

Tohoku Univ. University House/International House Application Guide April, 2026

We are now accepting new residence applications from international students for Tohoku University's University House and International House dormitories.

●Accommodations and Locations

•University House Aobayama	468-1 Aramaki-Aza Aoba Aobaku Sendai 980-0845
•University House Sanjo	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
•University House Sanjo II	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
•University House Sanjo III	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
•University House Nagamachi	8-6-10 Nagamachi Taihakuku Sendai 982-0011
•International House Sanjo 1	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
•International House Sanjo 2	10-15 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
•International House Higashi-Sendai	6-14-15 Higashisendai Miyaginoku Sendai 983-0833

【Website】 <https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/en/pre-arrival-e/find-a-place-e/>

(A) Application for New Residence

1 Room Availability

Room availability is subject to change.

●University House Aobayama

Single Room (Male, 11~12m ²)	37 rooms
Single Room (Female, 11~12m ²)	51 rooms

●University House Sanjo

A Type (Male, 10m ²)	18 rooms	※Communal showers and toilets
A Type (Female, 10m ²)	10 rooms	〃
B Type (Male, 13m ²)	12 rooms	※Private showers and toilets
B Type (Female, 13m ²)	9 rooms	〃

※A Type rooms are mainly for undergraduate students, B Type rooms are mainly for graduate students.

●University House Sanjo II

Single Room (Male, 12m ²)	28 rooms
Single Room (Female, 12m ²)	30 rooms

●University House Sanjo III

Single Room (Male, 15m ²)	10 rooms
Single Room (Female, 15m ²)	4rooms

●University House Nagamachi

Single Room (Male, 15m ²)	4 rooms
Single Room (Female, 15m ²)	7 rooms

●International House Sanjo 1

Family Room (48m ²)	13 rooms
Married Couple's Room (46m ²)	13 rooms
Single Room (Male, 18m ²)	40 rooms
Single Room (Female, 18m ²)	38 rooms

- International House Sanjo 2

Family Room (47m ²)	3 rooms
Married Couple's Room (32m ²)	7 rooms
Single Room (Male, 16m ²)	35 rooms
Single Room (Female, 16m ²)	16 rooms
- International House Higashi-Sendai (Main)

Single Room (Male, 9m ²)	7 rooms
Single Room (Female, 9m ²)	9 rooms
- International House Higashi-Sendai (Annex)

Married Couple's Room (36m ²)	2 rooms
Single Room (Male, 18m ²)	4 rooms
Single Room (Female, 18m ²)	1 room

2 Eligibility

International students enrolled at Tohoku University as of April 2026 are eligible (undergraduate students, graduate students, research students, non-degree students, special auditing students, special research students).

- (1) Current students (including students who once lived in a university dorm) can apply for dormitory rooms. In addition, those who are currently staying at UH or IH and whose residence period will expire in March 2026 can also reapply. However, new students will be given priority in the selection process.

Last October there were very high number of applicants from overseas, resulting in many current students being denied housing. If you are currently living in university housing and reapply, please be aware that your application may be denied. If your application is denied, you will have to find and lease an apartment in a short period of time.

You cannot apply for another dormitory during your current stay.

- (2) Application for Family and Married Couple's Rooms

The number of family rooms and married couple rooms has decreased compared to previous years. Due to high demand, some applicants were denied even upon reapplying last October. Similar to single rooms, if your application is denied, you must find and secure an apartment within a short period. Therefore, if you are currently residing in student dormitories, please consider moving to an apartment instead of reapplying.

- (3) Please confirm the following before applying for dormitories.

① There is no guarantee that your first choice will be approved. Please understand that due to the number of rooms available and the number of applicants, you will likely be assigned to your second choice or lower. Every year, we receive appeals for changes of accommodations after housing has been assigned. However, we cannot accept such requests. Please do not enter a preference for a dormitory where you do not wish to live.

② Residents cannot smoke in dorms or on the premises. If you wish to smoke, please find a private apartment. Because University Houses are shared dormitories, smokers cannot apply.

