

TU Research-Oriented Incoming Student (ROIS) Scholarship Application Information for Academic Year 2020-2021

Tohoku University (hereinafter referred to as “TU”) offers scholarships to qualified international students who are accepted under a student exchange agreement between TU and its partner institutions outside Japan (hereinafter referred to as the “home institutions”). This scholarship is funded by the Japan Student Services Association (hereinafter referred to as “JASSO”).

1 Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill all qualifications listed below.

- 1) Applicants must be enrolled as regular graduate students in a home institution that has a university or department-level student exchange agreement with TU, and will continue as candidates for degrees at their home institution after studying at TU.*¹
- 2) Applicants must be majoring in some field of natural science.
- 3) Applicants must be approved to enroll in one of the following departments at TU as Special Research Students.*²
 - Graduate School of Science / Graduate School of Medicine / Graduate School of Dentistry /
 - Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences / Graduate School of Engineering /
 - Graduate School of Agricultural Science / Graduate School of Information Sciences /
 - Graduate School of Life Sciences / Graduate School of Environmental Studies /
 - Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering
- 4) The applicants’ study period at TU must be more than or equal to 8 days and should not exceed 12 months.*³
- 5) Applicants must fulfill all qualifications listed in the “JASSO Scholarship Eligibility Conditions”.
- 6) **The Start Day should be the first weekday of each month**

*1 Consult with the prospective academic advisor at TU if the applicant’s home institution doesn’t have a student exchange agreement with TU.

*2 Excluding Pre-Education period at TU.

*3 Excluding days on which the applicants enter/leave Japan.

*4 The Start Day should be the day the research training starts **and after the self-isolation period for coronavirus (COVID-19) ends.**

*5 The Start Day for January is the first weekday after January 4th

*6 **The scholarship for the final month will not be paid** in the situation where one of the following conditions applies.

-the end month of the scholarship payment period is April

-scholarship payment period is more than 4 months and the end day of the scholarship period is before 25th of that month

Ex. If the scholarship payment period is

1. May 1st-September 20th, the scholarship for September will not be paid
2. May 1st-September 27th, the scholarship for September will be paid

2 Quota

33 students

3 Application deadline

The application deadline depends on the time you start your research training at Tohoku University as shown on the timetable below. Please note that we will stop accepting new applications when the quota is filled up.

Start month	Submission Deadline(strict)
Feb, 2021	December 15, 2020
Mar, 2021	January 15, 2021

Note: late application will be met with refusal regardless of any reasons.

4 How to apply

ROIS application has to be made via the online application form shown below.

Make sure to fill out all necessary information with all application materials listed below uploaded.

ROIS Application Online Form : <https://forms.gle/yTK2qWqjKNTQpDh78>

***Gmail account required**

.Application Material		Note
1	Photocopy of identification page of applicant's passport	Free format (PDF)
2	Certificate of Enrollment	Designated format -Get hand-written signature by an authority at applicant's home institution before converting the form into a PDF file.
3	Official academic transcript issued by applicant's home institution	Free format (PDF) -Include a page which describes the grading scale in English.
4	Pledge	Designated format -Give hand-written signature at the bottom, and convert into a PDF file.
5	Confirmation Letter from a prospective host researcher	Designated format (PDF) -Upload the format signed by a host researcher after converting into a PDF file
6	Form M	You are required to submit a Form M as a substitute of

	transcript if your grades is unable to be converted into JASSO scale. If it is the case, please download the form via Form M and ask your host researcher at TU to fill out.
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4 Screening results

Screening results will be announced by Student Exchange Division by email.

5 Scholarship conditions

-Amount: JPY 80,000 per month

-Payment: To be paid each month after monthly sign. *1

Study Period at TU	Less than or equal to 3 months	More than 3 months
Payment	In cash	By remittance to scholar's Japanese bank account
Number of times the scholarship is provided	The sum of length of stay in TU divided by 31 and up to 12 times	

Length of stay	Number of payment	Length of stay	Number of payment
8~31days	1	187~217days	7
32~62days	2	218~248days	8
63~93days	3	249~279days	9
94~124days	4	280~310days	10
125~155days	5	311~341days	11
156~186 days	6	342~365days	12

*1 The April stipend will be remitted in late May due to the government financial law.

*2 The first month's stipend will be remitted in the next month due to the time required for the bank-account opening procedure.

*3 **The last month's stipend should NOT be paid if the awardee is unable to hold his/her bank account until the payment day (basically 25th of every month).**

6 Reports

Scholars must submit the following reports at the end of their study period.

Scholars may be requested to refund the scholarship if they fail to submit the reports.

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| 1) Research report | Free format*1 (PDF) |
| 2) Completion Report | Web form*2 |
| 3) Official academic transcript | Free format*3 (PDF) |

*1 The research report must be reviewed by grantees' academic advisors at TU so as to reflect what they have achieved at TU.

*2 <https://bit.ly/2GkiMQI>

The Completion Report is supposed to be answered both before and after studying in Japan.

- *3 The official academic transcript must be issued by the scholars' home institution, and show credits which the scholars earned based on their studies at TU. At the end of the study period, a letter showing the scholars' workload during their study period can be issued upon request so that they can earn credits at their home institution.

JASSO Scholarship Eligibility Conditions

Applicants must be students enrolled in a regular course of study in a higher educational institution outside Japan (hereinafter referred to as "home institution"), and satisfy all the following conditions listed in 1) to 7).

- 1) Students who do not currently possess Japanese citizenship.
- 2) Students accepted by a Japanese university under a student exchange agreement or other exchange arrangement with their home institution.
- 3) Students demonstrating excellent academic and personal records at their home institution, and having a minimum GPA of 2.30 (up to 3.00) as calculated using JASSO's GPA calculation method shown below. If a transcript from the previous academic year is not available, GPA will be calculated based on a transcript from the previous semester.
- 4) Students not having the financial means to study in Japan.
- 5) Students eligible for a "Student Visa". If the student will study in Japan for 90 days or less, the Japanese university will arrange the status of residence.
- 6) Students who will resume or complete their studies at their home institution upon termination of the period of study in Japan.
 - Students who will withdraw or be removed from their home institution do not satisfy this condition.
 - Students who will graduate or complete a regular course of study at their home institution during the period of study in Japan do not satisfy this condition.
- 7) For those who will receive an additional scholarship for studying in Japan (excl. travel expenses and student loans) together with the JASSO scholarship, the monthly stipend (or total amount of monthly stipends if receiving multiple scholarships) of the other scholarship(s) should not exceed JPY 80,000.
 - If students receive another scholarship whose terms do not allow to receive additional scholarships once or more during the period of study in Japan, they are not eligible for this scholarship.
 - Students cannot receive the "Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students" together with this scholarship.
 - Students cannot receive "Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships" together with this scholarship.

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