



Tohoku University Partner Information Sheet for the ICI ECP *Interface* network 2011

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Website for exchange related information	https://www.cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/index.html

General Information/Application Information

Introduction about the university, location, number of students	<p>Tohoku University was established in Sendai in 1907 as Tohoku Imperial University by consolidating an agricultural college and a science college. It is the third oldest former Imperial University after Tokyo and Kyoto. Sendai with about one million inhabitants is located about 350km to the northeast of Tokyo. It can be reached in two hours from Tokyo by Shinkansen Super express, "the Bullet Train". Tohoku University is well known for its open and progressive policies. It was the first Imperial University to admit women and foreign students, and also pioneered in opening a university by offering public lectures. Already in 1911, Tohoku University graduated its first foreign students, thus becoming the Japanese university with the longest history of foreign graduates. All of these were epoch-making events in the history of Japanese higher education. The "Spirit of Open Doors" remains alive within the tradition of Tohoku University. Along with this spirit, the University has placed a high value on the "Spirit of Search for Truth" and emphasized original and creative research. Thus, Tohoku University is known for its strong orientation toward academic research. In the years following its establishment, Tohoku University has grown into an institution that includes the fields of medicine, science, and engineering among others. Currently the University has ten undergraduate and fifteen graduate schools, and five research institutes. The current student body consists of over 17,900 students, including roughly 1,500 international students from 76 countries. The university is staffed with about 5,800 employees, including about 840 full professors.</p>	
Calendar year	October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 (Academic calendar normally starts in April.)	
Fall/Autumn semester	Start date	October 1, 2010
	End date	March 31, 2011
Spring semester	Start date	April 1, 2011
	End date	September 30, 2011
Lecture periods	Start date	October 1, 2010 resp. April 1, 2011
	End date	February 10, 2011 resp. July 31, 2011
Faculties	<p>For ICI ECP: Graduate school of Science, of Engineering, of Information Sciences, of Life Sciences, of Environmental Studies, of Biomedical Engineering and of Agricultural Science. Please see https://www.cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/ICIECP/index.html</p>	

Courses taught in English	Selected Science/ Engineering courses are available in English for ICI ECP students. ICI ECP students can also take courses concerning Japanese, Japanese culture, Japanese business and economy and so on.
Number of credits that ICI ECP students need to complete in one semester.	30 ECTS Equivalent (School time (Work load): 750 hours/one semester) A certificate of completion will be awarded to the students who are enrolled in the program for one semester, 5-6 months, and complete 30 ECTS Equivalent or more in each semester, including the credits of Individual Research Training in Lab (IRTLab). ICI ECP students are strongly recommended to take the IRTLab 4 course. 30 ECTS equivalent assigned for IRTLab 4 will be given after successful performance as determined by the committee in charge.
Students' status and credit transfer	Students in this program will be registered in the graduate or undergraduate division of Schools of Science, of Engineering, of Information Sciences, of Life Sciences, of Environmental Studies, of Biomedical Engineering and of Agricultural Science as special auditing and/or special research students. They are exempt from any application, admission, and tuition fees at Tohoku University. On the basis of their receiving treatment equal to students belonging to Tohoku University, they are subject to all rules and regulations of Tohoku University. As exchange students, students are entitled to the same facilities offered to regular students of the Tohoku University. We will provide information regarding the students' academic performance of course works completed by students during their term of study there. The home university shall be responsible for the award of credits based on the work undertaken and evaluated by the host university in accordance with the student exchange agreement. The study period abroad and credits obtained will be mentioned separately on the Diploma Supplement, or similar document issued by the home university. The course credits will be certified by the respective Faculties. Students interested in pursuing transfer credit should discuss this with their academic advisor of their home institution. Academic advice and guidance for daily life will be provided by the Center for International Exchange.
Do you consider both undergraduate and graduate?	Yes
Are Application materials available online?	Information on applications matter is available online: https://www.cefex.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/ICIECP/index.html#V
Application deadlines (Approximate dates)	For Spring semester 2011 (December 10, 2010)

INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Accommodation	<p>We will assist the ICI ECP students in finding appropriate accommodation. Tohoku University International House and University House Sanjo may be available for the stay at reasonable rates (typically 25,000JPY/month, including utilities). The cost of living in Sendai is typically 100,000JPY/month. We will apply for a room at the dormitories; Tohoku University International House and University House Sanjo on your behalf.</p> <p>*Every applicant CANNOT choose the dorm. Room assignments will be made according to available space. Requirements from students' halls of residence regarding payment of deposits and other mandatory costs for accommodation etc. must be completed, and are the personal responsibility of the students concerned.</p> <p>University House Sanjo https://www.cefex.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/ICIECP/pdf/HOUSING_INFORMATION_UHS.pdf</p> <p>International House https://www.cefex.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/ICIECP/pdf/housing_Intnl_house_(1).pdf</p>
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Financial aid for ICI ECP students	<p>Since the program is based on the ICI ECP student exchange agreement between EU side and Japan side, exchange students are eligible for a waiver of tuition fees.</p> <p>Although students themselves should basically bear the cost of living, students of Japan side are provided the following scholarship by the Japanese Government through Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO). Students of EU side are also provided the similar scholarship by the EU.</p> <p>JASSO International Student Scholarship for ICI ECP student of Japan side includes an allowance of 80,000 JPY/month for 6 months.</p>
Exchange student manual	http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/handbook/handbook_e/index.html
Cost of living	Average cost of living for an exchange student is approx. 80,000-100,000JPY
Language Course	Japanese language courses are available
Health Insurance	<p>1) National Health Insurance: The National Health Insurance Act requires all foreigners who are going to stay (or may possibly stay) in Japan for more than one year to join the National Health Insurance Program. Accordingly, all international students with a "college student" Visa have to join this program, regardless of the length of their stay in Japan. The amount that the students were asked to contribute in 2009 was approx. 1,800JPY/month. By having the insurance, students are asked to pay 30% of the total amount when they receive medical treatment.</p> <p>2) Personal Liability Insurance for Students: This insurance is designed to cover a liability for bodily injury and/or property damage caused by the insured students to a third party in daily life (including school life) in Japan: limit of liability is 100,000,000JPY. Note that the insurance does not cover the liability arising from car and motorcycle (including motor bike) accidents. The yearly premium for the insurance is 2,100JPY. Students are strongly recommended to apply for the insurance.</p> <p>3) Personal Accident Insurance (School Accident Insurance): This group insurance program is intended to compensate students for physical damage that they may happen to suffer during their regular school work, including lectures, physical education, laboratory and/or field work. Students who have acquired this insurance will receive payment in accordance with the degree of injury. The yearly premium for the insurance is 1,200JPY for the students of Science, Engineering, and Physical Education. In order to do research in the laboratory, you must have this insurance.</p>
Any other insurance information that students need to be made aware of?	Students are strongly advised to bring their own travel insurance policy and their own accident insurance policy for activities outside of the university.
Estimated expenses	<p>-National Healthcare(mandatory): approx. 1,800JPY/month</p> <p>-Person Liability Insurance (optional, but strongly recommended): approx.2,100JPY/yr.</p> <p>-Personal Accident Insurance (School accidents, mandatory): approx. 1,200JPY/yr.</p> <p>-Student Co-op share capital (refundable): 5,000JPY</p>

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student Visa? Please provide what you will issue, letter, forms etc for student to apply for Visa	<p>Students need to obtain 'College Student' Visa with a valid passport. The following documents are needed to receive a 'College Student' Visa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Copy of certificate of admission from the faculty/graduate school -Certificate of Eligibility, which is needed for Visa procedures in home country. The application for Certificate of Eligibility should be attached to the application for Tohoku University Industrialised Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Programme (ICI ECP). As for the Certificate of Eligibility, Tohoku University Student Exchange Division arranges and sends it to the home university. Generally, it takes more than two months to issue the certificate at the Sendai Immigration Office. Students are required to make Visa procedures as soon as receipt of the certificate.
Is a special Visa required for work?	<p>On campus: Yes Off campus: Yes</p>

Other information

Tohoku University website

<http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>

Academic Research Staff at Tohoku University

<http://db.tohoku.ac.jp/whois/TunvTopE.html>

Graduate School of Science

<http://web.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html>

Graduate School of Life Sciences

<http://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html>

Graduate School of Engineering

<http://www.eng.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>

Graduate School of Information Sciences

<http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/index-e.html>

Graduate School of Environmental Studies

<http://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/en/index.html>

Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering

<http://www.bme.tohoku.ac.jp/english/index.html>

Graduate School of Agricultural Science

<http://www.agri.tohoku.ac.jp/index.html>

Sendai City

<http://www.stcb.or.jp/eng/index.html>