

【April 2026 Admission】

Doctoral Program

Application Guide for the Special Selection for International Students (外国人留学生特別選考)

This is a summary and supplementary material for the Special Selection for International Students application procedure. For detailed information, please check the full version of the application guide as well.

◇ Key Dates

	April 2026 Admission
Deadline for Obtaining Approval from Faculty Members on Your Application	December 5, 2025
Online Application Period	10:00 am, January 5–5:00 pm, January 9, 2026 (JST)
Examination Schedule	Late January - February 2026 *Specific dates will be announced later.
Notification of Results	9:00 am, March 6, 2026 (JST)
Admission Procedures	Mid-March 2026
Date of Admission	April 1, 2026

◇ Academic Fees

Application Fee	JPY 30,000
Admission Fee	JPY 282,000
Tuition Fee	JPY 267,900 per semester

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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 will not be accepted without the consent of a faculty member as a prospective supervisor. The supervisor must be a professor, associate professor, or lecturer (senior assistant professor) affiliated with or eligible to accept students of 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 no later than the date below so that you must obtain the consent by then:

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Step 3. Prepare the required application documents.

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 Fee	After paying the fee by ATM or internet banking transaction, 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

		<p>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, January 5 to Friday, January 9, 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 *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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Those who expect to complete the master's program or professional degree program of Tohoku University in March 2026. - MEXT (Japanese Government) scholarship students, however, those whose status will become privately financed students after enrolling in the doctoral program need to pay the entrance examination fee. - 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 2025. <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</u></p>
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		<p><u>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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upload the document in PDF via the online application system. - Submit academic transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate programs. - Those without degrees, including Bachelor's, Master's, or Professional degrees, need to submit a transcript of the educational institution you last enrolled in. <p><u>*The original document needs to be submitted at the time of the admission procedure.</u></p>
5	Certificate of (expected) Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upload the document in PDF via the online application system. - Submit the certificate of (expected) Graduation from a Master's or Professional degree program. However, the certificate is not required if the degree-awarding date appears on the academic transcript. - If you have a degree other than a master's degree, please also submit a certificate of the degree conferred (or expected) of your highest level of education. <p><u>*The original document needs to be submitted at the time of the admission procedure.</u></p>
6	Academic Research Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upload the document in PDF via the online application system. Please notify the Graduate School Academic Affairs Section* if you cannot upload the documents to the system due to storage limitations. - List of academic research papers - Master's thesis or other equivalent papers <p>(If the paper in PDF is unavailable, contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section*.) If you are currently enrolled in the second year of a master's program and are unable to submit your master's thesis at the time of application due to the deadline set by your university's graduate school, please submit a document (in any format) stating the date by which you will be able to submit your thesis.</p> <p>*For inquiries, please refer to the last page.</p>
7	Research Plan (For Geophysics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please convert your research plan into a PDF file and

	applicants only)	upload it via the online application system. - The plan should outline your intended research after enrollment and be approximately two A4 pages in length (any format is accepted). - You may write your plan in either Japanese or English. - If you write in Japanese, please write about 2,000 characters.
8	Copy of Passport or Copy of Residence Card issued by the Japanese Government [Foreign Applicants only]	Upload the document in PDF via the online application system. - Passport: pages with personal information - Residence Card: both front and back sides

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

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- See “Step 3” for how to pay the application fee. Note that paying the fee by credit card only applies to those residing abroad.
- The payment deadline mentioned above 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

From 10:00 am on Monday, January 5 to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 9, 2026 (JST)

<Online Application System>

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

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

- Press the “Complete my application” button to complete your application. Note that your application will 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, are incomplete or are otherwise inadequate will not be acceptable.

① Those who wish to apply to the Geophysics Department should enter their desired field and field of study when entering their information into the online application system.

Please choose either of the groups listed below:

- (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

② Earth Science department 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), Petrotectonics, 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 amending the 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 the examination**

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- 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 will be notified in due course of time. For detailed information, ask your prospective supervisor.
- Unless otherwise notified, the examination will take place at the Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University. After completing the application procedures, detailed information on the examination room will be provided individually.

[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**

For April 2026 Admission: 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2026

- The selection results will be posted on the Graduate School of Science website. They will also be available

via the online system on or after that date, and the successful applicants will be informed about the admission procedure accordingly.

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