



STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION

FOR 2026 October

Examination for Admission for Overseas Residents

DOCTORAL PROGRAM (GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE) MEDICAL SCIENCES

Prescreening	Oct 27(Mon), 2025 – Nov 5(Wed), 2025 16:00 JST
Application period	Dec 1(Mon), 2025 – Dec 12(Fri), 2025 16:00 JST
Entrance examination (Oral examination)	To be conducted from Dec 22(Mon), 2025 to Jan 8(Thu), 2026 in each department you applied for.
Announcement of successful applicants	Feb 5(Thu), 2026 Around 10 a.m. (JST) (tentative)
Registration for admission	October 1, 2026

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Oct 2025

The English translations are provided only for reference purposes to aid in the understanding of the Japanese originals. In the case of a discrepancy between the Japanese original and its English translation, the former shall take precedence.

Admissions Policy

[Graduate School of Medicine]

The Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine aims to nurture world-class outstanding researchers and professionals with a high level of specialized knowledge and skills in the field of medicine, a strong spirit of inquiry, a strong sense of mission and ethics, and the ability to specifically promote solutions to problems in the medical field in an advanced, interdisciplinary, and creative manner.

Specifically, we seek students who aspire to become researchers, advanced professionals, or educators possessing rich humanity that contribute to new developments in the medical field with the aim of improving the health and welfare of people in Japan and around the world through specialized knowledge and skills supported by a strong spirit of inquiry and a strong sense of mission and ethics.

For this reason, we conduct entrance examinations through general admission, special admission for working adults (only for the PhD Degree Program (4-year course)), Examination for Admission for Overseas Residents and the PhD Degree Program (3-year course)) and special admission (only for some courses in the Master's Degree Program of School of Public Health), and select students based on whether or not they have the high ability and qualities necessary for conducting research in accordance with these educational principles and goals.

Medical Sciences

In the general selection examination, special selection examination for working adults and Examination for Admission for Overseas Residents, we select students based on English proficiency evaluated using the applicants' scores on external examinations and oral examinations evaluating their specialized knowledge, thinking ability, motivation, and aptitude, with special emphasis on those who aim to become medical researchers with the advanced research skills necessary to conduct research activities independently or engage in professional work. English proficiency equivalent to that of a graduate of a six-year university or master's degree course, basic advanced-specialized knowledge and thinking ability in relation to the applicant's major and field of study, specific motivation, and aptitude for study are necessary to exceed the criteria set by the Graduate School, and the results of the oral examination are especially important in the selection process.

Note that students are expected to have acquired basic advanced-specialized knowledge and English language skills prior to admission.

Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine is seeking students for the Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident Doctoral Program[Major of Medical Sciences] according to the following guidelines (including special admission quota for the working adults program):

1. NUMBER OF OPENINGS FOR STUDENTS: around 54
(Including the Quantum Biology and Molecular Imaging Course, Tumor Specialists Training Course, Medical Physics Course, Comprehensive Medicine Course, Medical AI Course, Disaster Medicine and Health Care Research Course and Network Medicine Course on the general selection examination, special admission for working adults, the Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident for Doctoral Program[Major of Medical Sciences] for the academic year 2026)

2. MAJOR: MEDICAL SCIENCES

*For offered fields (education and research field), please refer to the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine website.

<https://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/about/laboratory/>

<https://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/admissions/graduate/application/>

3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements by the day prior to the day of desired enrollment and must live outside Japan at the time of application. Eligible applicants are those who have:

- (1) Those who have graduated from a school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine (including those who are expected to graduate by Sep 2026).
- (2) Those who have completed 18 years of education in a foreign country (including those who are expected to complete such education before Sep 2026).
- (3) Those who have completed 18 years of education in a foreign country through correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school of said country or who are expected to complete said courses by Sep 2026.
- (4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete by Sep 2026 a program in an educational facility in Japan designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that provides courses from a foreign university within the school system of a foreign country (This applies solely to those who have completed 18 years of education in said foreign country)
- (5) Students who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a curriculum that has a course term of five years or longer at a university or other school (limited to schools whose overall educational and research activities have been evaluated by the relevant country's government or a government-approved individual, or are designated separately as having met this requirement by the Minister of Education) in a foreign country (including cases in which the student completed the curriculum by taking subjects conducted by said school via distance learning while the student resided in Japan, and cases in which the student has completed a curriculum at an educational facility that is positioned within that country's educational system as per the previous item) (including those who are expected to acquire a Bachelor degree by Sep 2026)

