



**Graduate students
(females only)**

(1) Aim

This program aims to nurture next-generation female researchers and to cultivate a sense of mission and responsibility among those involved in scientific research by appointing female graduate students (including those who self-identify as female) as Science Ambassadors to work with and help motivate students at primary schools, junior high schools and high schools.

(2) Program details

- At the request of their former schools or other schools in the community, Science Ambassadors conduct seminars and other events at which they discuss their experiences to date and current research projects in order to communicate messages aimed at helping young people feel a more intimate connection with science.
- Participation in the Center of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) symposiums hosted by Tohoku University or other institutions in order to increase awareness of DEI.
- In addition to the above, participation and presentations at events for female students and female researchers.
 - This program is managed by the Center for Gender Equality Promotion (TUMUG).
 - For activities of a work nature, remuneration will be paid commensurate with the activities performed.
 - The frequency of events ranges between once and three times per month. Participation is at the discretion of each individual.

For reference: See the following website for information on Science Ambassadors activities.
<https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/sa/>

(3) Eligibility to apply

Female graduate students of Tohoku University can apply.

- Eligibility was expanded in the last academic year to include those in the humanities and social sciences, so now female students in all graduate schools are able to apply.
- This includes transgender graduate students who self-identify as female, even if they are listed as male on their family register, passport, etc.

(4) Proposed number of appointees

Approximately 50

(5) Estimated hourly rate

- 1,300 yen (students enrolled in a Master's program or the second year of a doctoral program or persons deemed to be of equivalent ability)
- 1,500 yen (students enrolled in a doctoral program or persons deemed to be of equivalent ability or higher)

(6) Application forms

- Attachment 5: Application to Participate in Tohoku University Science Ambassadors Program: 2024 Academic Year
- Attachment 6: Resume

(7) Deadline for submission of applications

- When applying to remain in the program*: _____ 2024
 - DEI Center deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024
 - Applicants will be notified of results in late March, with appointment to take effect from April 1, 2024.
 - * Persons appointed Science Ambassadors in the 2024 academic year who wish to remain in the program in the 2024 academic year should submit their application forms by the deadline for persons wishing to remain in the program.
- When newly applying: _____ 2024
 - DEI Center deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024
 - Applicants will be notified of results in late May, with appointment to take effect from June 1, 2024.

(8) Where to submit application

- General Affairs Section in your department _____
- The General Affairs Section will collect all applications for the department and submit them to the DEI Center by the DEI Center deadline.

(9) Application screening

- Documents will be examined by the screening panel within the DEI Center.
- During the screening process, you may be asked to prepare and submit additional documents or come for an interview.

(10) Please note the following

- Participants in this program are expected, in principle, to enter into an employment agreement with Tohoku University under which they will serve as Science Ambassadors with the status of part-time employees.
- Those who hold a position of employment on or off campus that precludes the holding of other jobs can participate in this program as Science Ambassadors Volunteers, provided that they request this option in their application. Please note that Science Ambassadors Volunteers do not receive remuneration.
- Recipients of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC) are required to submit a copy of the JSPS notice of receipt of remuneration that was signed and stamped by their mentor.
- Those employed as an RA for a Tohoku University graduate degree program or receiving financial assistance (scholarships, education/research expense support, etc.) need to consult with the employer or assistance provider before applying.
- Applicants must attend an orientation session tentatively scheduled for early June 2024.

(11) Activity report

Participants shall prepare a report, as separately prescribed.