International Post-Graduate Program in Human Security

"Human Security and Environment" Program
and
"Human Security and Disaster Risk Reduction" Program
The Graduate School of Environmental Studies
Tohoku University

— Guidance for the Entrance Examination on April 2026 —

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I. Aim

Understanding Human Security

In the post-Cold War era a new concept of "Human Security" has emerged, focusing on protecting human lives against pestilence, poverty, environmental destruction, climate change and disputes. This concept has attracted considerable attention, replacing the conventional idea of "National Security", which focuses on armaments. Following this present trend, the Japanese government has been moving toward incorporating this new concept of "Human Security" as the central basis for international cooperation. Especially in developing countries, with their cultural diversity and varied levels of economic development, many people have spent their lives in danger against a background of poverty, disasters, poor environmental hygiene, malnutrition, and social unrest, including active disdain for human dignity. In addition, international epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, SARS, and COVID-19, environmental and food pollution, terrorism and drug trafficking jeopardize human security across borders.

Intellectual Contribution to the World

The "human insecurity" of the 21st century is caused by a very wide range of factors. Therefore, to solve the above-mentioned problems both in theory and practice, those in leadership positions must have obtained multiple perspectives beyond the conventional academic disciplines and methodologies must to be in place that incorporate interdisciplinary skills and knowledge.

Tohoku University initiated the International Post-Graduate Program in Human Security in April 2005 by linking the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of International Culture (until 2017), and the Graduate School of Environmental Studies. This program aims to make intellectual contributions to the realization of Human Security worldwide.

The Human Security program is currently composed of four programs: "Food & Agriculture for Human Security", "Public Health Sciences for Human Security", "Human Security and Environment", and "Human Security and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)". Each graduate school provides curricula designed to develop an understanding of the intricate structure of various problems related to Food, Health, Environment, DRR, and Regional Community.

Training of Experts, Researchers and Thinkers

The International Post-Graduate Program in Human Security is designed to train the current and next generations of leaders and experts who will actively participate in policy planning and regional communities at the international and domestic levels.

Both Japanese and international candidates, as well as post-graduate students, are considered for admission. Applicants must demonstrate competence in either engineering, science, medical science, social and disaster sciences, and the potential for leadership in the

field of Human Security.

II. Curriculum and degree

A. Curriculum

The "Human Security and Environment" program and the "Human Security and Disaster Risk Reduction" program are composed of Compulsory Core Subjects, Basic and Major Subjects, a Dissertation, and Extra Lectures.

1. Common Subjects and Major subjects: Interdisciplinary study that the program will take charge of.
2. Common Subjects and Major Subjects: Study for the specialized field in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.
3. Master's Thesis and Seminar (by Advisor)
   Students are required to attend Seminars regularly and write and defend their Master's thesis in the 2nd year under their supervisor's instruction.
4. Doctoral Dissertation and Seminar (by Advisor)
   Students are required to take a Doctoral course seminar in their 1st year and participate in Doctoral course training from their 2nd year. Training focuses on writing and defending the doctoral thesis.

B. Degree

Students must acquire at least the following credits to be awarded a degree.

Master's Course (two-year course): at least 30 credits, including the followings:

1. Common Subject, Basic Subjects of Specialized Fields and Subjects of Specialized Fields given in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies
2. Master thesis and Seminar

Doctoral Course (three-year course): at least 16 credits, including the followings:

1. Basic Subjects of Interdisciplinary Fields given in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies
2. Doctoral Dissertation and Seminar

Master's degrees will be conferred with the title of "Master of Interdisciplinary Studies" or "Master of Environmental Studies". Doctoral degrees will be conferred with the titles "Doctor of Philosophy (Interdisciplinary Studies)" or "Doctor of Philosophy (Environmental Studies)".

C. Program Completion Certificate

Students must complete the required compulsory subjects specified by the program to be awarded a program completion certificate.

III. Admission

1. Admission Policy

A. Tohoku University

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.

