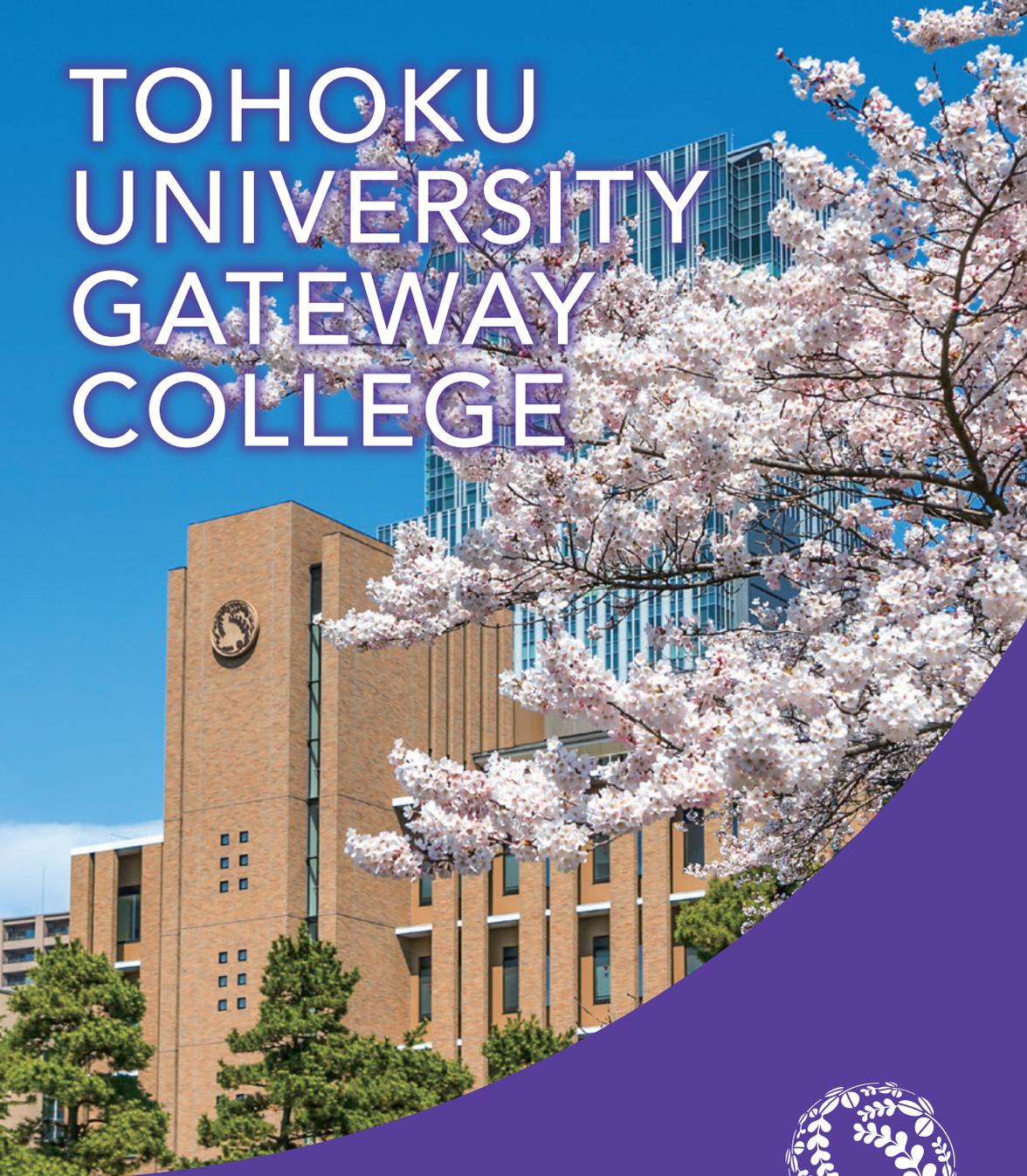


# TOHOKU UNIVERSITY GATEWAY COLLEGE



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# ABOUT TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

## Pioneering Knowledge, Leading Society

Founded in 1907 as Japan's third national university, Tohoku University has a long history rooted in the principles of **"Research First," "Open Door,"** and **"Practice-Oriented Research and Education."** These core values have guided the university for more than a century, producing excellent graduates, generating numerous research achievements, and contributing to the development of a peaceful and just society.

