TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

EXCHANGE and SUMMER PROGRAMS
Sendai : City of Trees

Sendai has a population of one million and is located 1.5 hours by bullet train from Tokyo. Combining the convenience of a modern city with abundant natural scenery, Sendai is often called “the City of Trees.” There are events throughout the year allowing one to enjoy each of the four seasons. The most nationally famous of these events is the Tanabata Festival, held in early August, in which decorations are displayed on long upright bamboo poles in the downtown area. Other events that attract large numbers of people include the Aoba Festival held in May, which features lively dancing, and the Pageant of Starlight held in December, in which the zelkova trees along a main boulevard are illuminated.

Cost of Living

The average monthly living cost is 80,000 yen for exchange students.

Convenient Campuses

All the four campuses are conveniently connected by subway, and are located about 10 minutes from the downtown area. Aobayama and Kawauchi campus have a subway station on the campus, and you can walk between the campuses. Tohoku University provides free shuttle service between Aobayama and other campuses. Exchange students can get discounted fare for the subway and buses.
Tohoku University
Creating Global Excellence
Founded 1907

Faculties/Schools
10 Faculties
15 Graduate Schools
6 Research Institutes

Enrollment
18,566 students
10,828 Undergraduate
6,932 Graduate

Number of International Students
2,256 students

Number of Partner Institutions
228 Institutions
in 35 Countries/Areas

Student to Faculty Ratio
6:1
(As of November 1st, 2018)

University House Aobayama
Opened in October 2018
- Convenient location: 10-minute walk from Aobayama Station and easy access to all the campuses via subway
- Total 752 International and Domestic students living together
- Fully furnished, including furniture, bedding, kitchen, cookware and high speed internet
- Management office provides 24-hour/365-day support.
- Buildings and units require card keys and each room has a number key.
- Dormitory Rent: 28,000 yen + fees (utilities etc.)

Financial Aid
Since the exchange and summer programs are based on exchange agreements between Tohoku University and the students’ home institutions, exchange students are eligible for a tuition waiver. Although the students are responsible for their own living expenses, they are eligible to apply for the JASSO Scholarship, which provides an allowance of 80,000 yen/month during the program period. Applicants can apply for this scholarship when they apply for a program.

Support for Students
Tohoku University provides fully integrated and personalized support for international students such as on-campus health care, multi-lingual counseling, career guidance, counseling/disability service offices, and a buddy program.
Exchange Programs

Tohoku University has an extensive range of student exchange programs for students from partner universities.

### Exchange Programs

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### Fields

- **Science, Engineering, Agriculture**
- **Humanities/ Social Sciences**
- **All Natural Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy**

### Eligibility

- Undergraduate (3rd or 4th year only)
- Undergraduate (2nd or 3rd year only)
- Graduate

### Duration

- 2 Semesters (F+S)
- 1 Semester (F or S)
- 2 Semesters (F+S, S+F)

### Language

- English
- English & Japanese

### Academic Calendar

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- **Class Begin**
- **Class End**
- Winter Vacation
- Spring Vacation

**F**: Fall (Oct. – Feb.) / **S**: Spring (Apr. – Aug.)

F+S: Admission in Fall Semester

S+F: Admission in Spring Semester
### How to Apply

Students should contact their exchange program coordinator about the application process. Application materials must be submitted solely through the coordinator at the student’s home institution.

### Eligibility

1. The student must be enrolled in his/her home institution as a regular student throughout the program period.
2. The home institution must have a formal student exchange agreement with Tohoku University.

### Application Schedule

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### JYPE Junior Year Program in English

#### Outline
The core of JYPE is the Individual Research Training course. Students will research current topics related to their study fields with the support of their assigned research groups. The program also offers courses on language, culture and society aimed at promoting understanding of Japanese language and social customs. Cultural exchange with professors and students is an integral part of this program. This will be accomplished through class work and participation in group activities.

#### Eligibility
Undergraduate (3rd or 4th year)
Home institutions must have university- or department-level agreements with Tohoku University.