③ UH Aobayama residents pay 5,700 yen for resident services such as bedding and other rental items in addition to the room fee. Please note that residents cannot refuse any of the services even if they do not need them. This fee is calculated on a monthly basis covering the period from the 16th of each month to the 15th of the following month.

④ International House Sanjo 1 and Higashi-Sendai are old dormitories and the condition of the rooms is not good. There may be cosmetic damage to the walls, furniture, etc. Please be aware of this when applying for them.

3 Duration of Stay

In general, one of the periods below. You can apply for UH Aobayama for 2 years or shorter, or other dorms for 1 year or shorter. As for UH Nagamachi and IH Higashi Sendai, residents will be asked to write an application for a period not exceeding one year, but they can apply for an extension of stay every year.

Please refer to "7 Move-in Date " for the move-in start date.

(1) April 1, 2026 ~ Tuesday, September 15, 2026

(2) April 1, 2026 ~ Monday, March 15, 2027

(3) April 1, 2026 ~ Wednesday, September 15, 2027 UH Aobayama only

(4) April 1, 2026 ~ Wednesday, March 15, 2028 UH Aobayama only

※1 The end of the period of stay is March 15 or September 15 in all student dormitories, except for exchange students who have been accepted for a fixed period of time.

(If March 15 or September 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the end of the period of stay will be the weekday immediately preceding that date.)

Due to room cleaning, students cannot stay in the dorms until September 30 (or March 31). I.e., you will not be able to stay in your room until the day of the graduation ceremony.

※2 If students leave the dorm by the 15th day of the final month of the approved period of stay, rent and maintenance fees for the relevant month will be half of the regular fee. However, students whose duration of stay is scheduled to end on September 15 are not eligible to receive this discount for August even if they leave before August 15. This discount applies only to the final month written on the Residence Permit. Please take note of this when entering your residence period if you are a short-term student. If you are scheduled to move out of the dormitory in February or August, please enter August 31 (Mon.) or February 26 (Fri.) for your move-out date on your application.

4 Rent and facilities

Please see 'dorm list 2026.4' **Rent is scheduled to be revised starting April 2026.**

5 How to apply

Please enter your information on the 'Application for Tohoku University's University House and International House ' (Form 1-1, 1-2) and submit it to the section in charge of international students in your department.

Students can ask their academic advisor at Tohoku University to apply for them.

Application Deadline : Please ask the section in charge of international students in your department

6 Announcement of Selection Outcome

Students will be contacted by mid-February via the heads of their departments.

7 Move-in Date

Please attend the registration meeting at your dorm on the day you arrive. After the meeting, you will receive your room key. Students can start moving into their dorms on the date below. If you are living overseas, please be careful when deciding the date of your entry into Japan.

Move-in Start Date: **March 26, 2026 (Thu.)**

- ① If you are a student enrolling in April, please enter April 1 for your move-in date on your application form. However, if you already know when you plan to move in, for example, you will arrive in May, please enter your expected move-in date.
- ② If you are currently living in a student dormitory and your residence period ends on March 13, enter March 14 as the start date of your move-in. If you will move out and then move back to the dormitory in April, enter April 1.
- ③ **Students cannot move in on Saturdays and Sundays.** If you wish to move in to your dormitory on weekends, someone needs to receive your room key in advance. As a rule, dormitory keys can be picked up between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

8 Residence Permit Cancellation & Eviction

Those who fail to move in within seven days of the start of the move-in period without providing a reason, allow unauthorized persons to stay overnight in their rooms, violate University House Management Regulations or International House Regulations, or disobey instructions issued by the university or the dormitory office, may lose their Residence Permit or be evicted.

9 Notes

- (1) If your student ID number or your academic advisor has not been determined, please enter 'undecided'. If you cannot input katakana, please leave the relevant boxes blank.
- (2) For research students who plan to enter graduate school, if your current planned period of enrollment is 6 months, please apply for that period. Please apply for an extension when you enter the graduate school.
- (3) The residence period of UH Aobayama is different from that of the other dorms. Please enter the residence period for your first choice on your application.