B. Tohoku University Graduate School of Environmental Studies

By bringing together the multidisciplinary knowledge of Tohoku University, the Graduate School of Environmental Studies (GSES) aims to establish environmental science as an integrated discipline that transcends the traditional divisions of the humanities and sciences in order to establish a culture supporting sustainable development as well as technologies and systems needed to establish resource-circulating societies. To achieve this goal, GSES has set the educational objective of fostering individuals equipped with a combination of broad knowledge and deep expertise relevant to the understanding and solving of environmental problems. By effectively integrating insights from existing academic fields while creating new frontiers of knowledge, GSES seeks to foster environmental professionals capable of playing an active role in the international community. GSES is looking for students who share these goals. We especially welcome applicants with a strong desire and ability to carry out study and research, and the fundamental academic skills needed to achieve their goals.

Six entrance examination subject-groups are conducted to match the varying expertise of applicants. In each subject-group, students are selected through six different examination procedures: General Selection, Special Selection for Recommended Students, Special Selection for Working Persons, Special Selection for International Students, and Special Selection for Graduates of the Early Graduation System. Selection is made based on the applicant’s motivation to conduct research in line with the educational goals of GSES, as well as academic knowledge and outstanding research capabilities.

(Master's course (2 years))

In the General Selection examination, applicants are required to take a written examination to evaluate their specialized knowledge in the relevant field, logical thinking, and ability to write an essay about a specific topic. In addition, applicants must sit an oral examination or interview (here in after referred to as the "oral examination") to evaluate their motivations and research ability as well as their capacity to carry out environmental science in an integrated setting. The selection process is based on a comprehensive evaluation that includes the results of both the written and oral examination, with emphasis placed on the written examination's outcome.

Although the content of the examinations for the Special Selection examinations differs according to the characteristics of the targeted applicants, the evaluation and scoring procedure is essentially the same as that of the General Selection examination. However, in the case of the examination for the Special Selection for Working Persons, the relevance of the applicant's professional experience to the proposed research topic is assessed during the oral examination. In the case of the Special Selection for International Students examination in the Humanities and Social Science Group, whether the applicant’s Japanese proficiency is sufficient for research will also be assessed. In all fields, we expect applicants to have acquired the English language skills necessary for writing and discussing research papers as well as understanding the fundamentals of each specialized field before entering the GSES master courses.

(Doctoral course (3 years))

The General Selection examination may include a written component to ascertain if applicants possess a high level of specialized knowledge in the relevant academic field. However, in particular, the oral examination will be used to comprehensively evaluate the applicant's ability to think logically and formulate a research plan based on a critical consideration of previous research.

In the same way, although the examinations of the Special Selection for Working Persons and the Special Selection for International Students may also include a written examination to assess the applicant's possession of specialized knowledge, selection will mainly be made on the quality of the research proposal along with the applicant's motivation and sense of mission to carry out academic research in a university setting. In the Special Selection for Working Persons and the Special Selection for International Students, while the applicant's expertise may be assessed through a written examination if necessary, selection is mainly based on the oral examination.

In all fields, we expect applicants to have acquired both advanced skills and fundamental knowledge in their respective fields of specialization as well as the ability to orally present research in academic conferences and publish academic papers.

2. Application procedure

A. Conditions for application

1) Applicants for the Master's Course must satisfy one of the following conditions:

(1) Have graduated or expect to graduate from a university in Japan by March 2026.

(2) Have acquired or expect to acquire a Bachelor's degree from a higher education institution approved as a National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education of Japan by March 2026.

(3) Completed or expect to complete 16 years of education in a foreign education institution by March 2026.

(4) Have completed or expect to complete 16 years of foreign education in Japan through a correspondence course of a foreign university or school while residing in Japan by March 2026.

(5) Have or expect to complete 16 years of a foreign education at an educational institution located in Japan by March 2026.

※ The educational institution shall have been approved by the educational system of that country and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

(6) Be conferred or expect to be conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a curriculum that has a course term of three 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 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) by March 2026.

(7) Have graduated from a specialized course of a professional school designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, on or after the date fixed by the Minister, or are expected to graduate by March 2026.

※ A specialized course shall be more than 4 years and meet other criteria stipulated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

(8) Have been designated as eligible by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

(9) Have entered a graduate school of another university according to Clause 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Law, and be deemed by the graduate school of Tohoku University to have a sufficient eligibility to study at that graduate school.

