

TU-UW AOS Exchange Program focusing on DEI

(only for natural sciences majors)

Application Guidelines

[Purpose/Goal]

TU-UW Academic Open Space (AOS) created a collaborative program for promoting education and research. We have been focusing on research and education in the fields of materials science, aerospace engineering and disaster science since we started in 2017. Since the second phase started in 2022, we have been promoting new areas such as supporting startups and enforcing DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) in our program. Now we announce that we accept applications from the graduate students who major in natural sciences for our TU-UW AOS Exchange Program focusing on DEI.

[Eligibility] To be eligible to apply, you must:

1. Be a Tohoku University female graduate student who majors in natural science.
※Senior undergraduate students entering graduate school in the next academic year are also eligible to apply.
2. Any research theme is acceptable, but the exchange with a female UW researcher as a mentor is expected to deepen the understanding of women's activities in science and lead to gender innovation in the future.
3. Have a presentation in Japanese and English after completing the program.

※We are expecting you to participate in the exchange program that will be held in the following year, which means it is ideal if you are a graduate student in Tohoku University at the time of the event.

【Program Summary】

1. Program period : 5 days 3 nights
2. Location : Seattle, WA, USA
3. Program : You can plan and propose a program plan for the duration of your stay. During your stay, you can plan to meet with mentors and other female researchers at UW, visit UW science and technology

areas, and participate in UW symposia, seminars, and research groups.

※Although you will receive support from AOS and DEI Center, your active participation in making a plan will be expected during coordinating a schedule with UW.

4. In addition, AOS might propose a specific plan such as meeting the UW researchers, and we want you to participate in the proposed activities as much as you can.

【Selected Applicant】

One applicant

【Supporting costs】

Travel expenses that are allowable according to the Tohoku University travel regulations - airfare, accommodation in Seattle & incentives

* You are responsible for the costs - meals, local or ground transportation & allowances

【How to Apply】

You need to apply from Google Form, and submit all the documents below.

* Your application form (Access the link from the QR code below. The application form should be in English.)

<https://forms.gle/S5u7hsSiuF8izxpQ7>



* Other required documents

(1) Your research theme and summary (In English) You can add a Japanese version if you want.

(2) A recommendation letter from your academic advisor (in Japanese or English)

(3) A copy of your student ID

【Attention】

(1) For applying for this program, you need to get an approval from your academic advisor.

(2) If more than one applicant apply from the same research office, the academic advisor needs to indicate the rank of the applicant in each recommendation letter.

(3) All the documents that you submitted will not be returned.

(4) You will be asked to submit other supplementary materials during or after the selection process as needed.

(5) If there is a significant change in your application after the selection, your selection may be canceled.

(6) One application per person

【Application Deadline】

September 19, 2025 (Friday)

【Result】

It will be notified directly to the applicant at the end of October 2025.

【Program dates】

Around January to March 2026

【Responsibilities for a selected applicant】

(1) You need to submit a travel plan before your departure, and a travel report within 2 weeks after your return.

(2) After you return, your presentation will be mandatory (in English) at the meetings/workshops, etc. as requested.

※The information about the program including the selected applicant's information and report will be available on the websites of TU, UW and the DEI Center.

(3) You need to participate in the exchange program that will be held in the following year.

【Others】

(1) When unexpected circumstances happen (ex. transferring to a different school, change in the application, canceling participation) after the selection process, you need to contact us immediately.

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