

Tohoku University will significantly expand its comprehensive support package for doctoral students starting in April 2026. This initiative aims to cultivate outstanding researchers who will thrive on the global stage and produce next-generation highly specialized professionals who will drive social innovation, ensuring a promising career path for them.

TU-AGS LEAP Program

*Tohoku **U**niversity **A**dvanced **G**raduate **S**chool
Leadership and **E**xcellence **A**dvancement **P**rofessionals **P**rogram*

We will cultivate doctoral talents equipped not only with research capabilities, but also with an international perspective, creativity, and the ability to implement solutions in society. Furthermore, we will foster highly successful doctoral graduates who can create new value based on their research achievements.

Comprehensive Support Package For Doctoral Students

- ① **Incentive Stipend (Standard Track):** All eligible doctoral students (subject to conditions*) receive **JPY 1,272,000** per year.
- ② **Incentive Stipend (DP-Track):** Exceptionally outstanding students affiliated with the graduate degree programs receive **JPY 2,400,000** per year.
- ③ **Full tuition waiver:** **Apply to all doctoral students enrolled in dedicated degree programs.** To significantly encourage Japanese students to pursue doctoral studies, **tuition and entrance fees will be fully waived for all Japanese doctoral students.**
- ④ **RAs, TFs, TAs, AAs:** **Expand opportunities for students to receive salaries.** Additionally, we remain committed to further enhancing student support.
- ⑤ **Research grant support:** Financial support for travel and related expenses is provided through a competitive selection process to enhance the global research output of doctoral students.
- ⑥ **Career Development & Research Excellence:** Enhanced programs to strengthen **research skills and transferable skills for diverse career paths.**

*1st through 3rd years of 3-year doctoral curricula, or the 1st through 4th years of medical, dental, or pharmaceutical curricula

Financial Supports

Note: These schemes and initiatives are subject to change according to the internal budget.

Eligible Track for comprehensive support package*1		① Incentive Stipend (annual amount)	② Tuition & Entrance Fee Waiver		③ Competitive Research Grant*4
【DP-Track】	Japanese students, etc.*2		Tuition Fee Waiver (annual amount)	Entrance Fee Waiver	
	International Students	2,400,000	536,000	282,000	
【Standard Track】	Japanese students, etc.*2	2,400,000	536,000	Not Available	
	International Students	1,272,000	536,000	282,000	
Other doctoral students	Japanese students, etc.*2	1,272,000	536,000	282,000	
	International Students	1,272,000	Not Available	Not Available	

All amounts are indicated in Japanese Yen.

- *1 Ineligibility (The following students are NOT eligible for incentive stipend and fee waiver) : (i) Students on a leave of absence or those who have exceeded the standard program duration. (ii) Individuals with an annual income of JPY 1.8 million or more (DP-Track students are eligible for waivers.). (iii) JSPS Research Fellows (tuition fee will be fully waived), MEXT Scholarship students, and recipients of other scholarships that prohibit concurrent funding (double-dipping), etc.
- *2 The definition of Japanese students, etc., refers to individuals possessing Japanese citizenship (including foreigners who have been naturalized in Japan). Additionally, special permanent residents, permanent residents, spouses of Japanese nationals, spouses of permanent residents, and Long-term Residents are expected to be included in the definition of Japanese students, etc. (Webpage for tuition fee waivers: <https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/gakusei-shien/menjo/yyuusyusa/>)
- *3 The DP-Track is exclusively available to doctoral students enrolled in one of the following 16 degree programs: “Division for Interdisciplinary Advanced Research and Education,” “International Joint Graduate Programs,” or “Academia-Industry Collaborating Graduate Programs.” [Advanced Graduate School Website: <https://pgd.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>]
- *4 A competitive grant intended to enhance the international experience of doctoral students, covering the costs associated with travel and relate expenses. DP-Track students will also receive support from their respective degree programs for mandatory curriculum requirements, including study abroad and internships.

Research Skills Enhancement Seminar Series

On-demand webinars focusing on academic writing, English skills, publishing, are available.



Academic Writing & Publishing Seminars

Presentation Fundamentals

English Enhancement Seminars

English Speech Function-Based Learning-

From Academic Publishing Perspectives (Academic Writing)

From Academic Publishing Perspectives (OA & Gen-AI)

nature masterclasses

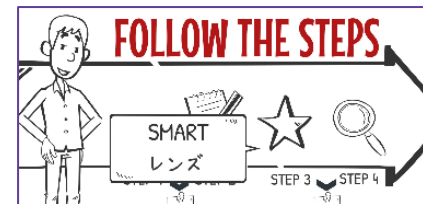
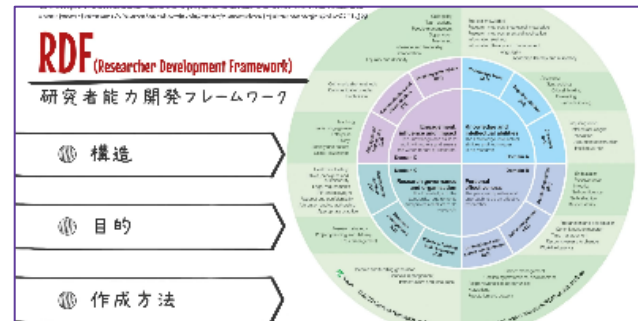


We are now offering "Nature Masterclasses On-demand" to all members of Tohoku University. These on-demand resources are designed for both the personal development of research skills and educational purposes in graduate schools, laboratories, and other academic activities.

Transferable Skills Workshop

Our on-demand webinars and lecture clips are designed to help you understand why transferable skills are essential for doctoral students.

- In recent years, there has been a growing momentum among many companies to actively recruit and promote doctoral talent. Beyond their high level of expertise, employers highly value and expect great things from PhD holders who also possess strong transferable skills.



Career Development

● PhD Career Development(Basic)

→Importance of broad career perspectives for doctoral students

● Business Culture in Japan

→Learn business culture in Japanese organization

● Prerequisites for Job Hunting in Japan

→Golden rules for international students who wish to find their career in Japan

GOLDEN RULE: Be a Japanese when you are in Japan

Punctuality is a cornerstone of Japanese work culture, reflecting a deep respect for others' time and the importance of efficiency in all professional settings.

Respect is woven into the fabric of interactions, where hierarchy and seniority are acknowledged through polite language and gestures, fostering a harmonious work environment.

Teamwork is highly valued, with an emphasis on collective achievements. It's common for employees to meet the company's goals.

Language proficiency in Japanese, as well as a learning, are essential.

The Key Role of the Japanese Language

Language as a Bridge

- Language is the key that unlocks real inclusion.
- Imagine trying to play a team sport without knowledge of the rules—that's what working in Japan without Japanese feels like.

Real-Life Impact of Language Proficiency

- Enables effective communication in meetings, research collaborations, and social situations.
- Improves access to technical materials, job postings, and grant applications.
- Allows deeper relationships with colleagues and mentors.



"Transferable Skills Development Program" brings together these essential resources into one comprehensive program. Students are eligible to receive an Open Badge, a digital certificate that showcases their professional growth.