



2025 Academic Year

**TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES**

**Doctoral Degree Program (3-year course)
Student Application Guidelines
(October Admission)**

**GENERAL SELECTION
SPECIAL SELECTION FOR WORKING STUDENTS
SPECIAL SELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Application Period	Monday, May 19, 2025 – Thursday, May 29, 2025, until 17:00
Connection Test	Saturday, June 14, 2025
Entrance Examination	Saturday, June 21, 2025
Result Announcement	Wednesday, July 2, 2025, around 17:00
Enrollment Date	October 1, 2025

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Information for Prospective Students

Tohoku University Graduate School Admission Policy

Philosophy & Mission

With over 100 years of history and distinguished traditions, Tohoku University has developed excellence in education and research under its principles of "Research First," "Open Doors," and "Practice-Oriented Research and Education" since its establishment in 1907. The university will maintain these traditions while looking toward even more dramatic progress in the future. As a world-leading center of education and research, it will contribute greatly to the human race by grappling with the difficult and complex issues facing the 21st century.

Tohoku University will focus its efforts of its faculties, graduate schools, and research institutes to foster ethical international leaders who will carry humanity into the future, while expanding its globally renowned creative research for the benefit of society at large.

Characteristics

1) Three Foundational Ideals

"Research First," "Open Doors," and "Practice-Oriented Research and Education" — soon after its founding, Tohoku University established this set of unique ideals, the substance of which it is continually developing in response to our changing times.

2) Rich Educational Environment

Tohoku University has numerous research organizations and facilities, primarily comprising 10 undergraduate schools, 15 graduate schools, 3 professional graduate schools, and 6 research institutes. Research institute staff also participate in educational activities (there are approx. 3,000 instructors; enrollment limits are approx. 2,400 for undergraduates, 2,700 for graduate students).

3) Research University

Tohoku University is a school that continuously produces numerous internationally recognized research results and concertedly pushes forward with leading-edge research and education.

4) Active Regional/Industrial-Academic Ties

The university is actively working to expand its diverse regional and industrial ties.

5) Globalizing Education and Research

Among Japan's national universities, Tohoku University is one of the top schools in terms of agreements with overseas universities. It is actively expanding exchange in education and research. The university strives to foster globally active individuals through strong support for studying abroad by Japanese students, as well as recruitment of numerous international students.

Ideal Tohoku University Applicants

Tohoku University seeks students who sympathize with the university's principles and who are motivated by:

- 1) the desire to make outstanding contributions as world-class researchers by addressing the issues facing humanity in the 21st century, and
- 2) the desire to make outstanding contributions to the development of society as highly specialized professionals who possess abundant knowledge and leadership.

To realize these ambitions, students should also have strength of will, academic curiosity, a broad

perspective, and an excellent foundation of specialized knowledge and abilities.

Tohoku University Admissions Process (Graduate School)

Depending on the number and type of candidates sought, Tohoku University graduate schools provide multiple categories of, and opportunities for undergoing, entrance exams to meet the needs of candidates from diverse backgrounds. Schools may evaluate the candidate's qualifications, abilities, and specialization using interviews, application documents such as research plans, proficiency exams, and external tests.

Graduate School of Life Sciences Admission Policy

The Tohoku University Graduate School of Life Sciences aims to foster leading researchers and engineers who can explore new areas of the life sciences using advanced knowledge and technologies. At the same time, we also focus on educating people who can leverage knowledge and technology based on the foundations of the life sciences and have a strong background in bioethics and environmental ethics. Therefore, we are looking for students who have a strong motivation to study the life sciences and the necessary academic background to complete the program.

In addition to the general selection examinations, we provide special selection examinations for working students, Japanese citizens returning from overseas (those who have lived in another country for a long time and received their education outside of Japan), and international students. Applicants are selected based on their motivation to carry out research according to our educational goals and their specialized knowledge and qualifications.

Master's Degree Program (2-year course)

In the general selection entrance examinations for the first term, specialized knowledge and the sufficiency of basic academic skills in each field of the life sciences are evaluated by interview.