In 2024, Tohoku University became the first university in Japan to be designated a **"University for International Research Excellence (UREX-1)."** This recognition provides substantial long-term government investment and policy support to strengthen world-leading research, global partnerships, and innovation capacity.

Looking ahead, Gateway College, launching in 2027, represents a new educational initiative designed to address complex global challenges. Emphasizing internationality, openness, diversity, and practical learning, Gateway College will allow students to explore multiple academic fields before specializing and prepare them to contribute to advancing knowledge and addressing real-world problems worldwide.

## Excellence Recognized Worldwide

Tohoku University consistently ranks among the best institutions in the world, reflecting our commitment to academic rigor and groundbreaking research.

- **No.1 in Japan** for five consecutive years (Times Higher Education Japan University Rankings).
- **Global Ranking** : Ranked #103 in Times Higher Education 2026 and #109 in the QS World University Rankings 2026.
- **Global Network** : Partnerships with 241 world-leading institutions across 36 countries and regions, including UCLA, the University of Washington, UCL, ETH Zurich, etc.

## Graduate Pathways Around the World

Gateway College graduates will be well prepared for advanced study and professional careers worldwide. Our interdisciplinary education provides the flexibility and expertise needed to succeed across diverse academic and professional fields.

- **Graduate Destinations** : University of Cambridge, MIT, University of Chicago, and more.
- **Industry Leaders** : Meta, Toyota, Hitachi, Nissan, Canon, Novartis, and Mitsubishi Materials, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and more.

\*Based on existing English-taught programs.

# GATEWAY COLLEGE

Gateway College is a new and innovative English-taught undergraduate program designed to nurture global leaders and creative thinkers and provides what the university calls the "Student Journey," a flexible educational model that allows students to shape their own academic paths according to their interests and goals. Instead of immediately entering a specialized field, students will first receive a broad liberal arts and interdisciplinary education before declaring their major from the third year onwards.

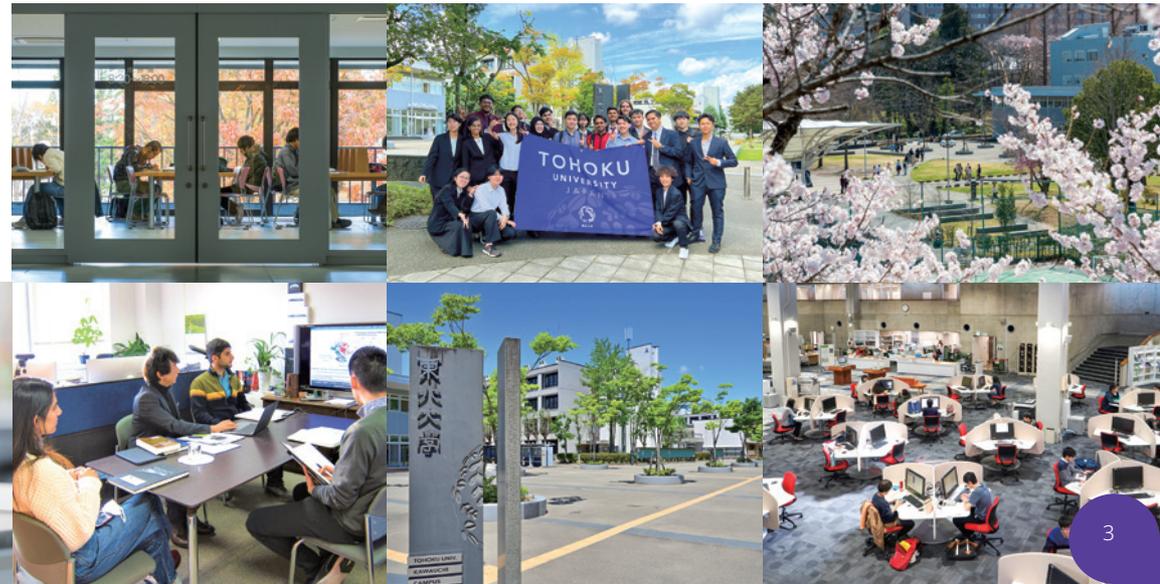
The program will feature immersive international experiences, project-based learning, and early exposure to research opportunities. All classes will be conducted in English, and the student body will comprise an equal mix of Japanese and international students. Through Intercultural Collaborative Learning (ICL), participants will learn from one another's diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, fostering a vibrant global community on campus.