(10) Be 22 years of age or older by the end of March 2026 and, through individual entrance qualification screening, be deemed by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies,

Tohoku University to have achieved an academic standard equivalent to or more than that of those who have graduated from a university.

*1 Applicants need to consult with a possible supervisor about the intended area of research prior to the application.
*2 Applicants corresponding to (6) need to contact the administration office by December 5, 2025 to check eligibility.
*3. Applicants corresponding to (9) and (10) must submit the required documents for the application qualification to the administration office by December 5, 2025. The document format is provided by the administration office.
*4. The Graduate School of Environmental Studies does not apply the qualification for admission regarding "A person who was enrolled in a university for at least three years, and furthermore who is found, by the Tohoku University Graduate Schools, to have achieved excellent results in acquiring the prescribed credits;"

2) Applicants for the Doctoral Course of the program must satisfy one of the following conditions:

(1) Have acquired or expect to acquire a Master's or Professional degree by March 2026.
(2) Have acquired a degree on par with a Master's or Professional degree abroad, or expect to acquire one, by March 2026.
(3) Have acquired or expect to acquire a Master's or Professional degree abroad through a correspondence course while residing in Japan by March 2026.
(4) Have acquired or expect to acquire a Master's or Professional degree at an educational institution located in Japan that is designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan by March 2026.
(5) Have completed a course at the United Nations University, and have acquired or expect to acquire a degree equivalent to a Master's degree by March 2026.
(6) Have completed a course at an educational institution which runs courses from a foreign school or graduate school, or completed that of United Nation University, and be admitted to have achieved an academic standard equivalent to or more than those who possess a Master degree by passing the exam and eligibility screening in accordance with Clause 2 of Article 16 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards.
(7) Be designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan as follows;
  i. Engaged in research activities in universities or research institutes for more than 2-years after graduation, with an academic ability deemed by the eligibility screening of the Tohoku University to be equivalent to those who obtained a Master's or Professional degree.
  ii. Engaged in research activities in universities or research institutes for more than 2-years after completing a formal 16-year school education abroad or 16-year of foreign education in Japan through a correspondent course of a foreign university or school while residing in Japan, with an academic ability deemed by the eligibility screening of the Tohoku University to be equivalent to those who obtained a Master's or Professional degree.
(8) Be 24 years of age or older by the end of March 2026 and, through individual entrance qualification screening, be deemed by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Tohoku University to have achieved an academic standard equivalent to or more than those who obtained a Master's or Professional degree.

*1 Applicants need to consult with a possible supervisor about the research plan in this program prior to the application.
*2 Applicants corresponding to (7) need to contact the possible supervisor by December 5,

2025 to check eligibility.
*3 Applicants corresponding to (8) need to contact the administration office by December 5, 2025 to check eligibility.

B. Submission of Applications

Applicants should use The Admissions Office (hereinafter referred to as TAO), the designated online application system, to complete the following application procedures within the application period.

1) Application period: Entrance Examination for April 2026.

Applications for the **Master's course** and **Doctoral course** will be accepted **from 9:00 on December 22, 2025, to 16:00 on January 20, 2026 (Japan time).**

2) Registration Methods

(1) Access the following URL and click "Account registration". The account creation screen will appear, so fill in the necessary information and create an account.
https://admissions-office.net/en/portal

(2) After creating your account, enter your e-mail address and password to log in from the above URL.
Use the Application Schemes menu to search for "Tohoku University ｜ Graduate School of Environmental Studies ｜ International Post-Graduate Program in Human Security ｜ Spring entrance examination for enrollment in April 2026" then follow TAO's directions and the directions below to apply.

(3) The documents required for the application are as listed in "**C. Documents required for application**".
For the documents listed in the "**Application Documents to be Entered into TAO**", please fill in the TAO application form or submit the documents as PDF files by uploading them to your application forms.
The files for the forms specified by the Graduate School are available for download on the Graduate School website where this application guide is posted. Please download and use them.
After uploading the documents listed in "**Application documents to be entered into TAO and submitted in original paper form**" to TAO, submit the original paper form as described in (4).
After your application is complete on TAO, TAO will send you an email to notify you that your application is complete.

(4) Please submit the original paper form by post or in person at the administration office.
Submission period: From December 22, 2025 to January 27, 2026.

