

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 Japanese Program [TUJP 2026]
(Updated as of 15 January 2026)

Host University Website: <https://sites.google.com/tohoku.ac.jp/tujp/home?authuser=0>

Programme Location: Sendai, Japan

Programme Dates: Summer 1 (2 weeks): 10 - 24 June 2026
 Summer 2 (4 weeks): 1 - 28 July 2026

If you are participating in both Summer 1 and Summer 2, please note that some program content will be repeated.

Application Period: **Summer 1: Now - 8 March 2026**

Summer 2: Now - 5 April 2026

No. of Placements: 35 (Summer 1), for Summer 2, applicants will be selected based on the overall balance of the program.

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee & Scholarships (if available)	Programme Fee Summer 1 (2 weeks) – JPY 115,000 Summer 2 (4 weeks) – JPY 225,000 Included in the Program Fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuition for all classes ▪ Course materials (Textbooks) ▪ Student insurance (required by Tohoku University) ▪ Cultural activities and excursions organized by the program ▪ Certificate of completion ▪ Access to university facilities (Wi-Fi, library, etc.) More Details at: https://sites.google.com/tohoku.ac.jp/tujp/fee?authuser=0 JASSO Scholarship TUJP In-Person Only: Qualified students may apply for a Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship of JPY 80,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JASSO Scholarship Information • JASSO Application Form If you are keen to apply for the JASSO Scholarship, please submit the following forms to GRO via groasia@nus<dot>edu<dot>sg by 4 Mar 2026 . <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) JASSO Application Form 2) The applicant's transcript from the previous academic year in English 3) Copy of the applicant's passport. Please submit a copy of your passport
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		<p>(photo page)</p> <p>- Please calculate the applicant's GPA. GPA Calculation Method</p> <p>*Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.</p> <p><u>Fee-Waiver Places</u></p> <p>Tohoku University has offered fee waivers to up to six (6) NUS students for the <u>Summer 1</u> programme. GRO will select candidates based on merit. If you have been selected for fee waiver, your JASSO scholarship will not be considered.</p>
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 to fund your winter 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>Tohoku University Japanese Program (TUJP) is a short programme designed to improve your Japanese proficiency and deepen your understanding of Japan.</p> <p>The program consists of intensive Japanese lessons with many hands-on activities to practice Japanese. In addition, there are interactive lessons on traditional and modern Japanese culture and society. Moreover, there are collaborative learning activities with local Tohoku University students. Also "buddies" (local students) will make you feel welcome and assist you during the program.</p> <p>This program, tailored to meet your needs and interests, will help you discover the REAL Japan from home.</p> <p>Programme details (including the schedule / timetable) is available at: https://sites.google.com/tohoku.ac.jp/tujp/curriculum?authuser=0</p>
5	Eligibility Requirements	NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.
6	Accommodation	Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.



		<p>Tohoku University recommend staying near Tohoku University Kawauchi Campus or within Sendai city.</p> <p>If needed, the Tohoku University International Support Center can assist you with accommodation inquiries.</p> <p>Please contact them through the following website.</p> <p>TU Support: Apply for Support Services (For International Students)</p> <p>Further details will be provided after the acceptance letter is issued.</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: Submit Application (6–3 months before the start of the program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the online application form.• Upload all required documents.• Submit by the application deadline. <p>*You will receive an automatic confirmation email.</p> <p>Step 2: Screening & Selection (12 weeks before the start of the program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications are reviewed by Tohoku University.• Selected participants will be notified. <p>Step 3: Acceptance & Payment (11 weeks before the start of the program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive an official Acceptance Letter.• Follow the instructions to make the payment.



	<p>*Payment must be completed by the payment deadline.</p> <p>Step 4: Japanese Language Proficiency Test (10 weeks before the start of the program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants must take a Japanese language proficiency test and submit their scores for class placement.• Take the online Japanese test, SPOT Japanese Test (TTBJ / SPOT 90)• Submit your test result <p>* Students must submit their SPOT Japanese test results, unless they have never studied Japanese before.</p> <p>How to Take the SPOT Japanese Test</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to the official SPOT test website: https://ttbj1.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/apply/agree/ Click here for instructions on how to take the SPOT test. Once you finish the test, your scores will be displayed on the screen. <p>Submitting Your Scores</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. After taking the test and receiving your results, please download them, then upload them to your application form. <p>Important Notes</p> <p>Your SPOT score will be used as a reference for class placement. It is not a pass/fail test, and you will not be disqualified based on your score. Please upload your test result when submitting your application.</p>
8	<p>Course Mapping</p> <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	<p>Transcript</p> <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>NUSIP requires health insurance coverage for all overseas participants. Japan's National Health Insurance system is available to foreigners with long-term visas for Japan only. Therefore, overseas participants must purchase overseas health insurance prior to arrival in Japan. They are required to show proof of health insurance coverage on the first day of summer program.</p> <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 tujp@grp.tohoku.ac.jp</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: global@nus.edu.sg</p>