- (6) Those who are specified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, No. 39 of April 8, 1955), such as those who have obtained or are expected to obtain by Sep 2026 a degree equivalent to a master's degree, first-stage doctoral degree (2-year program), or professional degree after completing the necessary coursework, and are recognized to have academic abilities equivalent to persons who have graduated from an undergraduate school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine by this graduate school, or who will obtain such recognition by Sep 2026.
- (7) Those who have been enrolled in a university's medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine course for more than four years, those who have completed 16 years of formal education (limited to those that included a medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary science course; hereafter, the same shall apply in this item), those who have completed 16 years of education in a foreign country through correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school of said country, or those who have completed a program in an educational facility in Japan designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that provides courses from a foreign university within the school education system of a foreign country (this applies solely to those who have completed 16 years of education in said foreign country) and who have been recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the specified credits with outstanding performance by Sep 2026.
- (8) Those who entered another graduate school (school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine) in compliance with the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Law and who are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability appropriate for receiving postgraduate education.
- (9) Those over 24 years old by Sep 2026 whom this graduate school has authorized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a university.

(EXPLANATORY REMARKS)

1. Please make sure you fully understand the research content of the department you wish to apply for and contact the professor of the department directly before applying to obtain his/her approval for your application.
2. In the case of a foreigner, please confirm the entrance qualification to the Graduate Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medicine before submitting the application form.
3. A university listed in item (1), (7) and (9) refers to a 6-year university in Japan.
4. 18 years of education in item (2) should include 6-year university as a last educational background.
5. A "master's degree, doctoral degree (first two years of the doctoral program, i.e., master's program) or professional degree" listed in item (6) above refers to a Japanese university master's degree, doctoral degree (first two years of the doctoral program, i.e., master's program) or professional degree.
6. Applicants who satisfy the conditions for item (5), (7), (8) or (9), must pass the preliminary screening for admissions.
 - a. Application Period for preliminary screening

Please refer to the period of “Pre-Screening” on the front cover of this application guideline

- b. Those who wish to take the preliminary screening should contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medicine before applying.

* Refer to the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine website "Concerning the Application for Examination of Qualifications for Admission".

<https://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/admissions/graduate/apply/>

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(1) ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to complete the application procedures by the online application system, The Admissions Office (hereinafter referred to as TAO), within the application period. The outline is as follows.

1 Confirmation of application guidelines and obtaining necessary documents



- Please carefully check this application guideline for application qualifications and necessary documents for application.
- Please ask your university or college to issue certificates of graduation (or expected graduation), transcripts and other documents for your application in advance.
- Note: Application cannot be accepted without a prior approval from a prospective supervisor.

2 Payment of examination fee



- Please follow the instructions on this application guideline and transfer the money to the designated bank account using an ATM (financial institution, convenience store), Internet banking, etc. A handling fee will be charged (to be borne by the applicant). **Applicants who live overseas can pay by credit card.** Please contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section before applying.
- After transferring the money, please upload a PDF or image file of the ATM statement or Internet banking transfer completion screen that shows the payee information, amount and transfer date on the TAO (application website).

[NOTE] Application registration or payment of the application fee is not enough to complete the application procedure.

3 Apply on the TAO application website



- Please visit TAO (The Admissions Office) website, create an account and enter the required information, <https://admissions-office.net/>
- Uploading of certificates and other documents is also available at the TAO.
- Once you have registered, **you cannot make any changes to your registration.** When registering, please do so carefully and make sure that there are no errors.
- The temporary save function is available, please use it effectively for checking.

The application procedure is completed by both paying the application fee and registering the application information on the Internet. Please note that the application procedure is not completed only by paying the examination fee or registering the application information on the Internet. In addition, please submit the "English Score Sheet" within the application period.

(2) APPLICATION PERIOD

From Dec 1 (Mon), 2025 to Dec12 (Fri) , 2025, 16:00 JST 【Strict Deadline】

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(3) CONTACT INFORMATION :

Graduate Academic Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Office
 Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
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 980-8575 Japan
 Tel: (+81) 22-717-8010
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(4) APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Applicant information registration on the TAO.

