

【October 2026 & April 2027 Admission】

Master's Program

Application Guide for the Special Selection for International Students* 【Digest version】

(外国人留学生等特別選考) *International students include Japanese returnees

This is a summary and supplementary material for the Special Selection for International Students application procedure. Please make sure to check the full version of the application guide as well for detailed information.

◇ Key Dates

	October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission
Deadline for Obtaining Approval from Faculty Members on Your Application	June 26, 2026	September 30, 2026
Online Application Period	10:00 am, July 6–5:00 pm, July 10, 2026 (JST)	TBA
Examination Schedule	Late July–August 2026 *Specific dates are informed later.	December 2026–January 2027 *Specific dates are informed later.
Notification of Results	9:00 am, September 4, 2026 (JST)	9:00 am, January 22, 2027 (JST)
Admission Procedures	Mid-September 2026	Mid-March 2027
Date of Admission	October 1, 2026	April 1, 2027

◇ Academic Fees

	October 2026 Admission	April 2027 Admission
Application Fee	JPY 30,000	JPY 30,000
Admission Fee	JPY 282,000	JPY 282,000
Tuition Fee	JPY 535,800 per year	JPY 900,000 per year

【Inquiries】

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Application Steps

Attention!

Before moving on to the following steps, please check the application eligibility stated in the full version of the application guide first. You may be required to take a preliminary screening depending on the conditions to examine your eligibility.

Step 1. Find a potential supervisor among the faculty members in the field of interest

Applications cannot be accepted without the consent of at least one faculty member as a prospective supervisor. The supervisor must be a professor, an associate professor, or a lecturer (senior assistant professor) who is affiliated with or has the eligibility to accept students at the Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University.

<Graduate School of Science> <https://www.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>

<Tohoku University Researchers> <https://www.r-info.tohoku.ac.jp/>

Step 2. Contact the faculty members directly via email and obtain their consent for the application

Note that your prospective supervisor needs to inform the chair of their department of your application by the dates below so that you must obtain the consent by then:

- October 2026 Admission: Friday, June 26, 2026
- April 2027 Admission: Tuesday, September 30, 2026

The application period and other relevant information for April 2027 Admission should be separately informed.

Step 3. Prepare the required application documents.

The designated forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/juken/graduate-admission.html>

Application documents are as follows and **the uploading items should be a clear and sharp image**

No.	Necessary Items	Notes
1	Application Form	Fill in the necessary information via the online application system
2	Photo	Upload the photo image via the online application system. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photo image (height and width ratio of image should be 4:3) clearly showing the upper half of the body, facing front without a hat/cap in front of a plain background, and taken within three months of the application.• Acceptable data extension is PNG, JPG, or JPEG; the data size should be less than 20MB.• Applicants who plan to wear glasses on the examination day should upload a photo in which they are wearing glasses.
3	Entrance Examination	After paying the fee by ATM or internet banking transaction,

	Fee	<p>upload the payment receipt (or a printout of the transfer details if you use online banking) in PDF via the online application system. The file you upload should identify the "banking institution and branch of the remitter," "account number of the remitter," and "remitter." If the above information is unclear due to functional limitations of Internet banking, please write the above information in the margins of the file you upload.</p> <p>① By ATM and Internet banking transactions Deposit Amount (金額) : JPY 30,000 Payment Period (納入期間) : From Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 10, 2026 (JST) 【The deadline is strictly observed.】 Bank (銀行) : <i>Mitsubishi UFJ Ginko</i> (三菱UFJ銀行) Bank code (銀行コード) : 0005 Branch (支店) : <i>Wakatake-shiten</i> (わかたけ支店) Branch code (支店コード) : 809 Account type (預金種別) : <i>Futsuu</i> (普通) Account number (口座番号) : 2259081 Account holder (口座名義) : <i>kokuritsu daigaku-houjin Tohokudaigaku</i> (国立大学法人東北大学) Account holder in katakana (カナ) : コクリツダイガクホウジン トウホクダイガク</p> <p>*Sender's name should be the applicant's name in katakana. *Please burden bank transfer fee at the applicant's expense.</p> <p>② No need to pay the entrance examination fee for those with the following conditions: - MEXT (Japanese Government) scholarship students - Those who are to apply for the entrance examination fee waiver for disaster victims caused by large-scale natural disasters in Japan in the academic year 2026.</p> <p>For information regarding the exemption of the entrance examination fee for applicants affected by natural disasters such as typhoons or floods, please refer to the following website. https://www.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/juken/graduate-admission.html</p> <p>③ <u>The above-mentioned bank account does not accept international remittances.</u> Those living abroad can pay the fee by credit card. Please contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section in advance to obtain further information.</p>
4	Academic Transcript	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system. The academic transcript should be issued by the appropriate</p>

