



# STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION FOR 2026 October

## Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident

### DOCTORAL PROGRAM

in

### DISABILITY 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)
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.

## P u r p o s e o f O u r S c h o o l

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.

## Admissions Policy

### Disability Sciences

In the general selection examination and Examination for Admission for Overseas Residents, we select students based on English proficiency evaluated using 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 researchers, advanced specialists, or educators who will contribute to academic research and social practice in the field of disability science and rehabilitation-related fields. 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.

Health Sciences\***No applications will be accepted for the Second Selection.**In the general selection examination and Examination for Admission for Overseas Residents, we select students based on English proficiency evaluated using applicants'

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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 researchers or educators who will contribute to the international community and have the ability to conduct research activities related to nursing or radiological/medical technology sciences independently. 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 DISABILITY SCIENCES] according to the following guidelines:

## 1. NUMBER OF OPENINGS FOR STUDENTS

MAJOR	NUMBER OF OPENINGS
I Disability Sciences	Around 7

Note: Including the general selection examination, special admission for Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident Doctoral Program [Major of DISABILITY SCIENCES HEALTH SCIENCES] for the academic year 2026.

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

[http://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/about/laboratory/areas\\_index.html](http://www.med.tohoku.ac.jp/english/about/laboratory/areas_index.html)

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

## 2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- (1) 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 a master's degree or a professional degree (or expected to receive it by Sep 2026)
- (2) Those who have been conferred a degree equivalent to the master's degree or a professional degree at a graduate school of a foreign university (or expect to receive it by Sep 2026).
- (3) Those who have obtained, or are expected to obtain by Sep 2026, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree after completing correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school of said country.
- (4) Those who have obtained, or are expected to obtain by Sep 2026, a master's degree or professional degree from foreign educational institutions in Japan offering graduate courses that conform with the educational system of the relevant country and separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- (5) Those who have obtained, or are expected to obtain by Sep 2026, a master's degree through course completion at the United Nations University as prescribed in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), which was established under the December 11, 1972, resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations (hereafter referred to as "United Nations University")
- (6) Those who have completed an education course at a foreign school or those who have attended the United Nations University and have passed an examination or a screening equivalent to the regulations of Article 16.2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, No. 28 of 1973) and are recognized to have academic qualifications equivalent to holders of a master's degree from this graduate school or who will obtain the same by Sep 2026.
- (7) Those who are specified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 118 of 1989)
- (8) Those who have undergone a special admissions screening and are recognized by

the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine as having achieved an academic level equivalent to those who have a master's or professional degree, and are 24 years of age or older by Sep 2026.

**(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. The "Master's Degree or Professional Degree" listed in item (1), (2), (3), (4), and (8) of the Qualifications for Application refers to degrees conferred by a graduate school in Japan.
4. Applicants who satisfy the conditions for item (7), must contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section before applying.
5. Applicants who satisfy the conditions for item (8), 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/>

### 3. 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 of 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).
- 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). **Applicants who live overseas can pay by credit card.** Please contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section before applying.

**[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" as described within the application period.

## (2) APPLICATION PERIOD

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

## (3) CONTACT INFORMATION :

Graduate Academic Affairs Section, Academic Affairs Office  
Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine  
2-1 Seiryomachi, Aoba-ku, Sendai  
980-8575 Japan  
Tel: (+81) 22-717-8010  
Email Address: m-daigakuin@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

## (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. *Please be sure to submit both undergraduate and master's level. *For those who graduated from School/ Graduate School of Medicine, transcript of Tohoku University is not required.
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (EXPECTED COMPLETION), ETC.	Certificate of the completion (expected completion) of a master's degree or a certificate of the conferral (expected conferral) of a master's degree. Please convert it to PDF or image data and upload it by TAO. *For those who graduated from the Graduate School of Medicine, 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.

<p>APPLICATION FEE, ¥30,000</p>	<p>The application fee is ¥30,000. Please transfer the examination fee to the bank account below using an ATM (financial institution, convenience store) or Internet banking. *The applicant must register his/her own name as the payee of the bank transfer. *The transfer fee is to be paid by the applicant. Application Fee : ¥30,000 Due Date : Dec 12 【Strict Deadline】 Bank : 三菱UFJ銀行 (Bank Code : 0 0 0 5) Branch : わかたけ支店 (Branch Code : 8 0 9) Deposit Type : Savings Account Account Number : 2 2 5 9 1 3 1 Account Holder : 国立大学法人東北大学 Katakana Name : タノトウホクダクイカク</p> <p>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 examination fee. ③Those who apply for the application fee exemption for the victims of disasters occurred in 2025 in Japan are not required. Those who are eligible should complete the procedures at the following website. <a href="https://www.tnc.tohoku.ac.jp/exempt.php">https://www.tnc.tohoku.ac.jp/exempt.php</a> ④<b><u>Applicants who live overseas can pay by credit card.</u></b> Please contact the Graduate Academic Affairs Section before applying.</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION DOCUMENT OF PAYMENT</p>	<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. *Those who are expected to complete a master's course or a professional degree course of Tohoku University in Sep 2026 are not required. *MEXT Scholarship students are not required. *Those who apply for the application fee exemption are not required.</p>

