

TU Research-Oriented Incoming Student (ROIS) Scholarship

Application Information for Academic Year 2025

Tohoku University (hereinafter referred to as “TU”) offers scholarships to qualified international students who are accepted under student exchange agreements 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 to be 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 21 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 of their study period at TU should fall on the first weekday of the relevant month**

*1 Applicants should consult with their prospective academic advisor at TU if their 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.

*5 The scholarship for the final month will not be paid in the event that one of the following conditions applies.

- the end month of the scholarship payment period is April

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

Ex. If the scholarship payment period is

1. October 1st-February 20th, the scholarship for February will not be paid

2. October 1st-February 27th, the scholarship for February will be paid

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

2 Quota

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3 Application deadline

The start date of acceptance means research training commences.

The start date of research training should be from July 1st, 2025 (Tue.) to March 31st, 2026 (Tue.)

4 Application period

April 21st, 2025 (Mon) to May 12th, 2025 (Mon) 17 : 00 (JST)

Note: late applications will be refused regardless of the reason.

5 How to apply

The ROIS application has to be made via the online application form shown below. Make sure to fill out all necessary information and upload all application materials listed below uploaded.

ROIS Application Online Form: <https://forms.gle/BirKmW11NoynPHhg6>

***Gmail account required**

***You can access the ROIS application online form only during the application period.**

.Application Materials		Note
1	Photocopy of identification page of applicant's passport	Free format (PDF)
2	Certificate of Enrollment	Designated format (PDF) -Get a 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 form -Write your signature by hand and convert into a PDF file.
5	Confirmation Letter from a prospective host researcher	Designated form (PDF) -Upload the form signed by a host researcher after converting the form into a PDF file
6	Form M	You are required to submit Form M as a substitute for your transcript if your grades cannot be converted into JASSO scale. If this is the case, please download Form M and ask your host researcher at TU to fill it out.

6 Screening results

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

7 Scholarship conditions

-Amount: JPY 80,000 per month

-Payment: To be paid each month after signing. ^{*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, up to 12 times	

Length of stay	Number of payments	Length of stay	Number of payments
21~31 days	1	187~217 days	7
32~62 days	2	218~248 days	8
63~93 days	3	249~279 days	9
94~124 days	4	280~310 days	10
125~155 days	5	311~341 days	11
156~186 days	6	342~365 days	12

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

*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).**

8 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) Before (H-1) and Completion (H-2) Report | Web form ^{*2} |
| 3) Official academic transcript | Free format ^{*3} (PDF) |

*1 The Research Report must be reviewed by the grantees' academic advisors at TU and reflect what they have achieved at TU.

*2 <https://forms.gle/bY7CjggE5L7NhKuy7>

The H-1 and H-2 Report must be completed 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](#). 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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