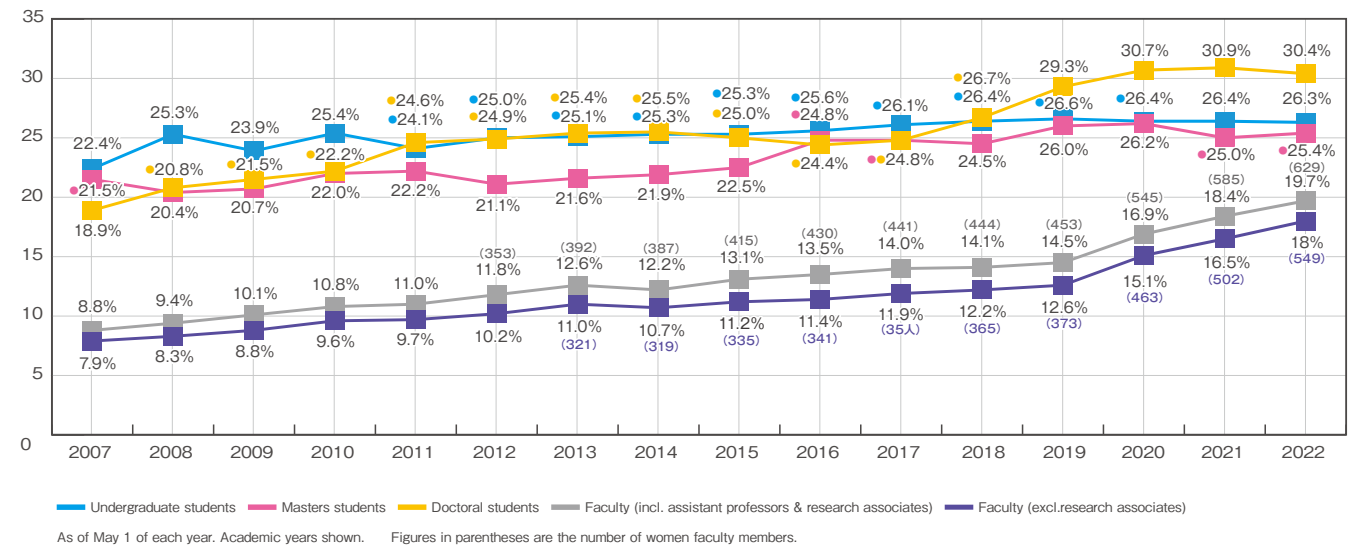


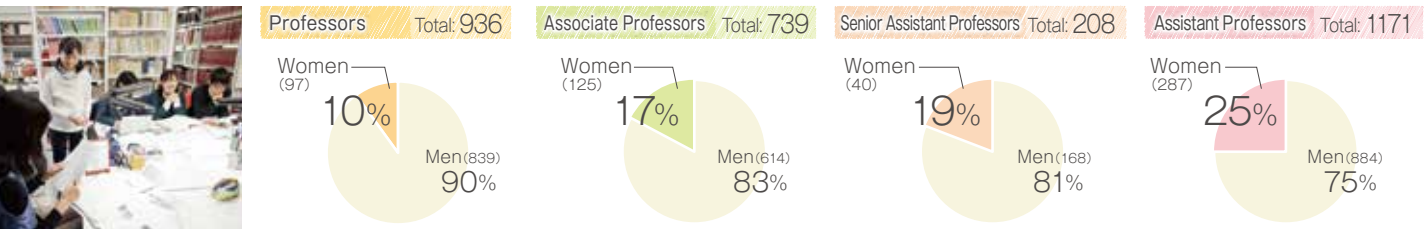
Gender Equality at Tohoku University Today

Percentage of Women in Faculty & Student Body

Tohoku University has steadily increased the number of women in faculty positions, thanks to support from the MEXT Program for Supporting Female Researchers and focused efforts funded by the university ("Project to Promote Gender Equality and Female Researchers," funded by the Presidential budget). However, comparison with the averages of all national universities shows that more work needs to be done.