DOCUMENTS	PARTICULARS
Photograph Data of The Applicant	Upload a photo of the applicant by TAO. *The photo must be taken within 3 months prior to the application, with the upper half of the body, without a headband, facing front. *Available data must be in jpeg or png format and between 100 KB and 5 MB in size.
Transcript of Academic Records	Prepared by the Dean of your home university (faculty). Please convert it to PDF or image data and upload it by TAO. *Those who have graduated from a course other than medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary science and have completed a master's course, or a professional degree course of a graduate school in Japan should upload a transcript of the graduate school in addition to a transcript of the university (undergraduate school) from which you graduated. *For those who graduated from School/Graduate School of Medicine, the transcript of Tohoku University is not required.
Certificate of Completion (Expected Completion), etc.	Certificate of the completion (expected completion) of a bachelor's degree or a certificate of the conferral (expected conferral) of a bachelor's degree. Please convert it to PDF or image data and upload it by TAO. *For those who graduated from School/Graduate School of Medicine, the certificate of Tohoku University is not required.
Examination Information	Please check the information on the TAO and enter the pledge date, name, and other necessary information.
Application Fee, ¥30,000	The application fee is ¥30,000. Due Date: Dec 12 【Strict Deadline】 ① Those who are expected to complete a master's course or a professional degree course of Tohoku University in Sep 2026 are not required. ②MEXT Scholarship students are not required to pay the

	<p>examination fee.</p> <p>③Those who apply for the application fee exemption for the victims of disasters occur 2025 in Japan are not required. Those who are eligible should complete the procedures at the following website. https://www.tnc.tohoku.ac.jp/exempt.php</p> <p>④<u>Applicants who live overseas can pay by credit card.</u> Please contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section before applying.</p>
Confirmation Document of Payment	<p>After the transfer, please convert the ATM statement, Internet banking transfer completion screen, etc., which shows the payee account information, amount, transfer date, etc., into PDF or image data and upload it by TAO.</p> <p>*Those who are expected to complete a master's course or a professional degree course of Tohoku University in September 2026 are not required.</p> <p>*MEXT Scholarship students are not required.</p> <p>*Those who apply for the application fee exemption are not required.</p>

●Necessary documents:

DOCUMENTS	PARTICULARS
Aspirations, Motives, Reasons and Ambitions	A Graduate School prescribed form.(Please refer to the TAO for details) *Approximately 500 words long Please submit the document to the prospective supervisor before the “Documentary and oral examination period” which is described on the front cover of this application guidelines.
Educational Background, work and research experience, etc.	Please output the date of Educational Background, work and research experience, etc. from TAO and submit the document to the prospective supervisor before the “Documentary and oral examination period” which is described on the front cover of this application guidelines.
English score record. * <Your foreign language (English) proficiency is evaluated on TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS or Duolingo English Test > < Must arrive by Dec 12, 16:00 JST >	<p>Please submit the official document(s) verifying that the result(s) of your TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, TOEFL iBT®, TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, IELTS or Duolingo English Test you have taken after Dec 1, 2023 to (3) CONTACT INFORMATION.</p> <p>However, regarding the TOEIC®, submit a PDF file of the official digital certificate via TAO.*Original Copy submission is not required.</p> <p>In case taking the Duolingo English Test, you will be asked to select the school to which you want to apply, please select our Graduate school in that section. *Original Copy submission is not required.</p> <p><u>Sometimes it will take a long time to get a result or the test may not be approved, so please take the test with enough time to spare.</u></p> <p>*We don't return your score sheets submitted in</p>

	<p>principle.</p> <p>Only the TOEFL® Test Taker Report will be returned if requested at the time of application.</p> <p>*Result from non-public tests will not be accepted.(ex:TOEFL ITP®, TOEIC IP®)</p> <p>In case of IELTS, please submit the original official result transcript. In case of TOEFL®, submit the original Test Taker Report or original Official Score Report.</p> <p>*Our DI Code of the TOEFL® is “3332”.</p> <p>*The submission of multiple score sheets is permissible at the time of application. However, once the score sheets have been officially submitted, no substitutions or replacements will be authorized.* If it is difficult to submit the original official score certificate by deadline, we accept a copy, such as web-capture of the score etc, as a special measure. However, all applicants MUST submit the original score certificate (must be paper-printed) when it becomes available.</p> <p>*We do not accept any updates/ replacement of the score of the English test once it's submitted.</p> <p>(TOEFL®, TOEFL iBT®, TOEFL ITP® and TOEIC® are registered trademarks of Educational Testing Service (ETS).)</p>
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(5) IMPORTANT REMINDER

- ① Any blank spaces or irregularities found in applications may result in rejection of the application so applicants should exercise great care when filling out the application form.
- ② If any of the information in an application is found to be false, it may result in cancellation of admission if the applicant is initially accepted.
- ③ If an applicant has committed serious misconduct before enrollment, the school may cancel acceptance or revoke admission even after the applicant has been enrolled.
- ④ The application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.
- ⑤ Applicants who have satisfied the conditions for entry through preliminary screening should convert the acceptance notification to PDF or image data and upload it by TAO.
- ⑥ The University does not accept the application withdrawal after the reception and the modification of contents of applications.