If you are submitting by post

- Write "**Human Security Program Application Documents**" in red on the front of the envelope and send it to the following address by a method that allows you to track the delivery status.

  Academic Affairs Section,
  Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Tohoku University
  468-1, Aramaki-aza-Aoba, Aoba-Ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8572 Japan

- It must arrive by the last day of the application period.

If you are submitting your application directly to the administration office

- Please refer to **IX**.
- Office hours: 9:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 16:30

- The office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

* Those who have made false declarations in their application documents may have their entrance approval cancelled, even after enrollment.
If false declarations are discovered after the degree has been conferred, the degree already conferred may be revoked.
In either case, the entrance and tuition fees paid will not be refunded.

C. Documents required for application

It is desirable that all university certifications and transcripts are issued in English. If not, they should be attached by an English or Japanese translation officially verified by the institute that issued the certification. If it is difficult to submit an officially verified translation, please consult with the administration office prior to the application.

- We cannot return any documents you submitted.
- We cannot accept any copies, digital files, or printouts from digital files ofcertificates as originals.

1) Two-year Master's Course

Application documents to be entered into TAO

(1) An application form and curriculum vitae
(2) A letter of acceptance
- This form is prepared by the prospective supervisor, using the prescribed format of this graduate school.

(3) A research proposal
(4) A letter of reference
- This should be written by an academic advisor who can evaluate the applicant's research ability through previously conducted academic activities (there are no specific format requirements for this letter).

(5) Face photo data
- Color photo of the applicant taken within 3 months prior to the application.
- If Applicants wear glasses, the photo should be taken with them on.
- Full-face, upper body, no hat, no background (no patterns or backgrounds)
- 4:3 aspect ratio (vertical: horizontal)
- File format: JPEG (JPG), 100kB to 5MB in size.

(6) Examination fee of 30,000 Japanese yen
- Please pay the examination fee by Monday, January 19 using an ATM (financial institution, convenience store), internet banking, etc., and attach a copy of the ATM transaction statement or evidence of internet banking transaction to the "Payment Confirmation of Examination Fees" form and submit it.

Amount (金額): 30,000 yen
Bank (銀行): Mitsubishi UFJ Bank (三菱 UFJ 銀行)
Bank Code: 0005
Branch (支店): Wakatake-shiten (わかたけ支店)
Branch Code: 809
Account Type (預金種別): Futsuu (普通)
Account Number (口座番号): 2259226
Account Holder (口座名義): Kokuritsu Daigaku-houjin Tohokudaigaku
(国立大学法人東北大学)
Account Holder in Kana (カナ): ﾀﾞｲ)ﾄｳﾎｸﾀﾞｲｶﾞｸ

*1. The name of the payee should be the applicant's name in Katakana
*2. Please attach a copy of the account information, including the amount, the date of transfer, the name of the payee, etc.
*3. Bank transfer fee should be paid by the applicant.

- This banking information is only valid within Japan. If you live overseas, credit card payment is available. Please contact the administration office in advance for further information.

Application documents to be entered into TAO and submitted in original paper form

(7) An official grade transcript issued by the applicant's home university
(8) An official graduate certification issued by the applicant's home university
(9) A certificate of the applicant's Bachelor's degree issued by the applicant's home university
(10) A formal certificate of TOEFL® test/ TOEIC® test / IELTS test score
- Valid official tests: TOEFL-iBT®, TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, IELTS
- It is necessary to submit the certificate by 2 March 2026. We cannot accept certificates of TOEFL®/ TOEIC®/ IELTS test scores obtained before 3 March ,2024.
- For the TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, submit the Official Score Certificate.
  Note: If you took the TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test in Japan, you may submit the Digital Official Score Certificate. In this case, you do not need to submit an official paper Score Certificate.
- For the TOEFL® test, submit the Test Taker Score Report and please request ETS to send your scores. TOEFL® Institution Code Number is "C648".
  Note: We only accept TOEFL iBT® scores from a single test date, not MyBest™ scores.
- For the IELTS, submit the Test Report Form.
- We cannot return the certificate of the TOEFL®/ TOEIC® /IELTS score.

