

AY 2016 Application Guidelines for the Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs (International Joint Education Programs)

To actively promote education programs that aim to enhance the obtainment of international collaborative degrees (double degrees, joint degrees, etc.) at graduate schools or equivalent level of educational institutions at Tohoku University or overseas universities, we will recruit graduate students who wish to receive support through the support system, as described below.

1. Purpose of the support system

In our Global Initiative plan (Reference Material 1), which has been adopted as a Top Global University Project, we aim to create International Joint Graduate Programs and to expand and promote International Joint Education Programs, in order to foster individuals with outstanding specialist capabilities as well as a global mindset and a broad perspective. To this end, we have fostered collaborative relationships with world-leading universities and research institutes in research areas, in which we are at the forefront globally.

The purpose of the Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs (Reference Material 2) is to encourage international students who are dispatched through these programs to participate in education programs that aim to enhance the obtainment of international collaborative degrees, by providing financial support to them.

2. Definition

The internal rules of the Division for International Joint Graduate Programs at the Institute for Promoting Graduate Degree Programs in Tohoku University were decided by the Director of the Division on April 6, 2015. These rules state that we will select fields in which we can lead the world by taking advantage of our strengths and fields that will be important for the development of mankind in the future to conduct joint education in close collaboration with world-leading universities, bringing together our wisdom transcending the boundaries of departments. In the Application Guidelines for the Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs, International Joint Graduate Programs refer to programs that can meet our goal stated in these rules.

International Joint Education Programs refer to double degree programs and joint education programs that are conducted based on memorandums of understanding with partner

universities, and that are discussed and approved by our International Exchange Committee, excluding International Joint Graduate Programs.

3. Eligible students

Students who fall under any of the following items 1) to 3), and who begin studying abroad within AY 2016

- 1) Graduate students who are dispatched through International Joint Education Programs
- 2) Graduate students who are dispatched to universities or research institutes with which departments considering participation in International Joint Graduate Programs plan to collaborate to form international research hubs in the future
- 3) Graduate students who are dispatched through programs unique to individual departments, which are expected to develop into International Joint Education Programs

* In all the items 1) to 3), students are required to apply for other scholarship systems to participate in the relevant programs. In AY 2016, students are considered to meet the application requirements for the relevant programs upon applying for programs that are offered by the Global Learning Center, and are adopted by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). (Please note that since the students are considered to participate in overseas study programs offered by the Global Learning Center, they are required to fulfill the requirements for completing these programs.) For more information, please contact the Global Programs Section in the Student Exchange Division.

In or after AY 2017, the application requirements for this support system will be to apply for the JASSO Overseas Study Support Program (agreement-based dispatch) or other scholarship systems through departments that conduct relevant programs.

4. Details of support

- 1) Overseas travel expenses based on our travel expenses regulations (excluding daily, accommodation and meal allowances)

* When students are given support related to overseas travel by other organizations, they cannot receive support for overseas travel expenses through this support system.

- 2) Scholarships (monthly) (during overseas travel)

	Designated cities	Region A	Region B	Region C
Master's Program	150,000 yen	130,000 yen	120,000 yen	100,000 yen
Doctoral Program	200,000 yen	160,000 yen	140,000 yen	120,000 yen

* Regarding the classification of overseas travel destinations (designated cities, Region A, Region B, and Region C), please see the appended table.

* When students receive scholarships to participate in programs from other organizations, only the balance between the scholarship and the relevant amount listed above is paid to them.

5. Documents to be submitted

⟨Documents required to be submitted⟩

1) Application Form for the AY 2016 Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs (International Joint Education Programs) (Form 1)

2) Appendix for the Application Form for the AY 2016 Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs (International Joint Education Programs) (Appendix for Form 1)

3) Candidate Record Form for the AY 2016 Support System for International Collaborative Degree Programs (Form 2)

4) Academic transcript (transcript after entering an undergraduate degree program)

5) Document proving the period of overseas study (The document should specify the start date and completion date of overseas study.)

6) Documents proving the amount of scholarships provided by other organizations

⟨Documents to be submitted as needed⟩

7) Statement of purpose (free format)

* Regarding students who fall under items 2) and 3) in “3. Eligible students,” the department to which the students belong must create and submit a statement of purpose that explains how the dispatch of the relevant students for overseas study will lead to the development of International Joint Graduate Programs and International Joint Education Programs.

6. How to submit

Submit the necessary documents to the Global Programs Section in the Student Exchange Division by on-campus mail.

7. Submission deadline

March 14, 2016 (Mon.)

8. Flow from submission of application documents to provision of support

Mid-March 2016: Selection

End of March 2016: Determination of students to be supported, and notification of procedures related to the provision of grants

9. Criteria for selection

Regarding graduate students who are dispatched through International Joint Education Programs and other programs, students who can receive support are selected according to the order of priority described below, within the limits of the budget.

[Order of priority 1] Graduate students who are dispatched through International Joint Education Programs

[Order of priority 2] Graduate students who are dispatched to universities or research institutes with which departments considering participation in International Joint Graduate Programs plan to collaborate to form international research hubs in the future

[Order of priority 3] Graduate students who are dispatched through programs unique to individual departments, which are expected to develop into International Joint Graduate Programs

10. Submission of reports

After the completion of study abroad programs, students are required to submit the following document to the Student Exchange Division through the section in charge in their department.

[Document to be submitted] Research report (in English; about five pages of A4) (free format)

[Time of submission] Within one month after returning to Japan

11. Other points to note

Individual departments should take great care of safety information on countries and regions to which students are dispatched, and stay in close contact with the students as well as the universities or research institutes to which they are dispatched, so that the situations of the students can be confirmed as needed. The departments also should encourage the students to purchase overseas travel insurance and to try to collect information on study abroad for themselves in advance.

12. Contact / Place of submission of application documents

Global Programs Section, Student Exchange Division

Extension: 92-7820

E-mail: sab_query@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

On-campus mail: Kawa B-7

(Appended table)

Monthly amount of scholarship by region

Region	Name of region/city	Region	Name of region/city
Designated city	Abidjan Abu Dhabi Kuwait San Francisco Singapore Jidda Geneva New York Paris Moscow Riyadh Los Angeles London Washington	Region B	Regions <u>other than designated cities, Region A, and Region C</u> [Major cities] Wellington Kuala Lumpur Saint Petersburg Sydney Jakarta Seoul Sofia Tashkent Bangkok Prague Budapest Manila Melbourne Yangon
Region A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North America • Europe • The Middle East (excluding Azerbaijan, Albania, Armenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Croatia, Kosovo, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Tajikistan, the Czech Republic, Turkmenistan, 	Region C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia (<u>excluding the Indochinese Peninsula</u> (including Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia), Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, East Timor, the Philippines, Borneo, and Hong Kong) • Latin America • Africa [Major cities]

	<p>Hungary, Bulgaria, Belarus, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, and Russia)</p> <p>[Major cities] Amsterdam Anchorage Vienna Vancouver Jerusalem Copenhagen Seattle Chicago Zurich Toronto New Orleans Hamburg Frankfurt am Main Brussels Honolulu Boston Madrid Montreal Rome</p>		<p>Cairo Cape Town São Paulo Shanghai Taipei Nairobi Buenos Aires Beijing Mexico City Rio de Janeiro Lima</p>
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* The classification of regions is based on the Act on Travel Expenses of National Public Officers, etc. (Act No. 114 of 1950) and the Regulations on Travel Expense Payment for National Public Officers, etc. (Ministry of Finance Ordinance No. 45 of 1950).