Male/Female Breakdown (as of May 1, 2022)



Taking Gender Equality to the Next Level

Features

This project builds up a system for increasing research achievements by female researchers and nurturing female leaders through diverse efforts tailored to every career stage.

- Hiring/promotion of women to senior positions
- Support from URA (university research administrators) to enhance career opportunities for female researchers
- Development of family-friendly policies in the research environment



Become a world-class leader!

On-campus Child Care Facilities

Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery School

8 a.m.–7 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays and year-end/New Year's holiday)
Extended-hours services also available

Capacity: 22
Open to: Children of Tohoku University employees & students & local residents



<https://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/somu/hoiku/keyaki.html>

Hoshinoko Nursery School

7:15 a.m.–6:15 p.m., every day (However, the center may be closed on days when users do not wish to receive childcare services.)
Extended-hours, overnight (Mon. & Fri.), and temporary child care services also available



Capacity: 120
Open to: Children of Tohoku University Hospital employees

<https://www.hosp.tohoku.ac.jp/hoshinoko>

Aobayama Midori Nursery School

8 a.m.–7 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays and year-end/New Year's holiday)
Extended-hours and temporary child care services also available

Capacity: 116
Open to: Children of Tohoku University employees & students



<https://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/somu/hoiku/midori.html>

Hoshinoko Room Day-Care Center for Children with Non-serious Illness or Recovering from Illness

Children six months or older, but younger than the 4th grade of elementary school, who are unwell and unable to attend daycare/school due to a fever or other symptoms. (Users need to fill out a doctor contact form.)



9:00 a.m.–17:45, Open on Mondays and the day after national holidays
7:30 a.m.–17:45 p.m., Tuesday to Friday (excluding public holidays and year-end/New Year's holiday)
Open to: Children of Tohoku University employees & students

<https://www.hosp.tohoku.ac.jp/hoshinoko-room.html>

History of Female Tohoku University Students

Tohoku University was the first university in Japan to admit female university students. During the late Meiji Era, around the time of Tohoku University's inception, universities were limited to only male graduates from the old high school system and it was unthinkable for women to gain admission as bona fide university students.

However, an incident occurred during the second year of the Taisho Era (1913) to break this precedent: The newly founded Tohoku Imperial University placed four women applicants at the entrance examinations at its own discretion.

The first female university students



In the midst of entrance examinations, the Ministry of Education sent a letter to the university stating, "As there are no precedents for women to enter the Imperial University, this is a serious incident that must be discussed thoroughly" and demanded an explanation through official channels. However, the university paid no heed and announced the acceptance of Chika Kuroda, Raku Makita, and Ume Tange, thus creating the first female university students.

The three successfully graduated as Japan's first-ever female baccalaureates, and over the next several years remained at Tohoku University as assistants and graduate students.



We have launched a special website (now open to the public)

Women of Tohoku University Running Through the Times
—The Birthplace of Japan's First Female University Students—
https://www.tohoku.ac.jp/tohokuuini_women/



Support Gender Equality!

Want to help promote gender equality at Tohoku University? Then consider donating to the Tohoku University Fund for Gender Equality Promotion, which is used to support skills development and career advancement of women researchers, help them balance work with childrearing duties, foster new generations of women researchers, enhance the on-campus child care services, keep the university's gender equality traditions alive, and more.

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TUMUG stands for: Tohoku University, Movement, United, Gender. TUMUG is read *tsu-mu-gu*, a Japanese word meaning "spin thread," and conveys how the many different gender equality initiatives of Tohoku University are spun together into a big, united movement for realizing gender equality.

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In 2023, Tohoku University will celebrate the 110th anniversary of the birth of Japan's first female university student at Tohoku University.

(100th anniversary of the admission of women students in the humanities.)



