



Tohoku University Engineering Short Program

Tohoku University Engineering Short Program is a 10-day international program (January 14–23, 2026) designed to inspire future engineers from around the world! Through project-based learning and multicultural teamwork, participants will explore how engineering can drive innovation and social impact. The program features company visits to industry leaders such as Toyota, an entrepreneurship keynote lecture by a startup founder, and opportunities to enhance presentation and problem-solving skills while experiencing Japan's winter culture.



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Key Information

Date	January 14 (Wed) – January 23 (Fri), 2026
Program Structure	The program combines project-based learning, company visits, and expert sessions by startup founders from Tohoku University. Participants will experience the full process of innovation—from problem identification and idea generation to prototyping and final pitching in multicultural teams.
Fees	35,000 JPY The fee covers tuition, cultural & social activities, field trips. Accommodation is not included (see Accommodation section)
Accommodation	Two options available: 1. Hotel Green Mark (Single Room): 70,000 JPY 2. On-Campus Dorm (Limited availability, 15 rooms - 5 male/10 female): 40,000 JPY Check-in date: January 13, 2026 (Tue) Check-out date: January 24, 2026 (Sat)
Application Period	October 15 – November 10, 2025
Selection Announcement	November 20, 2025
Payment Deadline	November 30, 2025
Language	English
Evaluation	A certificate of completion, equivalent to 4 ECTS credits, will be awarded to all successful participants. Please note that this is not an academic credit by Tohoku University, and credit transfer is subject to the home university's approval.

Program Goals

- **Conduct effective customer and cultural investigation.** You'll go beyond basic research to investigate real-world problems and needs by engaging with local communities and businesses.
- **Enhance cross-cultural collaboration skills.** Working with students from diverse backgrounds, you'll improve your ability to communicate, cooperate, and build mutual understanding while tackling a shared project.
- **Generate innovative ideas.** With company visits, lab tours, and experiences that blend your own investigations with local culture and advanced research, you'll learn to think creatively and come up with fresh solutions.

- **Experience and enjoy Japanese winter culture.** You'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in various aspects of Japanese culture. You will directly experience the snow and cold, which will provide a unique perspective.
- **Develop compelling presentation skills.** You'll learn key presentation skills, and in the final presentation, gain the confidence to share your ideas clearly and convincingly with others.

Join us at Tohoku University's Aobayama campus for this unique opportunity to collaborate with global peers and create unforgettable winter memories!

▼ Application Steps

1. Nomination

All applicants must be students and need to be nominated by their home university. The invited universities are welcome to nominate a maximum of five students via Google Form below by **November 10, 2025**.

TESP 2025 Online Nomination Form (Staff Entry)

2. Application

Nominated students are required to complete the application form below by **November 10, 2025**. Please note we will only consider applications from nominated students by home university.

TESP 2025 Online Application Form (Student Entry)

Required documents are as below. All documents need to be in English.

- Academic transcript of current degree program
- Personal Statement (Motivation letter)
- CV with a portrait photo

List all education and employment history from high school enrollment to current enrollment in college or university. Ensure that the dates are provided in month-level detail. Due to the Security Export Control application process, please ensure that there are no gaps in your educational and employment history.

- Photocopy of passport (photo and name page)

3. Screening Results

Selection results will be notified by email to the applicants by **20 November, 2025**. We appreciate your understanding that not all nominees will be accepted due to a large number of applications.

▼ Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Either Undergraduate or Graduate students.
- Sufficient ability to communicate in English for lectures and discussions. No official English test score is required.
- Students from any academic discipline are welcome. However, as the program includes laboratory visits and engineering-related activities, a basic knowledge of engineering is desirable.

▼ Program Poster

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▼ Next Steps

Fee & Payment

We will send all participants the payment URL by Email with the screening results. Please complete the payment by credit card. The payment must be received by Tohoku University no later than **November 30**.

Purchase Travel Insurance

All participants are required to submit a travel insurance certificate. The insurance coverage should include (1) illness or injury, (2) liability for

compensation, and (3) rescuer expenses for the duration of your stay in Japan. Participants must purchase travel insurance and send the copy of the certificate by **December 10**.

▼ Accommodations

Participants have 2 accommodation options during the program period. Please note that the number of rooms in the university dormitory is limited, and placement in the preferred accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Check-in date: January 13, 2026 (Tue)

Check-out date: January 24, 2026 (Sat)

➡ Option 1: Hotel Green Mark (Single Room) - 70,000 JPY

Conveniently located near Sendai Station and downtown, with comfortable rooms and excellent amenities to enhance your stay.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LRP8UFA5iJp4UBEYA>

➡ Option 2: On-Campus Dorm (Single Room, Shared bathroom/Kitchen) - 40,000 JPY

Located at Aobayama Campus with limited room availability (15 rooms: 5 male/10 female).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LC6TUnePMCPxrd1e7>

▼ Field Trips

Matsushima

Field trip to Matsushima, just a 30-minute drive from Sendai. Explore a lively fish market before immersing yourself in the beauty of Matsushima's temples and scenic landscapes. Enjoy a relaxing boat cruise to Shiogama Port, taking in the unique islands along the way.



Trip destinations are subject to change, and more exciting visits and activities may be added!

Contact

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