In the self-recommendation and second-term general selection examination, professional knowledge and qualifications are evaluated by interview. Individuals who have studied fields other than the life sciences will also be assessed based on their willingness to apply their knowledge to life sciences research.

For the special selection examinations for working students, Japanese citizens returning from overseas, and international students, an interview is conducted according to the characteristics of each type of applicant to evaluate professional knowledge and qualifications.

Regardless of which examinations are taken, proficiency in English, the common language of the academic world, is evaluated based on scores that have been attained on external certification tests.

Applicants are expected to learn more about the specialized knowledge and research methods of the field they intend to pursue before enrolling.

Doctoral Degree Program (3-year course)

The general selection entrance examinations, special selection examinations for working students, and special selection examinations for international students take the form of an interview. In this interview, all applicants are required to present their past research and plans for their research after admission. Applicants are evaluated as to whether they have the specialized knowledge and qualifications necessary to carry out their research.

In addition, proficiency in English, the common language of the academic world, is evaluated based on scores that have been attained on external certification tests.

Before enrolling, applicants are expected to thoroughly investigate the research trends in the field they intend to pursue.

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1. Departments and the Number of Students to be Accepted

Department	Number of Students	Course	Field of Study (Laboratory Name)
Department of Integrative Life Sciences	Few students	Brain and Nervous System	Neuroethology, Molecular Ethology, Brain Development, Systems Neuroscience
		Cellular Network	Membrane Trafficking Mechanisms, Developmental Dynamics, Organelle Pathophysiology, Super-Network Brain Physiology
		Developmental Regulation Network	Cancer Biology
		(Cooperative faculties)	<u>Developmental Neuroscience</u> (*), <u>Molecular Oncology</u> , <u>Immunobiology</u> , <u>Neuronal Cell Biology</u>
Department of Ecological Developmental Adaptability Life Sciences	Few students	Biological Dynamics	Organ Morphogenesis, Plant Cell Dynamics, Plant Sensory and Developmental Biology
		Ecological Dynamics	Functional Ecology, Ecological Integration, Symbiosis Genomics, Macroecology, Watershed Ecology, Plant Reproductive Strategy (*)
		Biodiversity Dynamics	Plant Diversity and Evolution, Conservation Biology (*), Marine Biodiversity
		Eco-Socio Dynamics	Ecosystem Functions
		(Cooperative faculties)	<u>Systems Bioinformatics</u> , <u>Human Evolution</u>
Department of Molecular and Chemical Life Sciences	Few students	Chemical Biology	Analytical Bioorganic Chemistry, Biostructural Chemistry (*), Bioactive Molecules, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Applied Biological Molecular Science
		Molecular and Network Genomics	Microbial Genetics and Evolution, Plant Reproductive System, Molecular Genetics and Physiology, Evolutionary Genomics, Plant Molecular and Physiological Adaptation (*)
		Multilevel Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics	Molecular Analysis of Biological Functions, Biofunctional Chemistry and Nanobiotechnology, Structural Mechanism Research and Development, Dynamic Structural Biology
		Genome Informatics	Omics and Informatics
		(Cooperative faculties)	<u>Chemical biology of Natural Product</u> , <u>Redox Biology</u> , <u>Bioorganic Medicinal Chemistry</u> , <u>RNA Physiology</u>

Note: The underlined fields indicate the fields of study in which the cooperating teachers are in charge.

(*) Developmental Neuroscience fields from the Department of Integrative Life Sciences, Plant Reproductive Strategy and Conservation Biology fields from the Department of Ecological Developmental Adaptability Life Sciences as well as Biostructural Chemistry and Plant Molecular and Physiological Adaptation fields from the Department of Molecular and Chemical Life Sciences, are not accepting applications.

2. Eligibility and Application Requirements

General Selection, Special Selection for International Students

Applicants for the 3-year Doctoral Course applying for the General Selection and the Special Selection for International Students must fall into one of the following categories.

For the Special Selection for International Students, applicants must be non-Japanese nationals with a "Student" type of visa. Applicants with other types of visas (permanent resident, spouse or child of a Japanese national, spouse or child of permanent resident, long-term resident, etc.) should apply through the general selection.