#### Requirement for Completion
13 or more credits in each semester including 5 credits from the Individual Research Training

### IPLA International Program in Liberal Arts

#### Outline
IPLA provides an opportunity for students to study a variety of Liberal Arts classes taught in English, including Economics, Management, Education, Law, History and Literature. The program also offers Japanese language and culture classes designed to assist students in understanding Japan in depth. Cultural and intellectual exchange with Japanese students is an important part of the program and is achieved through frequent interactions both in classes and in extracurricular activities. Committed faculty, staff, and the student support group, "IPLANET", provide extensive support for IPLA students throughout the academic year.

#### Eligibility
Undergraduate (2nd or 3rd year)
Home institutions must have university-level agreements with Tohoku University.

#### Requirement for Completion
13 or more credits in each semester including mandatory Japanese and elective courses
**COLABS Cooperative Laboratory Study Program**

**Outline**
COLABS is a graduate-level research oriented program that gives international students the opportunity to take scientific research training in their assigned research laboratory as well as courses taught in English. COLABS offers a wide range of research topics in all fields of natural science and students are encouraged to conduct their research in new, interdisciplinary, and scientific fields.

**Eligibility**
Graduates
Home institutions must have university- or department-level agreements with Tohoku University.

**Requirement for Completion**
30 ECTS equivalent (750 school hours) or more credits in each semester

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**DEEP-Bridge Direct Enrollment Education Program for Humanities/Social Science Students**

**Outline**
DEEP-Bridge is an exchange program for students in humanities and social sciences. Undergraduates can build up their Japanese language skills; in particular, academic Japanese and study/research in their areas in Japanese. They can study a wide range of subjects such as law, education, arts, literature, business and economics. Graduates carry out their research with professors at Tohoku University. The students will develop their research skills and an interdisciplinary perspective.

**Eligibility**
**Undergraduates**: SPOT score 65 (approximately JLPT N3) or higher
TOEFL iBT® Test 79 or equivalent is also required for those who do not obtain TTBJ/SPOT 85 or above.
**Graduates**: SPOT score 85 (approximately JLPT N1), TOEFL iBT® Test 79 or equivalent

**Requirement for Completion**
**Undergraduates**: 13 or more credits in each semester
**Graduates**: Research report submission to the Academic Adviser

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**DEEP Direct Enrollment Education Program for Natural Science Students**

**Outline**
DEEP for Natural Science Students allows international students to take classes and perform research alongside Japanese students. Undergraduates will be able to experience both a wide range of fields and highly specialized subjects by taking General Education and Specialized classes. Graduates will participate in world-class research training through their departments’ activities in addition to attending lectures. International students will be matched with supervising professors in accordance with their academic interests.

**Eligibility**
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 or equivalent

**Requirement for Completion**
**Undergraduates**: 13 or more credits in each semester
**Graduates**: 30 ECTS equivalent (750 school hours) or more credits in each semester
Summer Programs

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**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted through the international affairs office of the partner university.

**Fees**

Participants must bear the program fee, accommodation, meals, transportation and insurance.

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**TUJP Tohoku University Japanese Program**

**Outline**

TUJP is for undergraduates who have a strong interest in Japanese language and culture. The proficiency-based Japanese language classes as well as special seminars are designed to help participants understand Japan in depth. Various activities such as field trips, service-learning opportunities, home-stays, and interactions with Japanese students provide participants many eye-opening experiences.

**Credits Awarded**

Participants who successfully complete the program will be eligible to earn 4 ECTS equivalent credits (100 school hours).

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**TSSP Tohoku University STEM Summer Program**

**Outline**

TSSP is designed specifically for the first and the second year students majoring in science and engineering (STEM) fields. We provide students with insight on the world community’s future needs for advanced science and technology and how they can contribute to society through research. We also offer cutting edge classes in advanced sciences and engineering.

**Credits Awarded**

Participants who successfully complete the program will be eligible to earn 8 ECTS equivalent credits (200 school hours).