## Key Features

- Immersion** Connect with the World's Best and Broaden Your Perspective
- Inquiry** Ask Questions, Start Exploring
- Innovation** Deepen Your Curiosity and Pave the Way for Graduate Research

## Who We Are Looking For

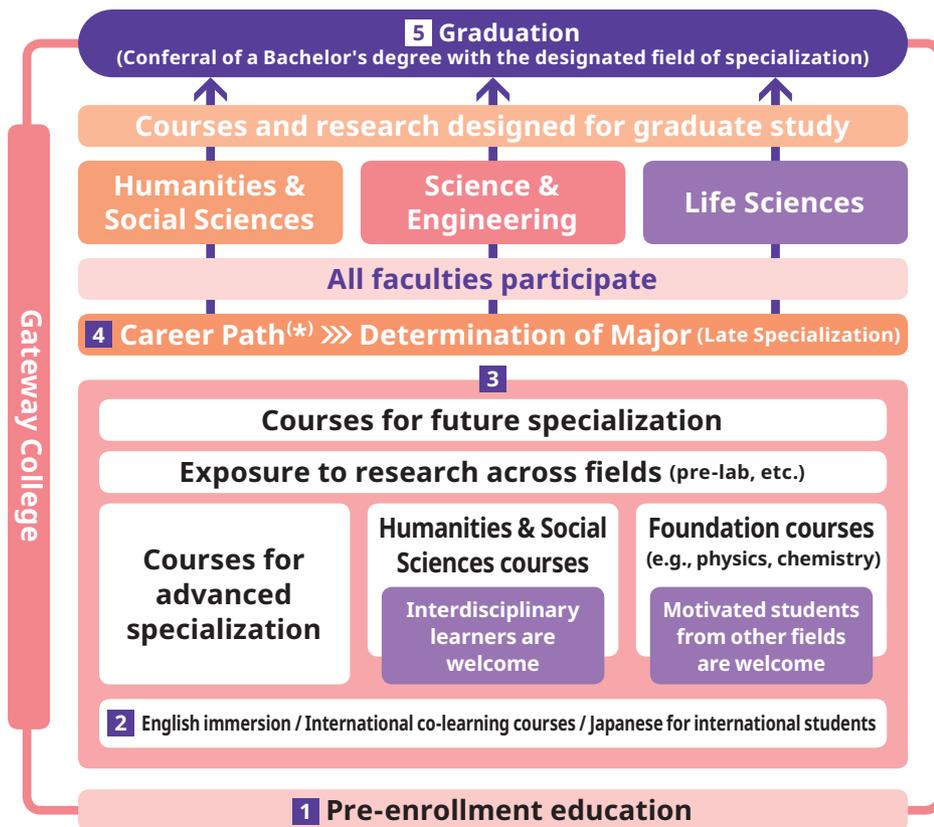
- Students who apply their creativity and innovative ideas to global issues.
- Students who understand various value systems and adopt a global perspective.
- Students who strive to challenge themselves in research and display qualities of a leader.



# CURRICULUM

## Academic Pathway

- 1 Enroll in April or October and take pre-enrollment programs to build English and Japanese proficiency
- 2 Immersed in English after enrollment (April intake)
- 3 Design own learning plan
- 4 Choose a major from the third year onward (late specialization) and develop expertise through deep learning with leading researchers in each field
- 5 Advance to graduate schools in Japan and abroad, and contribute to society as future leaders who tackle global challenges and drive innovation



\*We are currently considering a system that would allow students who have completed designated Gateway College courses to transfer to the standard curriculum of the School of Medical Sciences or the School of Dentistry (Further details to be provided).

# HOW TO APPLY

## Join Our Global Community

Gateway College is open to students of all nationalities and diverse cultural backgrounds who apply their creativity and innovative ideas to global issues. Our selection process emphasizes assessing applicants' creativity, critical thinking, and problem-identification skills, moving beyond a reliance on standardized testing alone.