Applicants who have graduated from a six-year undergraduate course in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine fall under (8).

- (1) Those who have received or expect to receive a master's degree or a professional degree by September 2025 from a university in Japan.
- (2) Those who have received or expect to receive a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree from a graduate school of a foreign university by September 2025.
- (3) Those who have completed in Japan a distance education program provided by a foreign school and have received or are expected to receive a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree in Japan by September 2025.
- (4) Those who have completed an education program provided by a foreign school in Japan which is designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) as being equivalent to a graduate program in Japan and have received or are expected to receive a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree by September 2025.
- (5) Those who have completed a program at the United Nations University and have received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree by September 2025.
- (6) Those who have studied on the education program provided by a foreign school, an educational institution with a graduate course in a foreign country, or a United Nations University, who passed an examination and assessment equivalent to those prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 28 of 1974), and who is recognized as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to a master's degree holders by September 2025.
- (7) Those designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
 - a) Those who have graduated from a university and have worked for a university or research organization as a researcher for more than 2 years, and who have been recognized by this graduate school as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree based on the results of the research.
 - b) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country, or have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a distance education program provided by a foreign school in Japan, have worked for a university or research organization as a researcher for more than 2 years, and who have been recognized by this graduate school as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree based on the results of the research.
- (8) Those who have been recognized by the graduate school as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree through individual screening of admission qualifications, and who will reach the age of 24 by September 2025.

Note 1: Applicants should contact the faculty member whose supervision they wish to receive in advance, confirm the research plan after admission, obtain confirmation that the faculty member will be able to supervise the applicant, and submit the application form only after informing the prospective supervisor of the intent to apply.

Note 2: Those who are expected to complete the master's course (excluding those who are expected to complete the master's course in this Graduate School) and wish to enter the doctoral course of this Graduate School should apply according to this guideline.

Note 3: Those who wish to apply according to the above (6) should contact the Academic Affairs Office by Friday, April 25, 2025.

Note 4: Those who wish to apply according to the above (7) or (8) should undergo the preliminary screening as instructed below and apply according to the results.

About the preliminary individual screening for admission.

Please submit the following documents to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by mail (registered mail) or in person by Friday, April 25, 2025.

Notification of the screening results will be sent by registered mail around Friday, May 9, 2025.

- a. Application form for pre-application screening (Please request an application form from the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.)
- b. Official academic transcript (prepared by the head of the last institution attended)
- c. Abstract of the research (about two A4 pages) and reference materials such as academic papers
- d. Envelope for notification of screening results (standard size, with applicant's name and address written on it, and a stamp of 460 yen)
- e. Other materials that may be used as a reference for a review

Note 5: Those who wish to apply for the Special Selection for International Students should apply to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by Friday, April 25, 2025, to confirm their eligibility.

Special Selection for Working Students

Applicants for the Doctoral Course (3-year course) applying for the Special Selection for Working Students must fall into one of the following categories.

- (1) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after receiving a master's degree or a professional degree from a university in Japan.
- (2) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after receiving a master's degree or a professional degree from a foreign university.
- (3) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after receiving a master's degree or a professional degree from a distance education program provided by a foreign school.
- (4) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after receiving a master's degree or a professional degree from an education program provided by a foreign school in Japan which is designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) as being equivalent to a graduate program in Japan.
- (5) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after receiving a master's degree or a professional degree from a program at the United Nations University.
- (6) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least two years after studying on the education program provided by a foreign school, an educational institution with a graduate course in a foreign country, or a United Nations University, who passed an examination and assessment equivalent to those prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 28 of 1974), and who is recognized as having academic abilities equivalent or superior to a master's degree holders.
- (7) Those who have been working at a research institution for at least 4 years after graduation from a university and who has been recognized by the graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree.

- (8) Those who have experience of working or researching, who have been recognized by the graduate school as having academic ability equivalent or superior to a master's degree or a professional degree through individual screening of admission qualifications, and who will reach the age of 24 by September 2025.

Note 1: Applicants should contact the faculty member whose supervision they wish to receive in advance, confirm the research plan after admission, obtain confirmation that the faculty member will be able to supervise the applicant, and submit the application form only after informing the prospective supervisor of the intent to apply.