(11) Residence Record (Issued by the mayor of a city, ward, town, or village in Japan)
- Should be submitted by foreign applicants residing in Japan whose period of stay is over 90 days.
- Should be issued after May 2025 and indicate residence status without an individual Number.
- Applicants who are enrolled as research students of our Graduate School at the time of application and will continue to be enrolled until March 2026 are not required to submit this certificate.

2) Three-year Doctoral Course

Application documents to be entered into TAO

(1) An application form and curriculum vitae (using the prescribed format)
(2) A letter of acceptance
- This form is prepared by the prospective supervisor, using the prescribed format of this graduate school.

(3) A research proposal
(4) A letter of reference
- This should be written by an academic advisor who can evaluate the applicant's research ability through previously conducted academic activities (there are no specific format requirements for this letter).

(5) Thesis or essays published by the applicant
(6) Face photo data
- Color photo of the Applicant taken within 3 months prior to the application.
- If Applicants wear glasses, the photo should be taken with them on.
- Full-face, upper body, no hat, no background (no patterns or backgrounds)

- 4:3 aspect ratio (vertical: horizontal)
- File format: JPEG (JPG), 100kB to 5MB in size.

(7) Examination fee of 30,000 Japanese yen
- Please pay the examination fee by Monday, January 19 using an ATM (financial institution, convenience store), internet banking, etc., and attach a copy of the ATM transaction statement or evidence of internet banking transaction to the "Payment Confirmation of Examination Fees" form and submit it.

  Amount (金額): 30,000 yen
  Bank (銀行): Mitsubishi UFJ Bank (三菱 UFJ 銀行)
  Bank Code: 0005
  Branch (支店): Wakatake-shiten (わかたけ支店)
  Branch Code: 809
  Account Type (預金種別): Futsuu (普通)
  Account Number (口座番号): 2259226
  Account Holder (口座名義): Kokuritsu Daigaku-houjin Tohokudaigaku
  (国立大学法人東北大学)
  Account Holder in Kana (カナ): ﾀﾞｲ)ﾄｳﾎｸﾀﾞｲｶﾞｸ
  *1. The name of the payee should be the applicant's name in Katakana
  *2. Please attach a copy of the account information, including the amount, the date of transfer, the name of the payee, etc.
  *3. Bank transfer fee should be paid by the applicant.
- This banking information is only valid within Japan. If you live overseas, credit card payment is available. Please contact the administration office in advance for further information.

Application documents to be entered into TAO and submitted in original paper form

(8) An official grade transcript issued by the applicant's home graduate school
(9) An official grade transcript issued by the applicant's home university
(10) An official graduate certification issued by the applicant's home graduate school
(11) A certificate of the applicant's Master's degree issued by the applicant's home graduate school
(12) A formal certificate of TOEFL® test/ TOEIC® test/ IELTS test score
- Valid official tests: TOEFL-iBT®, TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, IELTS
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- For the TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, submit the Official Score Certificate.
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- For the TOEFL® test, submit the Test Taker Score Report and please request ETS to send your scores. TOEFL® Institution Code Number is "C648".-
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- For the IELTS, submit the Test Report Form.
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(13) Residence Record (Issued by the mayor of a city, ward, town, or village in Japan)
- Should be submitted by foreign applicants residing in Japan whose period of stay is over 90 days.
- Should be issued after May 2025 and indicate residence status without an Individual Number.
- Applicants who are enrolled as research students of our Graduate School at the time of application and will continue to be enrolled until March 2026 are not required to submit

this certificate.

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3. Entrance Examination

1) The number of students to be admitted:

Quotas for the Master's course and Doctoral course are highly limited. The entrance date is scheduled for April.

Students will be accepted into the Department of Frontier Sciences for Advanced Environment (Cultural Environmental Studies).

2) Examination date and details

The oral entrance examination (i.e., the interview)will take place remotely (via Google Meet, etc.) from March 3 to 5, 2026. Precise dates and details of this exam will be provided by the applicant's requested supervisor.

Note: Applicants are required to communicate with prospective supervisors before submitting their application documents.

3) Examination admission ticket

Please download it from TAO, print it on A4-size white paper, and present it on the day of the test. The start date for downloading will be announced in a message from TAO.

