials. The purpose of this change is to reduce the burden of issuance cost and time. Applicants who need special assistance, e.g. for disabilities, please write about it on the application form. Of course, this information will not affect the selection process at all and be used for the student's support.

[Keywords or academic fields of interest are required, not specific professors]

We request applicants to provide keywords or fields of academic interest. The names of professors are no longer required. This change is to ensure better matching between the applicants and their supervisors. Specific fields/keywords (e.g. *Metallic physical properties, Space physics*) are required, not broad fields (e.g. *Engineering, Science*).

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B. Student Exchange Programs

1. Junior Year Program in English (JYPE)

JYPE is an exchange program that provides an opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to take natural science, engineering, and agricultural courses at Tohoku University, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese.

All lectures are given in English and course credits will be given as per the standards of the equivalent courses offered in Japanese.

Only students from partner universities that have university or department level agreements are able to join this program.

This program starts in October (Fall semester). The duration is basically 1 year.

Further information: <http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/jype/>

Please indicate research field or keywords from the websites of the following three schools.

Engineering <http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>
Science <http://www.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>
Agriculture <http://www.agri.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html>

2. International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA)

IPLA is an exchange program that provides an opportunity for overseas undergraduate students to study a variety of liberal arts, economics, management, education and literature classes at Tohoku University, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese.

All lectures are given in English and course credits will be given as per the standards of the equivalent courses offered in Japanese.

Only students from partner universities that have university level agreements are able to join this program.

This program starts in October (Fall semester) and April (Spring semester).

The duration is 1 semester or 1 year (only for students who start the program in October).

Further information: <http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/ipla/>

3. Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS)

The main purpose of this program is to offer an opportunity for overseas graduate students to conduct research activities on a natural science course (science, medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical sciences, engineering, agricultural science, information sciences, life sciences, environmental studies and biomedical engineering) in an assigned laboratory. Students will also take basic education courses taught in English at Tohoku University in order to increase their abilities and expand their knowledge into new scientific fields. Students will not have to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese.

Only students from partner universities that have university or department level agreements are able to join this program.

This program starts in October (Fall semester) and April (Spring semester).

The duration is 1 semester or 1 year.

Further information: <http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/colabs/>

Please indicate research field or keywords from the websites of the following graduate schools.

Science <http://web.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html>
Engineering <http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>
Information Sciences <http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html>
Life Sciences <http://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/en/>
Environmental Studies <http://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/en/>
Biomedical Engineering <http://www.bme.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>

Agricultural Science	http://www.agri.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html																				
Medicine	http://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/																				
Dentistry	http://www.dent.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html																				
Pharmaceutical Science	http://www.pharm.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html																				
4. Direct Enrollment Education Program (DEEP)& (DEEp-Bridge)																					
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<p>This program allows <u>both undergraduate and graduate students</u> international to take classes and perform research alongside Japanese students. DEEP students are enrolled in one of the <u>natural science courses (science, medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical sciences, engineering, agricultural science, information sciences, life sciences, environmental studies and biomedical engineering).</u></p> <p>Only <u>students from partner universities that have university level agreements</u> are able to join this program.</p> <p>Undergraduates will be able to experience the wide range of fields and highly specialized courses Tohoku University has to offer through taking General Education and specialized subjects. Undergraduate students are required to have a high proficiency of Japanese language, sufficient to understand classes taught in Japanese. JLPT (http://www.jlpt.jp/) N1 or equivalent is required.</p> <p>Graduate students will participate in world-class research through their departments' activities in addition to attending lectures. If the student's academic advisor agrees to supervise in English, the student will not be required to show proficiency in Japanese.</p> <p>Links to class, course, and syllabus information are available at the website below.</p> <p>This program starts in October (Fall semester) and April (Spring semester). The duration is 1 semester or 1 year.</p> <p>Further information: http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/deep-u/</p> <p>Please indicate research field or keywords from the websites of the following graduate schools.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Science</td> <td>http://web.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Engineering</td> <td>http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Sciences</td> <td>http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life Sciences</td> <td>http://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/en/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environmental Studies</td> <td>http://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/en/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biomedical Engineering</td> <td>http://www.bme.tohoku.ac.jp/english/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agricultural Science</td> <td>http://www.agri.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medicine</td> <td>http://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dentistry</td> <td>http://www.dent.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmaceutical Science</td> <td>http://www.pharm.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html</td> </tr> </table>		Science	http://web.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html	Engineering	http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/	Information Sciences	http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html	Life Sciences	http://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/en/	Environmental Studies	http://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/en/	Biomedical Engineering	http://www.bme.tohoku.ac.jp/english/	Agricultural Science	http://www.agri.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html	Medicine	http://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/	Dentistry	http://www.dent.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html	Pharmaceutical Science	http://www.pharm.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html
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4-2. Direct Enrollment Education Program for Humanities/Social Science Students (DEEp-Bridge)																					
<p>DEEp-Bridge is an exchange program for <u>both undergraduate and graduate humanities students</u> who have a JLPT rating of N3 or higher. Participants can take Japanese language and co-educational classes that match their individual levels. Those with a JLPT rating of N1, or Level 6 on Tohoku University's Japanese Placement Test, can take General Education or specialized classes together with Japanese students.</p> <p>Only <u>students from partner universities with either a university-level or department-level agreement</u> is able to join this program.</p> <p>This program starts in October (Fall semester) and April (Spring semester). The duration is 1 semester or 1 year (only for students who start the program in October).</p> <p>Undergraduate students are required to submit a JLPT rating certificate of N3 or higher, or equivalent to/higher than N3 on the individual Japanese Computerized Adaptive Test (J-CAT). (Reference: Japanese Computerized Adaptive Test http://www.j-cat.org/en/)</p> <p>Graduate students are not required to show proficiency in Japanese if the student's academic advisor agrees to supervise in English.</p>																					