- a. Abstract of research such as a master's thesis (about one A4 page) and reference materials such as academic papers
- b. Summary of research conducted after obtaining a master's degree, etc. (about one A4 page)
- c. Field of research applicant wishes to enroll and research plan (about one A4 page)

Note 2: Those who wish to apply according to (6) should contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences to confirm the documents to be submitted, and submit these documents by Friday, April 25, 2025.

Note 3: Those who wish to apply according to (7) should undergo the preliminary screening and apply according to the results. Please submit the following documents to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by mail (registered mail) or in person by Friday, April 25, 2025. Notification of the screening results will be sent by registered mail around Friday, May 9, 2025.

- a. Application form for pre-application screening (Please request an application form from the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.)
- b. Official academic transcript issued by the university attended.
- c. Abstract of the research (about two A4 pages) and reference materials such as academic papers
- d. Envelope for notification of screening results (standard size, with applicant's name and address written on it, and a stamp of 460 yen)
- e. Other materials that may be used as a reference for the review

Note 4: Those who wish to apply according to (8) should undergo the preliminary screening and apply according to the results. Please submit the following documents to the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by mail (registered mail) or in person by Friday, April 25, 2025. Notification of the screening results will be sent by registered mail around Friday, May 9, 2025.

- a. Application form for pre-application screening (Please request an application form from the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences.)
- b. Official academic transcript (prepared by the head of the last institution attended)
- c. Abstract of the research (about two A4 pages) and reference materials such as academic papers
- d. Envelope for notification of screening results (standard size, with applicant's name and address written on it, and a stamp of 460 yen)
- e. Other materials that may be used as a reference for the review

Note 5: Those who are employed in private or other companies may enroll while still employed as long as it does not affect their research or take a leave of absence from their current position.

3. Application Period

(1) Applicants are required to carefully read this application guide and upload the application documents to the TAO application registration site (hereinafter referred to as "TAO").

Upload period to TAO

From Monday, May 19, 2025 to Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 17:00 (JST)

(2) In addition, documents that must be submitted as originals, such as official TOEFL scores, should be submitted by the following deadline:

If mailed, must arrive no later than May 29.

In case of submission directly at the office of the Academic Affairs Section, documents can be accepted from 9:00 to 11:50 and from 13:00 to 17:00 on weekdays.

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4. Application Procedures

(1) Application Procedure

Please submit your application through TAO by following the steps below. Please note that some documents, such as official TOEFL scores, require specific submission procedures.

- 1) Confirmation of Application Procedures and Advance Preparation (Preparing Application Materials, Obtaining Application Approval from Prospective Academic Advisor)

First, please read this application guide carefully, confirm that you are eligible to apply, and prepare the necessary application materials.

- Please note that some application documents, such as official TOEFL scores, may take around two months to be delivered, so be sure to prepare them well in advance.
- Please obtain approval for your application from your academic advisor in the field you wish to study. (For details, please refer to "(2) Application Documents" Notes 1 and 2, as well as No. 7.)

- 2) Examination Fee Transfer (to be made within the application period)

Transfer the examination fee of 30,000 yen and obtain documents (such as bank statements) to verify the transfer. (For details, see (2) Application Documents No. 8 "Examination fee").

If you are applying from overseas, we will provide information on how to pay the entrance examination fee from abroad. Please contact the Academic Affairs Office of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by email.

- 3) Application registration through TAO

- a) To use TAO, please create an applicant account on the TAO website below.
TAO website: <https://admissions-office.net/en/portal>
- b) Next, please proceed with the application for the entrance examination on the "Graduate School of Life Sciences Entrance Examination Information website," and complete your registration by entering the required information and uploading the designated documents through the. **"TAO Application URL"**.

Graduate School of Life Sciences Entrance Examination Information Website:
<https://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/schedule/>

- The "TAO Application URL" on the Entrance Examination Information website is different for each type of entrance examination. Please make sure that it is the entrance examination you are applying for before registering your application.
- Please be careful not to make any mistakes in selecting the university, graduate school, or entrance exam you are applying for.
- Please convert certificates and other documents to PDF or another designated format and upload them.
- A temporary save option is available, so please use this function, for example, to make a final confirmation before submitting your application.
- After completing your application registration, please confirm that the status on TAO is marked as "Submitted".

