

Notification : Support for Doctoral Students from AY2026 Onward

In April 2026, Tohoku University will establish a "Comprehensive Support Package" to provide financial support for all eligible doctoral students*, aiming to foster outstanding researchers who will drive future innovation on a global scale and to supply highly specialized professionals to a diverse range of sectors.

Please refer to the application guidelines, which will be released at a later date, for details regarding eligibility and the application process.

*Doctoral students: Students enrolled in a 3-year doctoral program or a doctoral program in medical, dental, or pharmaceutical curricula.

Overview of Doctoral Student Support

- Commencement : April 2026
- Support Period : Within the standard period of study: D1–D3
(D1–D4 for medical, dental, or pharmaceutical curricula)
- Support Details : Please refer to the attached documentation
- Upcoming Schedule: Release of the application guidelines and holding of
an information session in early March 2026 or later

Important Notes

- Students currently supported by the AGS RISE Program:

Students currently supported by the AGS RISE Program will transition to the comprehensive support package starting in AY2026 (the RISE Program will conclude). During the standard period of study, the incentive stipend will continue at the same rate as the RISE Program (180,000 yen/month; 200,000 yen/month for the degree program students). **Support for personal research grants will conclude and be replaced by a competitive travel expense support.** Current RISE Program students will receive a separate individual notification.
- Students currently supported by the Pioneering Research Support Project:

For students currently supported by the Pioneering Research Support Project, the incentive stipend and personal research grants will continue at the current rates (180,000 yen/month; 200,000 yen/month for the degree program students) for the remainder of the standard period of study.
- Other: If you have any questions, **please first review the application guidelines** (to be released later) before contacting the respective offices.

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Comprehensive Support Package for Doctoral Students*



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① Incentive Stipend

To encourage research activities at the doctoral level, an incentive stipend will be provided to **all** eligible doctoral students.

Incentive Stipend (Annual) : JPY 1,272,000

* Students affiliated with degree programs : JPY 2,400,000

* Former RISE program students: JPY 2,160,000

(RISE will be transferred to comprehensive support package)

[Ineligibility] -Exceeded the standard period of study. -Students on a leave of absence. -Individuals with an annual income of JPY 1.8 million or more. -JSPS Research Fellows. -MEXT Scholarship students. -Recipients of other scholarships that prohibit concurrent funding (double-dipping), etc.

*Please refer to the application guidelines release later.

② Full tuition waiver

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* Full tuition waiver will apply to all doctoral students affiliated with degree programs, including international students.

[Ineligibility] -Exceeded the standard period of study. -Students on a leave of absence. -Individuals with an annual income of JPY 1.8 million or more (degree program students are eligible for waivers). -Recipients of other scholarships that prohibit concurrent funding (double-dipping), etc.

(Reference: English webpage for tuition fee waver, etc.)

<https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/gakusei-shien/menjo/yuusyusya-e/>

③ Travel support

A competitive grant intended to enhance the international experience of doctoral students, covering the costs associated with studying abroad or the travel expenses.

* Detail will be announced later.

Comprehensive Support Package Eligible Doctoral students		① Incentive Stipend (annual)	② Tuition & Admission Fee Waver		③ Competitive Travel Support
			Tuition Fee Waver (annual)	Admission Fee Waver	
【DP-Track】 Doctoral students affiliated with degree programs**2	Japanese students**1	2,400,000	536,000	282,000	available
	International Students	2,400,000	536,000	not available	
【Standard Track】 Other doctoral students	Japanese students**1	1,272,000	536,000	282,000	
	International Students	1,272,000	not available	not available	

※1 Definition of Japanese students: Individuals possessing Japanese citizenship (including foreigners who have been naturalized in Japan). Special permanent residents, permanent residents, spouses of a Japanese national, and spouses of a permanent resident will also be included as Japanese students. (To be decided)

※2 Degree programs indicate "Division for Interdisciplinary Advanced Research and Education," "International Joint Graduate Programs," and "Academia-Industry Collaborating Graduate Programs." (Reference: Advanced Graduate School Website: <https://pgd.tohoku.ac.jp/english/>)

Regarding students already supported by the AGS RISE Program

Students currently supported by the AGS RISE Program will transition to the comprehensive support package starting in AY2026 (the RISE Program will conclude). The incentive stipend will continue at the same rate as the RISE Program (180,000 yen/month; 200,000 yen/month for the degree program students). Support for personal research grants will conclude and be replaced by a competitive travel expense support.

* 1st through 3rd years of 3-year doctoral curricula, 1st through 4th years of medical, dental, or pharmaceutical curricula