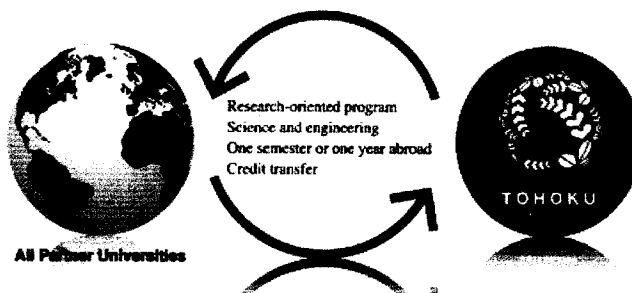




## Advanced Short-term Exchange Programs for students from overseas partner universities



### COLABS: Cooperative Laboratory Study Program, Tohoku University

<https://www.cefix.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/COLABS/index.html>

The main purpose of the Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS) is to offer an opportunity for international students from all partner universities throughout the world to take scientific research training in the assigned research laboratory as well as to get basic education courses taught in English at Tohoku University in order to increase their abilities to expand their activity into new science fields, without having to attain the Japanese language proficiency that would be necessary to take the same courses in Japanese. Then, a rather broad set of scientific fields has been chosen to let international students study in new, interdisciplinary, scientific fields in the future. The COLABS program is graduate-level and research-oriented with its center on the course of individual Research Training in Lab (IRT Lab) at Tohoku University. It is to be desired that student exchange will be arranged on the basis of collaborations between scientists in the partner and Tohoku universities, who will make sure students get to the right places in the Tohoku University. These processes will make academic collaboration between the partner and Tohoku universities closer and stronger. Though the short-term exchange international students are not degree candidates at Tohoku University, through the IRT Lab course a similar experience is offered by special arrangements. The COLABS program also offers courses on Japanese language, culture, and society aimed at promotion of understanding of Japan's language and social customs, which are taught in English. Cultural and intellectual exchange with Japanese students is an integral part of the program. This will be accomplished through class work as well as



participation in the various activities of research groups. These education processes will contribute to develop human resources for the global society. Depending on your home university's grading requirements, you may also be able to have the successful results obtained at Tohoku University credited towards your degree back home. The duration of each students exchange shall be one semester or one year.

◆ Eligibility for Application

The duration of each student exchange shall be one semester or one year. To be considered as a COLABS student at Tohoku University,

You must:

- ▶ be a graduate student at your home university, which must have a formal student exchange agreement with Tohoku University, after completing the exchange program.
- ▶ remain registered as a full-time degree student at your home university
- ▶ be continuing towards the degree of your home institution
- ▶ have a good grade average

◆ How to Apply

**How do I apply to be an exchange student at Tohoku University?**

If you are studying at the partner university, which must have a formal student exchange agreement with Tohoku University, you can contact your Exchange Program Coordinator for information about applying to Tohoku University COLABS as an exchange student. The Coordinator will be able to give you information about the selection criteria and will be available to assist you through the application and selection processes. The selection process shall consist of stringent evaluation of the student's previous academic record, motivation, and overall potential to succeed in an international academic environment.

Your application must be submitted through the Exchange Program Coordinator at your home institution. You cannot apply directly to Tohoku University.

**Closing dates for applications**

Applications must be received by:

10 March (for one year or one semester from October to March)

10 December (for one semester from April to September)

**Application form and materials to be attached**

You can download them from our website:

<https://www.cefex.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/ASEP/COLABS/index.html>

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