4) Submission of original English score

For English scores, in addition to uploading the scores to TAO, some scores require the submission of original documents. Please make arrangements in advance to ensure that the relevant English scores can be submitted within the application period. For details on the required scores and how to submit them, please refer to No. 12 of "(2) Application Documents".

5) Complete the Graduate School of Life Sciences "Application Confirmation Form".

The form will be available on the Graduate School of Life Sciences website on the Entrance Examination Information page (see below) depending on the application period. Please fill in the required information regarding your web environment during the examination and submit your responses. Please note that some of the questions on the form overlap with those on the TAO form.

Graduate School of Life Sciences Entrance Examination Information Page:

<https://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/schedule/>

(2) Application documents

Notes:

1) Please contact your prospective supervisor in the field of study of your interest in advance to inform them that you plan to apply for the Doctoral Program October Admission entrance examination. Make sure to have a thorough discussion with the professor to fully confirm and mutually understand the research activities and topics that can be conducted in their laboratory. Obtain their approval before applying (Refer to No. 7).

2) There is a deadline for application, so please contact your prospective academic advisor(s) well in advance.

No	Documents	Notes
1	Application form	Please fill in the information in each section of the "Application for Admission" on the TAO.
2	Photo data	Upload the applicant's own photo at TAO. - The photo must be taken within 3 months before the application. - The data format must be PNG, JPEG, or JPG.
3	Research plan	Prepare a research plan for your post-enrollment studies and upload it to the TAO in PDF format. <u>Precautions for Preparation</u> - Please write horizontally; about two A4 pages. - Please write the applicant's name and field of interest on the first line. - The standard font size is 11-12 pt. and the standard number of words in the main text is 2,000 (1000 words in English).
4	Research papers	Upload both (1) and (2) below in PDF format to the TAO. (1) List of research papers, etc. (Horizontal, A4 size) (2) Master's thesis or other representative research papers

		<p>*The maximum upload size is 20 MB. If you wish to upload more than 20 MB, please contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences in advance.</p> <p>*Those who are currently enrolled in a 2-year Master's course and cannot submit their Master's thesis at the time of application should upload a PDF file to the TAO containing the following information: the expected submission date, the expected title of the thesis, and a document confirming that approval has been obtained.</p>
5	Transcript of academic records (both from the undergraduate and graduate courses)	<p>Upload both (1) and (2) in PDF format to the TAO.</p> <p>1) Transcripts from the university (undergraduate school) you graduated from</p> <p>2) Transcript from the graduate school (2-year master's program or professional degree program)</p> <p>The original hard copy of the latest version of these certificates (in paper form) must be submitted during the enrollment process (in September 2025).</p>
6	Certificate of (expected) graduation (From the last institution attended)	<p>Depending on the final educational background, upload the appropriate certificate from (1) to (4) below in PDF format to the TAO.</p> <p>(1) Certificate of (expected) graduation for those who have completed (or are expected to complete) the Master's course or professional degree course.</p> <p>(2) Certificate of graduation from a university for those who have graduated from an undergraduate course.</p> <p>(3) A certificate of acceptance of an application for a bachelor's (master's) degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.</p> <p>(4) For others, a certificate of (expected) graduation or a certificate of (expected) completion of studies from the last institution attended.</p> <p>The original hard copy of the latest version of this certificate (in paper form) must be submitted during the enrollment process (in September 2025).</p>
7	Email confirmation of application approval from prospective supervisor (see note)	<p>Submit (upload) an email in A4 PDF format to the TAO confirming that you have received approval for your application from your prospective supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The email must include the following information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sender's email address and date of sending, Recipient's email address and date of receipt, Applicant's name, Name of entrance exam (Doctoral Program October Admission entrance examination), and the type of selection (general selection, special selection for international students/working students) Field of study, and name of prospective supervisor - Please refer to the example of the email below.