4. Screening

Successful applicants will be selected in accordance with the tallied scores from the oral examination (i.e., the interview), language ability and submitted documents. During the interview, applicants must make a 15-minute presentation of their previous and intended research. This will then be followed by 25-minutes of Q&A to gauge the research ability of applicants.

IV. Selection and Announcement of Results

Results of the entrance examination will be posted on the website (https://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp) of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies at approximately 17:00 (Japan time) on March 10, 2026. The acceptance letter will also be sent to successful applicants via TAO after the online announcement. Please note that we do not accept any phone calls or e-mails for inquiries regarding results.

V. Fee

1) Entrance Fee and Tuition Fee (in 2026)

Entrance fee	282,000 Japanese yen
Tuition fees	535,800 Japanese yen per year (267,900 for each 1st and 2nd semester)
Others	Fees for student insurance and texts

2) Exemption and postponement of the entrance fee and tuition fee

Students facing financial difficulties or suffering from illness, an accident or special circumstances may apply for exemption or postponement of the entrance fee and tuition fee. Students applying for these waivers must submit the prescribed application forms during specified acceptance period. Please contact the administration office for details about of this scheme.

VI. Handling of Personal Information

(1) All personal information gathered by Tohoku University shall be treated with due care in compliance with the relevant university regulations, such as the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (2003, Act No. 57), and the National University Corporation Tohoku University Policy on the Protection of Personal Information, and security measures will be taken to protect it.

(2) Personal information, such as examination scores, used to screen applicants will be used exclusively for educational purposes, such as selecting applicants, enrollment procedures, pre-enrollment instruction, follow-up surveys, post-enrollment student support (scholarships, tuition waivers and health management etc.) and academic advising, or in connection with tuition collection etc., or surveys/research (surveys/analysis related to entrance examination improvements and reasons for applying; including analysis using the enrollees' personal information after enrollment).

(3) Tasks related to entrance examinations and academic affairs may be outsourced by Tohoku University to third-party contractors (hereafter, "contractors"). If personal information is provided in whole or in part to contractors, necessary measures will be taken to ensure it is handled appropriately in accordance with the relevant university regulations, such as the National University Corporation Tohoku University Policy on the Protection of Personal Information

VII. Educational Data Usage

Tohoku University strives to use Educational Data including personal information stored in the information system in education and learning activities, effectively and appropriately in compliance with our "Statement on Educational Data Usage," "Policy on Educational Data Usage," and "Tohoku University's 8 Principles of Educational Data Acquisition" while paying attention to the protection of personal information.

After being admitted to the university, students' personal information, such as entrance exam scores etc., is merged with the university's Educational Data.

URL https://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/studentinfo/education/08/education0801/

VIII. Important Notes

(1) Submitted application documents and examination fees cannot be returned.

(2) If you do not receive the examination guide or are unable to download the examination admission ticket by ten days prior to the examination date, please contact the

administration office.

(3) Applicants desiring consultation regarding the need for special assistance or other considerations in taking the examination or conducting their studies should create a written application indicating the items listed below (no special format). Be assured that such a request will in no way prejudice the outcome of the selection process, as all applicants will be treated fairly.

- Deadline for consultation: As a rule, no later than December 5, 2025.
- Information to be indicated in creating the application:
  a) Name, address, E-mail address and phone number of applicant
  b) University, etc. from which the applicant has graduated
  c) Any special considerations desired regarding taking the examination
  d) Any special considerations desired in the study environment
  e) Nature of any special considerations provided up to now
  f) Other relevant information about daily life circumstances
  g) Reference materials (if currently receiving medical treatment, enclose a medical certificate issued by your physician)

(4) We have established Tohoku University Security Export Control Rules based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and screen each submitted application when we accept international students in our university. If their research plans address the regulatory concerns mentioned above, the afore, emtioned students may not be able to receive the desired education, and their research themes may be limited.

IX. Administration Office

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RECOMMENDATION LETTER

(to be filled out **by a faculty member** familiar with applicant's aptitude)

	Family name	First name	Middle name
Name of applicant			

I. How long and how well have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

II. Please evaluate the applicant's previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking, and state reasons for you're supporting this application. (Please do not hesitate, if necessary, to use a separate sheet).

Faculty Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Affiliation: _____

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