

Academic year 2026

Tohoku University Faculty/Graduate School of Education

Guidance for Foreign Research Students (non-resident)

1. Purpose

A "research student" is a student who, under the Tohoku University Research Student Regulations, can conduct research under the guidance of an academic advisor on a special subject rather than obtain a degree.

After screening, we allow admission as a research student as long as there is no risk of harm to our proper performance.

2. Eligibility: A person who falls under one of the following items:

(1) Undergraduate research student

- 1) University graduate
- 2) Those who have graduated from a junior college or an equivalent or higher school (including completion of the first semester of a professional university) and completed a related course of study
- 3) Those who are recognized to have academic ability equal to or higher than the above two items

(2) Graduate research student

- 1) Those with a master's degree
- 2) Those who have completed university medical, dental, or veterinary studies
- 3) Those who are recognized to have academic ability equal to or higher than the above two item

3. Term of study

The enrollment period for research students is limited to one year or less. However, if the student requests to continue enrollment, the period may be extended.

4. Procedures

(1) Establishment of research proposal

When applying, students should receive instructions from the academic advisor on the subject, follow the research goals, and establish a research plan.

(2) Application Procedures

- 1) Application Form and Record of Intending (specified form)
Paste your front-facing upper-body photo, without a hat, 4 cm by 3 cm size.
 - 2) Admission application feeJPY 9,800
 - 3) Graduation (completion) certificate issued by last school (original)one
 - 4) Transcript issued by last school (original)one
 - 5) If you are currently employed, a letter of approval and commitment from
your supervisor (original)one
- ✓ The examination fee must be paid in Japanese yen. If you live outside of Japan and find it difficult to pay in Japanese yen, please use a credit card. For information on how to pay by credit card, please contact the Educational Affairs Section.

5. Announcement of the result

Notification will be sent by mail addressed to the applicant.

6. Enrollments

Applicants admitted as research students must complete the following admission procedures by the designated deadline. Failure to complete by the deadline will result in admission cancellation.

- (1) Photo (for student ID): A front-facing upper-body photo, without a hat, 4 cm by 3 cm size, with your name written on the back.
 - (2) Student Record (specified form): Paste your front-facing upper-body photo, without a hat, 4 cm by 3 cm size.
 - (3) Admission fee: JPY84,600 (temporary)
 - (4) Tuition: JPY 29,700 for month (temporary, advance payment every three months)
 - (5) Written Oath (specified form)
 - (6) Copy of Residence Certificate issued by the mayor of the municipality: For foreigners who live in Japan (excluding those whose period of stay does not exceed 90 days)
- ✓ If the admission and tuition fees are revised, the new ones will apply from the time of the revision.

7. Others

- (1) It is very difficult to get a scholarship after coming to Japan, so please make sure the expenses for studying are covered. If you cannot pay the admission and tuition fees within the specified period, your admission and registration will be

canceled.

- (2) You can use libraries and health service centers on the campus just the same as regular students by presenting your student ID card.
- (3) If you want to withdraw the university in the middle of the semester, you must request permission by the end of the month preceding the month in which you intend to leave, along with a reason.
- (4) If you want to extend your enrollment period, you must apply for permission one month before the scheduled withdrawal. Please receive application documents from the Educational Affairs Section in advance.
- (5) If you want to progress from a research student to a graduate student, please note the Japanese school system. You must have completed 16 years of schooling to enroll in a regular graduate program (the first two-year doctoral course). For the detailed information, check the application guidelines of Tohoku University Faculty/Graduate School of Education

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