		<p>--Sample e-mail sent by a candidate to a potential supervisor--</p> <p>Subject: Regarding application for Doctoral Program October admission entrance examinations for the Graduate School of Life Sciences at Tohoku University</p> <p>Professor <professor's name></p> <p>My name is <applicant's name> from the graduate school of ○○, ○○ University. (Reason for application, etc.) I would like to apply to your laboratory for the Doctoral course entrance examination, October admission, through the general selection as follows.</p> <p>Field of study: ○○ Expected supervisor: ○○Professor (or Associate Professor)</p> <p>----- Applicant's email signature (name, affiliation, contact information, etc.)</p> <hr/> <p>--Sample of a reply e-mail from a prospective supervisor to an applicant -- (Note)</p> <p>Dear Mr. <applicant's name></p> <p>I, <professor's name>, hereby give my approval to take Doctoral program entrance examination, October admission.</p> <p>Prospective Academic Advisor: ○○ Field of study: ○○</p> <p>----- Email signature of prospective academic advisor (name, affiliation, contact information, etc.)</p> <p>Note: The reply email from your prospective advisor is a response to your application and does not guarantee admission to the Graduate School of Life Sciences of Tohoku University. Please contact the faculty members (Associate Professor or higher) you wish to be your advisor one by one, do not send emails to several faculty members at the same time.</p>
8	Examination Fee and Confirmation of Examination Fee Payment	<p>(1) Transfer the application fee of 30,000 yen to the bank account below via bank counter, ATM, or Internet banking during the application period. (Applicants are responsible for any handling charges incurred at the time of transfer.) Please be careful not to make any mistakes in the information below.</p>

		<p>Payment details:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>銀行名 / Bank Name</td> <td>UFJ/ MUFG Bank, Ltd. (金融機関/ Bank Code: 0005)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>支店名 / Branch Name</td> <td>わかたけ支店/Wakatake Shiten (支店コード/ Branch Code: 809)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>預金種別/ Account Type</td> <td>普通 / Ordinary Savings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>口座番号/ Account Number</td> <td>2 2 5 9 4 1 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>カナ名義/ Account-holder Name in Kana</td> <td>ダイ) トウホクダイガク/ DAI) TOUHOKUDAIGAKU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>口座名義/ Account-holder Name</td> <td>国立大学法人東北大学/ National University Corporation Tohoku University</td> </tr> </table> <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When making a bank transfer, please enter the <u>name of the person who will be taking the examination</u>. Other information (telephone number, etc.) may be entered by the person actually making the transfer (e.g., a relative). - When transferring money from an account in the name of a person other than the applicant, be sure to change the name of the payee to the <u>name of the person taking the examination</u> before transferring the money. - If you are applying for an exemption from the application fee for disaster victims, please do not transfer the application fee. Please refer to the following website for details: https://www.tnc.tohoku.ac.jp/exempt.php - Those who are expected to complete Tohoku University's master's or professional degree program in September 2025 are not required to pay this fee. - Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT) students are not required to pay this fee. <p>(2) After the transfer, please obtain proof of the transfer, such as a copy of your bank transfer request document, ATM statement, or a copy of your net banking transfer completion screen (please make sure that the transfer procedure has been completed) and upload it to the TAO. (The file format should be PNG, JPEG or JPG.)</p>	銀行名 / Bank Name	UFJ/ MUFG Bank, Ltd. (金融機関/ Bank Code: 0005)	支店名 / Branch Name	わかたけ支店/Wakatake Shiten (支店コード/ Branch Code: 809)	預金種別/ Account Type	普通 / Ordinary Savings	口座番号/ Account Number	2 2 5 9 4 1 1	カナ名義/ Account-holder Name in Kana	ダイ) トウホクダイガク/ DAI) TOUHOKUDAIGAKU	口座名義/ Account-holder Name	国立大学法人東北大学/ National University Corporation Tohoku University
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9	Certificate of residence (Jūminhyō)	<p>Only for foreigners residing in Japan (whose stay exceeds 90 days),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upload the certificate in PDF format from the TAO. - The certificate must be issued within 3 months prior to the date of application. - Should include the status of residence and the number of the residence card, but do not need to include the personal number "My Number". <p>*The original hard copy of the certificate (in paper form) issued in September 2025 must be submitted during the enrollment procedures (in September 2025).</p>												
10	Certificate of research period	<p>Applicants applying for the “Special Selection for Working Students” should upload this document to TAO in PDF format.</p> <p>The certificate must be certified by the head of the company where the applicant is working and must indicate the period of research as specified in the application requirements. (Free format.)</p>												