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Arts and Letters	http://www.sal.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html
Education	http://www.sed.tohoku.ac.jp/~english/
Law	http://www.law.tohoku.ac.jp/english/
Economics	http://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/econ/english/
International Cultural Studies	http://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/english/

Eligibility	Applicants need to be enrolled as regular students in one of <u>Tohoku University's partner universities</u> until the end of the exchange program. http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/kokusai/exchangej/scientificj/en/university-en.html
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?	Yes, subject to approval from the host faculty.
Restricted subjects for exchange students (not open to exchange students)	None. However, almost all subjects, except JYPE, IPLA and some international programs for degree seeking students, are taught in Japanese. So students must have high Japanese proficiency if they wish to attend.
When will the official transcripts be ready?	Approximately two months after completion of the program. The transcripts will be sent directly to the partner universities. Please note that we cannot issue the transcripts individually.
Credit System	1 Tohoku University credit is awarded for 45 hours of schoolwork.
Grading Scale	Grades are shown in the scale below. AA: 90-100 / A: 80-89 / B: 70-79 / C: 60-69 / D: below 59 (fail)

C. Academic Calendar

<2017 Spring semester>

Orientation (mandatory)	April 4, 2017
Classes begin	April 6, 2017
Classes end	July 31, 2017
Term-end presentation (mandatory)	JYPE and COLABS: July 25-27, 2017 IPLA: Early in August, 2017
Closing Ceremony (mandatory)	August 7, 2017

*The schedule is subject to change without notice.

<2017-2018 Fall semester>

Orientation (mandatory)	September 30, 2017
Classes begin	October 3, 2017
Classes end	February 5, 2018
Term-end presentation (mandatory)	JYPE and COLABS: February 13, 2018 IPLA: Mid-February, 2018

*The schedule is subject to change without notice.

Participation in events	Participation in official events such as orientations, opening/closing ceremonies and presentations is mandatory. Detailed information will be announced at the orientations.
Duration of programs	Basically, students cannot return home for the duration of the program except for long vacations. In the case of shortening/extending the duration, an official letter from the student's home university must be submitted and the relevant committee must discuss it.
Changing programs	Students cannot change their program once enrolled.

D. Admission

Admission Schedule (All in Japanese Standard Time: UTC+9:00)

	2017 Spring	2017-2018 Fall
Online Application (uploaded by coordinators)	October 3 rd – November 15th, 2016	January 10 th – February 20th, 2017
Screening	November - January	February - April
Notification of Results	End of January, 2017	Middle of May, 2017
Required Procedures (e.g. CoE for visa, dormitory)	February - March	May-July
Move in to Dormitory	April 1 st – 2 nd , 2017	Late September, 2017

How to apply	The home university selects and nominates the candidates on our online application website. The home university fills out the online application form and uploads supporting documents.
Number of students accepted	Depends on the MOU *The maximum number under the MOU is not always guaranteed, due to the capacity of each program and availability of suitable academic advisors for the prospective students etc.
Application Period	For Fall Semester: Begins on January 10 and ends on February 20. For Spring Semester: Begins on October 3 and ends on November 15.
Application outcome (When and how will students be notified?)	2017 Spring: By the end of January. The final result will be sent to the applicants' home university by e-mail. 2017-2018 Fall: By the middle of May. The final result will be sent to the applicants' home university by e-mail.
Application form and supporting documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of purpose/Study plan (one A4 size page) Official Academic Transcript Letter of recommendation by applicant's advising professor Certificate of Enrollment at applicant's home university Photocopy of Passport (identification page with applicant's photo and name) *Applicants without a passport can submit it after the application period. In this case, please upload a document to this effect. Optional: Application Form for JASSO scholarship (See "G. JASSO Scholarship") A copy of a certificate of language proficiency JYPE, COLABS, IPLA: English DEEp-Bridge: Japanese (JLPT or J-CAT) DEEP (undergraduate): Japanese DEEP (graduate) : English and/or Japanese)
Minimum GPA requirement	N/A
Minimum language requirement	JYPE, IPLA, and COLABS require high English proficiency. All applicants are strongly recommended to submit the official score sheet of a major test (e.g. TOEFL® Test, IELTS, Cambridge, CET). DEEp-Bridge: JLPT N3 or above Special Auditing Students in DEEP are required to have Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N1 Level).