Applicants may apply for either the April or October intake, but not both.

\*All admission requirements and procedures are subject to change.

\*More detailed information, including the application schedule, will be officially announced in the Application Guide for 2027 Admission (to be published in June 2026).

## April Intake Quota: 88 Students

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 4.3 on a 5-point scale (Japanese high school transcript), and selection will be conducted in two stages: a written examination for all applicants followed by an interview for those who pass the first stage.

### Important Notes

- A sufficient level of English proficiency is required for academic study.
- Successful applicants are expected to enroll upon acceptance.
- The Japanese Common Test for University Admission is not required.

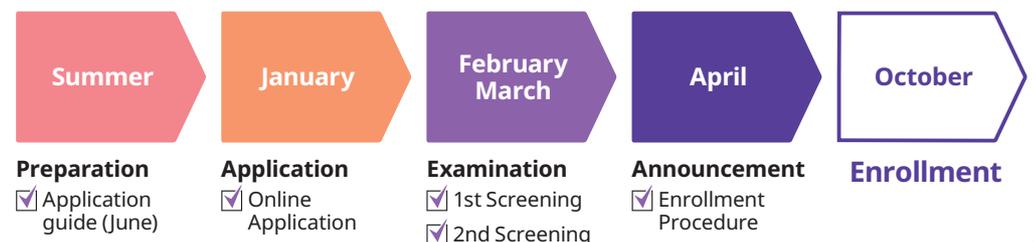
## October Intake Quota: 90 Students

Applicants must submit an official high school transcript and either a designated standardized test score or an internationally recognized academic qualification. Applicants must also provide proof of English proficiency through a test approved by Tohoku University and complete the selection process, which consists of document screening, a written examination, and an interview.

### Important Notes

- A certain level of Japanese proficiency may be an admission requirement for Humanities and Social Sciences for research and communication purposes.
- For the October intake exams, the entire process is conducted online.

## Sample Admission Schedule (October intake) \*The period is subject to change



# TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

## Study Without Barriers

Tohoku University is committed to providing financial support opportunities to help reduce financial barriers for talented students.

### Tuition & Fees

- **Admission Fee** : JPY 282,000 (One Time/ Non-refundable)
- **Annual Tuition (International students)**: JPY 900,000 (Planned for 2027 intake)

**Note** "International students" are defined as those who require a **student visa**.

- **Annual Tuition (Domestic students)**: JPY 535,800

**Note** "Domestic students" are defined as those who do NOT require a student visa.

- **Living Costs** : The Tohoku area is one of the most affordable regions in Japan, helping you focus on your studies without financial stress.
- **Financial Support Schemes** We are preparing financial support schemes to help excellent international students, including tuition waivers for students facing economic challenges.
- **New Tohoku University Scholarship** : Financial support for outstanding international students.
- **JASSO Honors Scholarships** : Government-funded living support (JPY 48,000 per month up to 6 months) for selected students.



# CAMPUS LIFE & STUDENT SUPPORT

## Sendai: The City of Trees

Sendai is a safe, clean, and compact academic city, ideal for research and study.

- **Student-Friendly**: Home to over 70,000 students.
- **Affordable & Accessible**: 1.5 hours from Tokyo by Bullet Train, with living costs approximately 37% lower than in Tokyo.

## University House: New Connections

As a Gateway College student, you will live in an international dormitory during your first year. This immersive environment allows you to build lasting friendships and develop cross-cultural understanding beyond the classroom.



## Clubs and Organizations

Explore a vibrant campus culture, with over 190 student clubs and circles, from traditional sports and arts to innovative technology groups.



## Student Support

Comprehensive support is provided for all students, including:

- Tutor System
- Student Learning Advisor System
- Student Counseling
- Career Support
- Language Classes
- Student Visa and COE, etc.



# CONNECT WITH US

## Start Your Journey Today

Explore the future of education at Tohoku University Gateway College.

**Get the Latest Information** Visit Tohoku University Admissions Center website for the Application Guide 2027 (to be published in June 2026), FAQ, and detailed program requirements.

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