11	Permission to take an examination	Applicants who are working and wish to enroll without a leave of absence from work should submit this document in the PDF format to the TAO. (Free format)
12	<p>TOEFL®TEST(*) TOEIC®TEST(**) IELTS or Duolingo English test score (Note 1)</p> <p>(Note 1) Grades for Foreign Language (English) will be based on the grades on this score sheet.</p> <p>*TOEFL is a registered trademark of Educational Testing Service (ETS). This material has not been reviewed or approved by ETS. ** The “TOEFL iBT® Test” is referred as the “TOEFL iBT®” in these guidelines.</p>	<p>All applicants are required to submit a score from one of the following tests: TOEFL®, TOEIC®, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test score. Tests taken within the two years prior to the first day of the entrance examination are considered valid. Please note that it takes time for scores from each test to be delivered. Please take the tests well in advance of your application to ensure that your scores are received in time. Multiple score submissions are allowed. (e.g. one TOEIC® L&R score, one TOEFL iBT® score)</p> <p>(1) Eligible Scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TOEIC L&R Group TOEIC IP test score will not be accepted. This applies to the "Digital Official Score Certificate". ➤ TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition) Group TOEFL ITP test score will not be accepted. Official Score Report must be submitted. The score report for the TOEFL iBT test will automatically include two types of scores: the test result for each test date (Test Date score) and the MyBest™ score. The Graduate School will use the Test Date score. ➤ IELTS (Academic Module only) Test Report Form must be submitted. ➤ Duolingo English Score This applies to test results issued online. <p>(2) Uploading English Scores to TAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>For TOEIC®</u> Please upload the PDF of the "Digital Official Score Certificate" to TAO. - <u>For TOEFL iBT® and Duolingo English Tests</u> Please upload the "official score report or your personal copy of the score (or a screenshot of the Internet confirmation screen for test takers, etc.) " as a PDF or image file to TAO. <p>(3) Submission of Original English Scores</p> <p>Please prepare and arrange for delivery of the official score by the application deadline, as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TOEIC® L&R The "Digital Official Score Certificate" will be available on the TOEIC application site in PDF format. You only need to upload this PDF to TAO; submission of the original document is not required. ➤ TOEFL iBT® Please complete the Official Score Report mailing procedures at ETS. The DI code for ETS is B430 (Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku

		<p>University).</p> <p><u>Please note that it takes approximately two months from the time the ETS is sent to the time it is delivered, so be sure to take the necessary steps well in advance.</u></p> <p>➤ IETS Please send the original Test Report Form (official transcript) by mail.</p> <p>➤ Duolingo English Test After taking the test, you will be asked to select the school to which you wish to apply. Please select the Graduate School of Life Sciences to complete the issuance process. Please take the test well in advance, as it may take some time for the score to be evaluated and in some cases the test may not be approved.</p> <p>If you have difficulty submitting the designated score by the application deadline</p> <p>(1) If you have difficulty submitting the official score by the application deadline, <u>please upload the examinee's score (personal verification) or similar document when submitting the application through TAO.</u></p> <p>(2) If the original eligible official score (in paper form) is not submitted by 17:00 on June 19 (Thu), the applicant will not be allowed to take the examination. The examination fee will not be refunded.</p> <p>(3) The original official score (in paper form) to be submitted must be the same test score (same type of test, same test administration date, same score and rating) as the examinee's score (personal verification) uploaded to the TAO at the time of application. Submission of scores from a different test (e.g., higher test scores) will not be accepted.</p>
13	<p>“Application Confirmation Form” for the Graduate School of Life Sciences</p>	<p>Applicants are required to complete the Application Confirmation Form. The form will be available on the Graduate School of Life Sciences Admission Information Website during the application submission period. Admissions information website https://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/admission/schedule</p>