		<p>office of the institution you are/were enrolled.</p> <p><u>*The original document needs to be submitted at the time of the admission procedure.</u></p>
5	Certificate of (expected) Graduation	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p> <p><u>*The original document needs to be submitted at the time of the admission procedure.</u></p> <p>Those who acquired the Bachelor's degree from the NIAD (National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education) should submit a "certificate of Bachelor's Degree". Those who are to apply for the Bachelor's Degree Awarding to NIAD should submit a "Certificate of (expected) Degree Awarding Application" issued by the appropriate office of the junior college or college of technology.</p>
6	Letter of Approval for taking an examination from the employer (For those who are currently working only)	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p> <p>Required for those who are currently employed need written permission (in any format) issued by a head of the workplace.</p> <p>*It is required to submit for only those who work for the government, company, etc. at the time of the application.</p>
7	Copy of Passport or Copy of Residence Card issued by the Japanese Government	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p> <p>Required for foreign applicants only.</p> <p>- Passport: pages with personal information</p> <p>- Residence Card: both front and back sides</p>
8	Certificate of Research History	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p> <p>Required for applicants who completed less than the 16-year curriculum of schooling of a foreign country (in any format)</p>
9	Other Supporting Materials	<p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p> <p>Bachelor/Master's thesis or an equivalent paper</p>
10	Research Proposal (Geophysics major applicants only)	<p>- Certificate of Academic Qualification (For details, please refer to Appendix 5 of the Geophysics Department.)</p> <p>- Research Proposal after admission in two pages of A4 size paper (in any format). It can be written in either English or Japanese.</p> <p>Upload the document in PDF via the online application system.</p>

Step 4. Pay the application fee (30,000 JPY)

For October 2026 Admission: by July 10, 2026 (JST)

For April 2027 Admission: will be notified later

- See "Step 3" for how to pay the application fee. Note that paying the fee by credit card is only applicable to those who are residing abroad.

- The above-mentioned payment deadline is the same as the application period for the Special Selection for International Students, however, note that the payment receipt needs to be uploaded as a required application item. Therefore, be aware that the payment needs to be made earlier than that time and date.

Step 5. Apply via the online application system

For October 2026 Admission: From 10:00 am on Monday, July 6 to 5:00 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026 (JST)

For April 2027 Admission: will be notified later

<Online Application System>

<https://admissions-office.net/en/portal> (in English)

<https://admissions-office.net/ja/portal> (in Japanese)

- Be sure to press the “Complete my application” button to complete your application during the application period. Note that your application can only be accepted if you complete the application procedures by pressing the “Complete my application” button via the online application system during the application period.
- Applications that lack necessary documents, incomplete, or otherwise inadequate cannot be acceptable.
- Physics major applicants are requested to select their preferred research or interview group according to the on-screen instructions when entering information into the online application system.
- Geophysics major applicants should specify the first and the second interest from the research field from (A), (B), and (C) below in the online application system.
Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with faculty members in their intended field or area of study prior to submitting their application.
(A): Seismology and Volcanology, Physics of Subduction Zones
(B): Meteorology and Atmospheric Dynamics, Physical Oceanography, Atmospheric Trace Gas, Physical Climatology, Satellite Oceanology
(C): Space and Terrestrial Plasma Physics, Planetary Atmosphere Physics, Planetary Radio-Physics
- Earth Science major applicants should specify one of the research groups from (A), (B), and (C) below in the online application system.
(A): Geosphere Evolution (Material Circulation in Geosphere), Natural History Science, Geoenvironmental Dynamics, and Natural Disaster Science
(B): Environmental Geography, Geoenvironmental Dynamics, and Natural Disaster Science
(C): Earth and Planetary Materials Science (Reaction and Kinetics in the Earth's Interior), Oceanfloor Science, Natural History Science, and Comparative Solid Planetology
- Making false or misleading statements on the application may result in the cancellation of admission status.
- After submission, declining an application and amendment to written information on the application documents cannot be allowed. The relevant application documents are not returnable, and the entrance examination fee is not refundable.
- After the application deadline, if your application is accepted, your examination admission ticket will

be made available through the online application system. You will be notified via the email address you registered when your examination admission ticket becomes available.

Please note that all important information related to the examination will also be sent to your registered email address. Therefore, be sure to enter an accurate and reliable email address at the time of application and check your email regularly after submitting your application.

- Please download your examination admission ticket from the online application system, print it out, and be sure to bring with you on the day of the examination.

Step 6. Take an examination (In the full version, see page 11)

For October 2026 Admission: Sometime between late July and early September 2026

For April 2027 Admission: Sometime between December 2026 and January 2027

- The selection of applicants is determined based on the evaluation of the submitted documents and their performance in proficiency examinations of specialized subjects, foreign language (and Japanese language, if necessary), and an oral examination.
- The examination schedule and the selection method are notified in due course of time. For detailed information, ask your prospective supervisor.
- The examination takes place at the Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University unless notified. (Address: 6-3 Aramaki-Aza-Aoba, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8578, JAPAN) Detailed information on the examination room is notified individually after the application procedures are completed.

[NOTE]

Those living abroad may be able to take the online examination depending on the conditions. Please inquire with your prospective supervisor about the method of the examination.

◇ Announcement of Selection Results

[October 2026 Admission] at 9:00 am on Friday, September 4, 2026

[April 2027 Admission] at 9:00 am on Friday, January 22, 2027

- The selection results are posted on the Graduate School of Science website on the following dates, and the letter of acceptance becomes available through the online system after the selection results announcement.

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