● Necessary documents:

DOCUMENTS	PARTICULARS
<p>ASPIRATIONS, MOTIVES, REASONS AND AMBITIONS</p>	<p>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.</p>

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.
Master's thesis etc	<p>The following three items must be submitted to the prospective supervisor before the “Documentary and oral examination” period which is described on the front cover of this application guidelines .to be held in each department. (Photocopies are acceptable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research records and research achievements</li> </ul> <p>(Announcement thesis and list of academic conference presentation etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy or separate volume of announcement thesis</li> <li>• Research content summary (The format is free.A4 size about 500 Words)</li> </ul> <p>* If you cannot submit any of the above, please specify the reason on the optional document and submit it as well.</p>
<p>English score record. * &lt; Your foreign language (English) proficiency is evaluated on TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS or Duolingo English Test &gt;</p> <p>&lt;Must arrive by Dec 12, 16:00 JST &gt;</p>	<p>Please submit the official document(s) verifying that the result(s) of your TOEIC® Listening &amp; 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 principle. 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 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.</p> <p>* If it is difficult to submit the original official score certificate by deadline, we accept a copy, such as web-caption 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>

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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.

#### 4. SCREENING

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

- ① The official score certificate of the English proficiency test (TOEIC<sup>®</sup>, TOEFL<sup>®</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup>, TOEFL<sup>®</sup>, 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.

- (4) Applicants of the Health Sciences major who meet (7) or (8) of the eligibility requirements and have a certain amount of work experience in medical, health, welfare facilities,

educational or research institutions, government offices or companies (as shown in the table below) will be considered in the selection process. The oral examination will be the same as that for general applicants. **\*No applications will be accepted for the Second Selection.**

Educational Background	Amount of work experience
(A) Those who graduated from a “Tanki Daigaku 短期大学”, Junior college in Japan, with 2 years of study.	4 years or more
(B) Those who graduated from a “Tanki Daigaku 短期大学”, Junior college in Japan, with 3 years of study.	3 years or more
(C) Those who graduated from a “Koutou Senmongakkou 高等専門学校”, Technical college in Japan with 2 Years of study or more.	4 years or more
(D) Those who graduated from a Postsecondary Course of Specialized Training College in Japan	More than the period deducting the period of graduation from a special training college from the minimum period of study to complete a master's degree (18 years).
(E) Those who graduated from a foreign school, a Japanese school of a foreign country, a special training school (excluding specialized training courses), and other School or educational facility in Japan or abroad.	More than the period deducting the period of graduation from a latest school/educational facility from the minimum period of study to complete a master's degree (18 years). In the case of multiple graduates from schools of the same grade, only the one with the longest term of study will be adopted.
(F) Those who have withdrawn from schools listed in (A) through (E) above.	More than the period deducting the number of years of study up to the time of withdrawal from the school from the minimum period of study to complete a master's degree (18 years). The number of years of study will be determined based on the number of credits earned before withdrawing the school/ institution.

## 5. 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 at the TAO as well. We cannot answer the examination result on the phone or via email.
- (2) Admission documents will be mailed to successful applicants around early Sep 2026. Original of transcripts, graduation certificates, etc. must be submitted at the time of admission procedure.

(3) Fees for admission are as follows:

- ① Admission Fees: ¥282,000 (expected amount)
- ② Second Semester Tuition: ¥267,900 (Annual Tuition: ¥535,800) (expected amount)

(Explanatory Remarks)

1. The amounts mentioned above may change if fees are revised at school entry or during the period of the applicant's enrollment, in which case the new amount is effective at the time of change.
  2. Information on exemptions for admission or tuition fees or deferment of fees will be included in the admission procedure document packet that is sent after the announcement of successful applicants.
  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 supervisor.
- (5) In order for international students to obtain "Study" 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.

## 6. OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Previous entrance exams can be viewed in front of our office. Please note that only one exam of the previous year is available, and the contents of the exam cannot be taken out or copied. For those who live far away, we also send the previous exam by e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact us at the address below, indicating the major and course you wish to view.
- (2) 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.

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 PhD Program Examination for Admission for Overseas Resident Major of DISABILITY SCIENCES HEALTH SCIENCES for the academic year 2026 Oct cannot apply for the PhD Program Major of DISABILITY SCIENCES HEALTH SCIENCES for the academic year 2026 April to be held on the same day.

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