(3) Notes

- 1) Please note that applications will not be accepted if there are any omissions or other deficiencies in the information to be entered or registered. Application documents will not be returned.
- 2) If false information is provided in the application documents or if the original documents cannot be verified at the time of admission, the acceptance of the application may be canceled, or the admission permit may be withdrawn even after the applicant has already been enrolled.
- 3) In the event of serious misbehavior prior to enrollment, the school reserves the right to cancel acceptance or revoke admission even after the student has been permitted to enter the graduate school.
- 4) The examination fee is non-refundable for any reason.
- 5) Once an application has been received, no withdrawals or changes to the information on the application form will be accepted.

Tohoku University website (Entrance and tuition fee waivers and other information):

<https://www2.he.tohoku.ac.jp/menjo/>

7. Time of Enrollment

The date of enrollment of successful applicants is October 1, 2025.

8. Long-Term Course Program

Those who wish to obtain a Ph. D. degree in life science by systematically completing the educational program over a certain period, exceeding the standard course length of three years in the Doctoral Degree Program, due to special reasons ((1) full-time employees of companies or those who run their businesses, (2) those who need to take care of childbirth, childcare, or nursing care, etc., (3) other students who have been approved by the Graduate School) may be permitted to enroll as a long-term course student by submitting the required application at the time of enrollment procedures based on the notice of enrollment procedures that will be sent to successful applicants. The duration of study cannot exceed six years, but students may request to shorten the approved period of study midway through their studies.

Education and research guidance will be provided using the regular curriculum and class schedule.

The annual tuition fee for long-term course students is the amount obtained by multiplying the annual tuition fee for general students by the number of years of the standard course of study (3 years) and dividing it by the number of years of study permitted for long-term course students.

For reference, the annual tuition fee from April 2025 is as follows.

- Annual tuition for general students with a standard term of study of 3 years: 535,800 yen
- Annual tuition fee for students with 4 years of study permitted: 401,850 yen
- Annual tuition fee for students with 5 years of study permitted: 321,480 yen
- Annual tuition fee for students with 6 years of study permitted: 267,900 yen

9. Handling of Personal Information

(1) Personal information collected by Tohoku University is strictly protected in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information (Act No. 57 of 2003)" and other laws and regulations, and is handled in accordance with the "Personal Information Protection Regulations of Tohoku University National University Corporation" and other related regulations of Tohoku University for the protection of personal information.

(2) Personal information such as exam results used for admission selection will be used for the following purposes: selection of applicants, admission procedures, pre-admission education, follow-up surveys, student support after admission (scholarships, tuition waiver, health care, etc.), educational purposes such as academic guidance, and tuition related matters, as well as for surveys (improvement of entrance examinations, research, analysis of application trends, etc.) and research. (For admitted students, this includes post-admission analysis of personal information.)

(3) In some cases, work related to admissions and academic affairs may be performed by companies contracted by the University (hereinafter referred to as "trustee"). In the event that all or part of personal information is provided to a trustee company for outsourcing, necessary measures will be taken to ensure that the information is handled appropriately in accordance with the "Personal Information Protection Regulations of Tohoku University National University Corporation" and other relevant regulations of Tohoku University.

(4) By applying to the Graduate School, applicants are considered to have agreed to the above statement.

10. Other

(1) Application documents and examination fees cannot be returned.

(2) Consultations are available for those who require special consideration for entrance examinations and academic study, so please contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Life Sciences by Friday, April 25, 2025 if needed.

(3) For inquiries about the Graduate School of Life Sciences entrance examination, please refer to the following contact information.

<p>1-1-2 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8577, Japan Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Life Sciences, Tohoku University TEL +81-22-217-5706 E-mail lif-kyom@grp.tohoku.ac.jp</p>
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(4) Below you will find the Graduate School of Life Sciences website regarding the admissions process. Please check this page from time to time for the latest information. (Q&A and other information is also available.)

<https://www.lifesci.tohoku.ac.jp/admission/>

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