



TOHOKU
UNIVERSITY

Designated National University

- a new future for Tohoku

Tohoku University, along with the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University, received confirmation of its new status from the Japanese Government in June 2017. The conferment of the Designated National University title is a recognition of the university's abilities to lead and shape global education and research. The new status provides the university with a better platform to further contribute to communities at home and abroad.



Designated National University Concept

~ Excellence, Innovation and Leadership ~

As a Designated National University, we will have the means to further internationalize our education, reinforce our research capabilities and push ahead with structural reforms to make us even more competitive. The upcoming Advanced Graduate School and the Organization for Advanced Studies – both of which will provide increased opportunities for international academic and industry collaborations – are expected to play key roles in the support of local and global communities.

Education



The Advanced Graduate School will incorporate all current graduate programs from the different divisions to create more interdisciplinary collaborations.

It will include the International Joint Graduate Programs, which aim to attract higher caliber global talent.

There will be increased financial support for graduate and undergraduate students.

Study Abroad Programs will be enhanced and a new quarter academic system will provide more exchange flexibility.

Research Activities



The Organization for Advanced Studies will incorporate research centers in our four strongest fields: materials science, spintronics, next-generation medical care and disaster science. More research centers in other fields will follow.

International Research Clusters in nine principal areas will facilitate the collaborative research and education with leading foreign universities.

Governance Reform



The introduction of a Provost with executive powers over academic matters will alleviate the President's workload, leading to a more efficient administrative structure.

The new status will deregulate the current system for student capacity and provide more autonomy over the management of assets and facilities.

Being Part of the Community



Large-scale industry-academia joint research centers will be established at Seiryō Campus and the new Aobayama extension.

There will be expanded internships and discourses from cross-appointed lecturers from industry.

There are plans for a student village with new dormitories and cross-cultural events to provide an international experience at home.