E. Japanese Language Courses

Japanese language courses	We provide a special Japanese Language Program (no credit). Further information: http://www.he.tohoku.ac.jp/SJLE/JLPK/index-e.html *JYPE, IPLA and DEEp-Bridge offer their own Japanese language courses for credit.
Tuition and fees	Free

F. Accommodation

Dormitories for exchange students	Exchange students are required to live in the university dormitories. Tohoku University International House and University House Sanjo are available at reasonable rates (JPY 11,000-23,800/month, including utilities). For further information, see: International House: http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/kaikan_en.html University House Sanjo: http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/housing/uh_en.html
How to apply	Successful applicants can register their preference of dormitory. However, in some cases, we cannot honor their preference because the number of rooms is limited.
Availability of dormitories during long vacations	Students can use their dorm rooms during long vacations.
Home stay arrangement	N/A

G. JASSO Scholarship

About the JASSO Scholarship	The JASSO scholarship is available for a <u>limited number</u> of qualified international students. The applicant's GPA, as calculated by JASSO's formula, must be 2.3/3.0 or higher. Since the number of slots is limited, we cannot assure that all applicants will receive the scholarship. Exchange students who do not receive the JASSO scholarship must be able to show that they will have funds of JPY 80,000 per month on their student visa applications.
Credit transfer	JASSO scholars are required to receive approval for credits they obtained at Tohoku University after returning to their home universities. After that, they also need to report the result to Tohoku University.
Duties of JASSO scholars	JASSO scholars must perform some duties, such as submission of reports and confirmation of their enrollment. If they don't perform these duties by the deadlines, they might lose their eligibility to receive the scholarship.
Scholarship award	JPY 80,000 per month
Scholarship application deadline	Same as student exchange program application deadline
Scholarship application form	Available on our online application website

H. Visa Procedures

Visa procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After notification of the final result, successful applicants will be guided to our web application system for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), and required to submit an application. 2. Tohoku University will then apply to the Immigration Bureau for the CoE on behalf of students. It takes 2 months to get the certificate. 3. Then, the CoE will be sent to students/partner universities. 4. Students must apply for the VISA using the CoE at the Japanese embassy/consular office in their country before departure for Japan.
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I. Insurance

Required insurance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students are required to enroll in “<u>National Health Insurance</u>”. This insurance will cover 70 % of medical costs at clinics or hospitals. The fee is approximately JPY 20,000/year. Foreign residents, except those on temporary stays, must enroll in this insurance. 2. “<u>Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research</u>” is also mandatory. The fee is JPY 1,000 (for 1 year). Without it, students will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses. It covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cases where the insured suffers a physical injury as a result of sudden and unforeseen accidents of an external origin while engaged in educational and research activities at this university - Cases where the insured sustains a physical injury while commuting to school or in transit between school facilities. 3. Students are also required to enroll in “<u>Personal Liability Insurance for Students</u>”. This insurance will cover liability in the event of bodily injury and/or property damage caused by the insured students to third parties in the course of daily life. The cost is approximately JPY 3,000 (for 1 year) plus a JPY 5,000 UNIV. CO-OP membership fee (refundable). Without it, students will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses. <p>To prepare for any emergencies that may arise, we strongly recommend students also purchase “<u>Overseas Travelers' Personal Accident Insurance</u>” for incoming exchange students before leaving their countries.</p>
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J. Estimated Living Cost

Estimated Living Cost	<p>Living expenses for exchange students in Sendai are between JPY 80,000 – 100,000/month.</p> <p>According to a survey done in 2012, 92.1% of exchange students pay between JPY 20,000 and 50,000/month for meals.</p> <p>*You will be required to report the amount of support you will receive for expenses while in Japan (without scholarship) on the COE application.</p>
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K. Disaster Management

Disaster Management Promotion Office	<p>In order to take advantage of the lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and take all possible measures for future disasters, Tohoku University has a Disaster Management Promotion Office. They provide a Disaster Control Manual and hold comprehensive emergency response drills.</p> <p>http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/somu/saigaitaisaku/index2.html</p>
Earthquake Early Warning System	<p>The university uses an Earthquake Early Warning System. Warnings are issued before earthquakes to encourage people to take safe actions.</p> <p>http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/en/Emergency_Warning/ew_index.html</p>
Safety Confirmation System	<p>In case of emergency, Tohoku University confirms the safety of all its students and staff using the Safety Confirmation System.</p> <p>(Please find the PDF files in English at the website below)</p> <p>http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/somu/saigaitaisaku/index3.html</p>

Information on radiation monitoring	<p>Tohoku University measures radiation levels regularly and releases the information. http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/enzen/monitoring/english.html</p> <p>Reference data: natural background radiation dose per hour from around the world http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/enzen/monitoring/world/english.html</p>
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L. Others

Pick-up service	<p>There is no pick-up service. Students need to come to their university dormitory by themselves. Detailed information, including directions, will be available in the welcome package.</p>
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M. Useful Information

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY TU Support	http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/index_en.html
Sendai travel information	http://www.sentabi.jp/en/
Radiation level Information in Miyagi Prefecture (where Tohoku University is located)	http://www.r-info-miyagi.jp/r-info/en