10 Students who wish to apply for a couple's or family room must attach the documents listed below.

- Copy of documents proving relationship with applicant (Marriage License, National Health Insurance card etc.)

In case of de facto marriage (common-law marriage), please attach a copy of an official certificate that will replace the marriage certificate.

- Applicants who cannot provide the above documents when applying should attach a written explanation to their application, then submit the documents later.

(B) Application for Extension of Residence Period

1 Eligibility

【UH Sanjo, Sanjo II, III, IH Sanjo 1,2】

Students who moved into their current room on or after October 1, 2025, and were given permission to live there until March 13, 2026.

※Students can apply to extend this by six months (until Tuesday, September 15, 2026).

【UH Aobayama】

※1 Students who moved into their current room on or after October 1, 2024 and were given permission to live there until March 13, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by six months (until Tuesday, September 15, 2026).

※2 Students who moved into their current room on or after April 1, 2025 and were given permission to live there until March 13, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by one year (until Monday, March 15, 2027).

※3 Students who moved into their current room on or after October 1, 2025 and were given permission to live there until March 13, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by 1 and a half years (until Wednesday September 15, 2027).

*If you are a research student who will enter a graduate school from April, 2026, please be aware that you will need to stay in an apartment for your final half year because students can live in UH Aobayama for two years maximum, even if your enrollment period is two and a half years.

【UH Nagamachi, IH Higashi-Sendai】

Students who were given permission to live in a dorm until March 13, 2026.

* Students can apply to extend this by one year (until Monday, March 15, 2027).

※ Please be aware that you can't apply for an extension of your stay until the end of September or March. If you wish to stay in Sendai until the end of March or September, you need to find somewhere to stay off campus.

2 How to Apply

Please submit the application below to the section in charge of international students in your department.

*Application for Extension of Stay at University/International House

*Application Deadline: Please ask the section in charge of international students in your department.

3 Announcement of Selection Outcome

Students will be contacted by mid-February via the heads of their departments.

	Year Opened	Rent	Maintenance Fee	Parking Car Owners only	Deposit When moving-in	Cleaning fee Rates are subject to change.	Facilities			Bedding	Remarks
							Kitchen	Shower Toilet	Laundry		
UH Aobayama	2018	¥28,000	¥1,500 ★Resident Service fees (Internet, bedding, etc.) ¥5,700	No Parking Space	¥30,000	¥5,500	Common use	Common use	Common use for each unit	○	★Resident service fees are calculated for the period from the 16th to the 15th of the following month. Appliance Rental Service(Paid services – Applicants only) Small refrigerator, rice cooker, printer, etc.
UH Sanjo A	2007	¥21,600	¥2,500	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥6,600	Common use	Common use	Common use for each unit	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services) Meal Service, Appliance Rental Service. (Paid services–Applicants only)
UH Sanjo B	2007	¥22,000	¥3,100	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥9,900	Common use	○	Common use for each unit	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services) Meal Service, Appliance Rental Service. (Paid services–Applicants only)
UH Sanjo II	2013	¥22,000	¥2,500	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥6,600	Common use	Common use	Common use for each unit	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services) Meal Service, Appliance Rental Service. (Paid services–Applicants only)
UH Sanjo III	2011	¥22,000	¥1,500	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥6,600	Common use	Common use	Common use for each unit	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services) Meal Service, Appliance Rental Service. (Paid services–Applicants only)
UH Nagamachi	2011	¥22,000	¥1,500	No Parking Space	¥30,000	¥6,600	Common use	Common use	Common use for each unit	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
IH Sanjo 1	1983	¥13,000	¥1,000	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥14,300	○	Common use	Common use for each building	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
IH Sanjo 2	1994	¥22,800	¥1,000	¥2,800 (using IH1 parking)	¥30,000	¥11,000	Common use	○	Common use for each floor	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
IH Higashi-Sendai (Main)	1972	¥10,000	¥1,000	¥2,100	¥30,000	¥6,600	Common use	Common use	Common use for each floor	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
IH Higashi-Sendai (Annex)	1991	¥22,000	¥1,000	¥2,100	¥30,000	¥11,000	○	○	Common use for each building	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)

•Deposit will be refunded after any necessary fees are deducted. Students may be charged more depending on the room condition when they leave.