5. SCREENING

(1) Applicants will be evaluated based on the following perspectives.

- ① The official score certificate of the English proficiency test (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS etc.) official score certificate
- ② Oral examination score

In the oral examination, the applicant's professional knowledge, ability to think, motivation for application, and aptitude will be evaluated.

(2) Entrance examination date/ time & subjects

TYPE OF TEST	EXAMINATION CONTENTS
Oral examination	To be conducted from Dec 22 , 2025 to Jan 8, 2026 in each department you applied for.

* We do NOT hold a written exam.

Oral examination will be conducted in each department you applied for. For details on examination dates and content, etc., please confirm with the department you applied for after Dec 22 by yourself.

List of departments

<https://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/about/laboratory/>

(3) EVALUATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE (ENGLISH)

The score of TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS etc. submitted at the application is converted into the normal score. If several score records are provided, the highest record is used for evaluation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS & PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- (1) The identification numbers of the successful applicants will be published on the website around 10:00 am on Feb 5 (Thu), 2026. The results of examination will be noticed on the TAO as well. We cannot answer the examination result on the phone or via email.
- (2) Admission documents will be sent to successful applicants around early September 2026. Original of transcripts, graduation certificates, etc. must be submitted at the time of admission procedures.
- (3) Fees for admission are as follows:
 - ① Admission fee: ¥282,000 (expected)
 - ② Second semester tuition: ¥267,900 (annual tuition: ¥535,800) (expected)
 (Explanatory Remarks)
 1. The amounts mentioned above may change if the fees are revised at school entry or during the period of the applicant's enrollment, in which case the new payment system will be applicable.
 2. Information on exemptions from payment of admission or tuition fees or deferment of fees will be provided in the admission procedure document packet.
 3. Those who are expected to complete a master's course or a professional degree course of Tohoku University in September 2026 are not required.
- (4) Applicants who are employed at the time of admission must submit a letter of consent from their employer.
- (5) In order for international students to obtain "Student" visa and stay in Japan, they must submit an application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the Sendai Immigration Bureau. The examination period at the Immigration Bureau usually takes one to three months, so please proceed with the procedures as soon as you receive the "Acceptance Letter".
- (6) The date of registration for admission is October 1, 2026.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Handling of personal information
 - 1) Personal information held by the University will be handled in compliance

with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information.(Law No. 57 of 2003)" and other laws and regulations, as well as in accordance with the relevant regulations of Tohoku University, such as "Regulations on Protection of Personal Information at National University Corporation Tohoku University " to ensure the protection of personal information.

2) Personal information, such as examination results used for the selection of applicants, will be used for the selection of applicants, admission procedures, pre-enrollment education, surveys such as follow-up surveys etc., post-enrollment student support (scholarships, tuition exemptions, health care, etc.), educational purposes such as academic guidance, tuition collection, etc., and surveys and research (improvement of entrance examinations, survey and analysis of applicant trends, etc. For enrolled students, this includes analysis along with personal information after enrollment.).

3) Work related to admissions and educational affairs may be performed by contractors entrusted by Tohoku University (hereinafter referred to as "contractors"). When outsourcing work, in case all or part of the personal information are provided to the contractors, we will take necessary measures to ensure that personal information is handled appropriately in accordance with the relevant regulations of Tohoku University, such as "Regulations on Protection of Personal Information at National University Corporation Tohoku University".

4) Applicants to the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine are understood to be in agreement with the content of the statement above.

- (2) Applicants requiring special care during the examination procedures and subsequent schooling should request advice in advance by contacting the Graduate Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School of Medicine. Please submit your "special care" requirement with prescribed form to Academic Affairs Section during the "Pre-Screening" period described on the front cover of this application guidelines.
- (3) Those who apply for the Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident for DOCTORAL PROGRAM for the academic year 2026 Apr cannot apply for the PhD Program for the academic year 2026 Oct to be held on the same day.

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