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Call for Applications: Academic Assistance for International Students (FY 2026)
Tohoku Development Memorial Foundation (General Incorporated Foundation)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this program is to encourage academic study and research, and to contribute to the promotion of international goodwill, by providing financial assistance for academic expenses to international students enrolled at universities in Miyagi Prefecture.

2. Eligibility

(1) International students enrolled at universities in Miyagi Prefecture who are enrolled in the following graduate programs and academic years:

① From the first year of the second phase of a doctoral program through the final year

~~② For four-year doctoral programs in fields such as medicine and dentistry, from the second year of the doctoral program through the final year (n/a)~~

~~③ For universities offering only master's programs: From the first year of the master's program through the final year (This does not include the first phase of doctoral programs.) (n/a)~~

(2) A recommendation from an academic advisor at the applicant's university is required.

(3) Applicants must demonstrate a strong motivation for academic study and research and require financial assistance to pursue their studies.

(4) The applicant or their spouse must not be a MEXT scholarship recipient.

3 Number of Recipients

Approximately 12

4 Amount of Assistance

80,000 yen per month (960,000 yen per year) per international student.

5 Duration of Assistance

The duration of assistance shall be for a period of one year, from April of each year to March of the following year.

6. Continuation of Assistance

(1) The maximum period during which the same individual may receive this assistance continuously (including intermittent periods) is three years.

(2) Assistance is determined on an annual basis. If you wish to continue receiving assistance, you must submit a new application for the following year and beyond. Please note that even if you apply for continuation, assistance is not automatically renewed; it is determined each year anew.

7. Relationship with Other Forms of Assistance

International students who are already receiving scholarships, living allowances, or other forms of assistance from other organizations may apply for this assistance in conjunction with those benefits, provided that neither the applicant nor their spouse is a government-sponsored international student. However, recipients cannot receive both this assistance and the overseas dispatch assistance provided by this Foundation in the same fiscal year.

8 Application Procedures

International students wishing to apply for this assistance must prepare the required application documents and, in principle, submit them to the Foundation through their university of enrollment by the specified deadline.

When submitting application documents, please ensure that all required documents are included and that there are no omissions in the information provided.

9. Required Documents

The documents required for the grant application are as follows. Please submit one copy of each document.

(Omitted as listed on the website)

10. Submission Address

(Submit to the Science and Student Support Section, not the Foundation)

11. Selection and Decision

(1) The Foundation will review the submitted application documents, select eligible international students, and make a final decision.

(2) The results of the decision will be notified to the applicant and the president of the applicant's university or the head of the applicant's department. Notification is scheduled for early June 2026.

13. Method of Payment

The grant will be transferred to the international student's designated bank account in two installments at the specified times, as follows:

April–September: Mid-July

October–March: Mid-October

14 Suspension and Cancellation of Financial Aid

If an international student receiving this financial aid is found to fall under any of the following categories, the Foundation may suspend or cancel the aid after consulting with the president of the student's university or the head of the student's department.

(1) When the student is no longer enrolled at a university in Miyagi Prefecture.

- (2) When there is no longer a prospect of continuing their studies.
- (3) When the student no longer requires financial assistance.
- (4) When it is determined that the student became eligible for assistance by intentionally omitting information required on the application form or by making false statements.
- (5) When the student is otherwise deemed ineligible to receive this assistance.

15 Notification Requirements

International students receiving this assistance must promptly notify the Foundation of any significant changes to their enrolled university, current address, designated bank account for grant disbursement, or other information provided in the application form.

16 Submission of Reports

International students receiving this assistance must submit a report (Form No. 5, Attachment A) to the Foundation upon the conclusion of the assistance period (in principle, within two weeks after the end of the period).

(1) Please submit a report for each grant decision upon the conclusion of the respective assistance period. Failure to submit a report may result in the termination of continued assistance.

(2) The report form will be sent to the recipient along with the notification of the grant decision.

Please refer to the “Guidelines for Preparing Submission Documents” provided below when preparing the required documents (application form, study plan, and report). If you have any questions regarding this call for applications, please contact the Foundation’s Secretariat (Tel: 022-738-8826).

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