

The Program for Promoting the Enhancement of Research Universities

Program Duration: FY 2013–2022

● Program Objectives

This project focuses on the university's overall academic research functions. Based on self-analysis of the university's research activities, we will endeavor to effectively create a focused research environment capable of obtaining and utilizing research management staff (including research administrators) to manage research strategy and intellectual property, accelerating competitive research, creating pioneering fields of research, and sustaining a world-class research environment. By doing this, we aim to stimulate a resurgence of research, and contribute greatly to universities that are performing world-leading, excellent research activities.

● Tohoku University Enhancement Policy

- ◆ Clarification of Research Strategy
- ◆ Formation of an International Community
- ◆ Fostering Future Global Leaders
- ◆ Establishment of a World-class Campus, Internationalization of Administrative Staff

● Tohoku University Initiatives

- ◆ We will improve the Research Administration Center, which is part of the Research Promotion Center, and conduct analysis of worldwide research, social trends, and our university's research capacity. By "surfacing" our research strategy, we will provide planning support and selection of benchmark universities, research institutes, and researchers. We will then increase the number of visiting/resident researchers from these universities etc.
- ◆ We will establish the Tohoku Forum for Creativity as a visiting/resident research center to develop pioneering fields of research that will contribute to solving problems common among all human societies.
- ◆ We will establish Overseas Research Stations, which will allow young researchers (potential global leaders) to conduct mid/long-term studies at overseas research institutes. International research cooperation/collaboration projects will dramatically accelerate the ideas they incubate overseas.
- ◆ A reception system, comprised of the Research Reception Center and International Cooperation Bureau, will be created to facilitate the smooth arrival of visiting/resident researchers. The Research Reception Center will act as a hub for accelerating the internationalization of Tohoku University's administrative staff.