•Residents will be charged for utilities besides rent and maintenance fees. The amount differs depending on facilities and usage.

•If you wish to use Internet in your room, you need to apply to the service provider

•Both Japanese students and International students live in University House(Excluding Nagamachi). There are restrictions on items students can bring into their rooms.

•Please note that IH Sanjo 1 and Higashi Sendai facilities are not in good condition because they are old.

★Residents can't cancel UH Aobayama Residents Service (mandatory ¥5,700 – bedding, tableware, bathmat, household commodities,internet, exchange activities fee)

★Smoking is prohibited on all dormitories. Especially, smokers can't apply for University Houses because they are shared-type dorms, smoking affects lots of residents.

※UH Nagamachi and International Higashi Sendai residents can apply for an extension every year.

※ Please be aware that you can't stay at the dorm until the end of September or March.

【Couple's rooms April, 2026】

☆Rent is scheduled to be revised starting April 2026.

	Year Opened	Rent	Maintenance Fee	Parking Car Owners only	Deposit When moving-in	Cleaning fee Rates are subject to change.	Facilities			Bedding	Remarks
							Kitchen	Shower Toilet	Laundry		
International House Sanjo 1	1983	¥21,000	¥1,000	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥28,600	○	○	○	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
International House Sanjo 2	1994	¥32,000	¥1,000	¥2,800 (using IH 1 parking)	¥30,000	¥15,950	○	○	○	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
International House Higashi-Sendai (Annex)	1991	¥33,000	¥1,000	¥2,100	¥30,000	¥18,700	○	○	Common use for each building	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)

- Deposit will be refunded after any necessary fees are deducted. Students may be charged more depending on the room condition when they leave.
- Residents will be charged for utilities besides rent and maintenance fees. The amount differs depending on facilities and usage.
- Couple's rooms in International Sanjo 1 consist of two floors (2F & 3F). There are stairs in the room.
The second floor has a bedroom (a double bed) and bathroom. The third floor has a dining, kitchen and living room.
- International House Sanjo 2 has a dining and living room and a bedroom (two single beds).
- International House Higashi-Sendai has a dining and living room and a bedroom (two single beds).
- Please note that IH Sanjo 1 and Higashi Sendai facilities are not in good condition because they are old.
- If you wish to use Internet in your room, you need to apply to the service provider
- Duration of stay is one year or less. Application for extension is available.

※ Please be aware that you can't stay at the dorm until the end of September or March.

【Family rooms April, 2026】

☆Rent is scheduled to be revised starting April 2026.

	Year Opened	Rent	Maintenance Fee	Parking Car Owners only	Deposit When moving-in	Cleaning fee Rates are subject to change.	Facilities			Bedding	Remarks
							Kitchen	Shower Toilet	Laundry		
International House Sanjo 1	1983	¥25,000	¥1,000	¥2,800	¥30,000	¥27,500 ~¥33,000	○	○	○	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)
International House Sanjo 2	1994	¥50,000	¥1,000	¥2,800 (using IH 1 parking)	¥30,000	¥28,600	○	○	○	○(※)	※ Residents need to apply by themselves before moving-in. (Paid services)

- Deposit will be refunded after any necessary fees are deducted. Students may be charged more depending on the room condition when they leave.
- Residents will be charged for utilities besides rent and maintenance fees. The amount differs depending on facilities and usage.
- International House Sanjo 1 has one dining kitchen with living room and one bedroom.
- International House Sanjo 2 has one dining kitchen with living room and one bedroom and one Japanese style-room.
- Please note that IH Sanjo 1 facilities are not in good condition because they are old.
- If you wish to use Internet in your room, you need to apply to the service provider

※ Please be aware that you can't stay at the dorm until the end of September or March.

