

SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (SWP)
IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) and [application guide](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

Programme Title: Tohoku University STEM Summer Program (TSSP) 2026

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Host University Website: <https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/short/tssp/>
Programme Location: Sendai, Japan
Programme Dates: 22 June – 17 July 2026
Application Period: **Now – 8 February 2026**
No. of Placements: Only 1 student will be nominated

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee & Scholarships (if available)	Program Expenses	Education 140,000 yen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- These program expenses have to be paid separately by the specified payment deadline of each category by credit card.- Additional non-refundable processing fee (approx. US\$10) will be charged for each payment.- This includes Student Insurance Fee
			Facilities 60,000 yen	
		Accommodation Expense	189,000 yen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 7,000 yen per night including tax and breakfast.- Full payment is requested before the start of the program.
		Total		389,000 yen
		<p><u>JASSO Scholarship</u> A JASSO (Japan student services organization) scholarship of 80,000 JPY will be offered to outstanding students who meet the JASSO requirements and successfully complete the program. Please find out more information at the URL below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JASSO Scholarship Information		
2	Projected Expenditure	https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/life/cost-of-living/		
3	Financial Aid Available	<p>You should have enough monetary funds to last you through the whole summer/winter programme. Your decision to go on the summer/winter programme should not be dependent upon the confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award.</p> <p>If you are a Singaporean, you can consider the following financial aid options</p>		

		<p>to fund your summer programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS Awards for Study Abroad (NASA) Enhancement Bursary • Overseas Student Programme (OSP) Loan • Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Funds <p>Please note that if you are successful for any financial aid, the funds will only be disbursed to you after the completion of the programme.</p>
PROGRAMME DETAILS		
4	Academic Content	<p>This 4-week program consists of the following 4 parts:</p> <p>(1) cutting edge science and technology being developed at Tohoku University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spintronics • Biomolecular Design • Robotics • Materials Science • Information Science <p>(2) science and technologies related to disasters and reduction of damage based on experiences of the Great East Japan Earthquake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Science • Disaster Science in Japan • Disaster Response <p>(3) group problem-solving activities (hands-on experiments) to gain experience with frontier science and technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging Experiments for Quantum Phenomena • Make and Handcraft an Efficient Motor and a Paper Airplane based on the Science and Engineering Theory <p>(4) Japanese language and culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aikido • Zen Meditation • Tea Ceremony • Flower Arrangement <p>At the end of the program, students will make a final (wrap-up) presentation on items (1) or (2) on their experience. The program includes experiments, lectures, facility/laboratory visits, presentations, and field trips. The following topics will be covered.</p> <p>https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/short/tssp/</p>
5	Eligibility Requirements	NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.
6	Accommodation	Tohoku University will arrange an off-campus accommodation in a hotel located ten-minutes away from Aobayama campus where most activities will be held during the program. Each student will be accommodated in a furnished individual bedroom and a bathroom. The accommodation cost is 7,000 JPY per night with breakfast. (Checking-in: June 21st; Checking-out: July 18th)

		<p>■ HOTEL PEARL CITY SENDAI: https://www.pearlcity.jp/sendai/en/</p>
7	Application Procedure	<p>1. You must apply concurrently via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EduRec (in order to be able to proceed with course mapping and submission of financial aids application) and • host university online application website <p>2. You must accept both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EduRec offer and • host university offer to confirm your participation in this programme. <p>✓ Only upon acceptance of the EduRec offer can you proceed with course mapping and application for financial aids.</p> <p>✓ Applying on EduRec will allow GRO to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while you are overseas. With an official application through EduRec, you will also be able to request GRO for supporting letters for visa application and NS deferment (for NSmen).</p> <p>Please read the application guide before applying for the programme with NUS.</p> <p><u>Tohoku University's procedure is as follows:</u></p> <p>Step 1: The coordinator at your university should nominate up to 1 student Step 2: After the Nomination Sheet is submitted, Tohoku will send GRO the link for the Application Form. The GRO staff will forward the link to the nominated student. The student should fill in the Application Form him/herself and submit it together with the required documents by 12:00 p.m. (JST), March 3, 2026.</p> <p>Please note that Tohoku University only accepts applications from students who are nominated by their university's coordinator. Applications from students who aren't nominated will not be proceeded.</p> <p>*Payment must be completed by the payment deadline.</p>
8	Course Mapping	<p>Students interested in transferring units can start the course mapping process after applying and accepting the offer for the programme in EduRec. Course mapping requests are subject to approval from the Faculties. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for course mapping.</p> <p>Please also note the following: Students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each Summer Programme and up to a maximum of 5 units for each Winter Programme. Course mapping will be subject to approval from the respective Faculties/Schools.</p>

		<p>A total of 12 units from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional units mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the Office of the University Registrar's website.</p>
9	Transcript	<p>Please provide your personal mailing address to the host university so that the host can send your transcript to you directly after the programme. If the host issues an electronic transcript, please provide your own NUS email address to receive the transcript.</p> <p>Please do not request your transcript to be sent to NUS Global Relations Office (GRO). GRO is not responsible for missing transcripts.</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
10	Visa Application	<p>Please refer to this website https://www.sg.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visit.html for the immigration and border guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visas are not required only for students from countries and regions with reciprocal visa exemptions arrangements with Japan. The list of countries with visa exemption is available at the Embassy of Japan in Singapore website. • Singapore citizens do not require a visa to enter Japan. • For those who need a visa to enter Japan, a 'Certificate of Admission' and an 'Invitation Letter' for your visa application will be provided by the host university after they accept you and confirm you have paid the programme fee. <p>Note: It is student's responsibility to ensure that they obtain a valid visa before making any travel arrangements for their summer programme. Students are encouraged to prepare and apply for visa as early as possible as obtaining a visa can be time consuming.</p>
11	Travel Advisories	<p>Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.</p>

12	Student Insurance	<p>Summer program participants are required to buy travel insurance in their own country BEFORE coming to Japan. Students will be solely responsible for any accidents that occur while staying in Japan. Their insurance must cover death and medical care expenses not only due to accidental bodily injury but also for sickness.</p> <p>Participants are required to enrol the following student insurance policies as specified by Tohoku University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research “GAKKENSAI” • Comprehensive Insurance for Student Lives Coupled with “GAKKENSAI” for International Students (“Inbound futai-gakuso”) <p>NUS Student Travel Insurance is provided for your participation in this programme. Please request a certificate of insurance from the insurer directly following the instructions detailed in: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/. (Log in using your NUSNET ID and password.)</p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage for the full duration of their trip (including travelling). Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students may purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
13	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university tssp@grp.tohoku.ac.jp</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: global@nus.edu.sg</p>