

■ Mission Statement

Tohoku University has been committed to its “Research First” principle and “Open Door” policy for over a century, earning international recognition for both educational and research excellence. The university continues to find ways to improve lives around the world, by grooming the next generation of leaders, and arming them with the most innovative technology that the world’s best research teams can produce.

■ Towards Tohoku University 2016

Establish ourselves as an internationally recognized university and research center.

- Consistently produce top research in a broad spectrum of fields, including the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.
- Create cutting edge research institutions and other forums to correspond with the rapid advancements made in a knowledge-based society.
- Establish our reputation as an international research base while maintaining close links with major national and international research networks.

Nurture human resources capable of contributing to knowledge and the advancement of society.

- The faculty’s cutting edge research will be reflected in their teaching.
- Content and pedagogy of all courses will be that of a top level educational institution.
- Establish an educational foundation which enables students to explore new avenues of human knowledge and to become aware of the responsibilities of leadership.
- Develop educational programs and institutions that foster outstanding, internationally minded specialists with theoretical and practical knowledge.

Contributions to the community and to the world.

- Contribute to the development of community and humanity by making available to the world the benefits of research and human resources with exceptional leadership abilities.
- Provide equal opportunity to all capable, highly motivated students and faculty, regardless of nationality, race or religion, age or gender, or any other social standing.
- In keeping with our tradition of practice oriented research and education, create a science park by further promoting collaboration between university and industry.
- Dramatically increase the quality and availability of public education, and to provide consultation when specialized knowledge is required.
- Open the campus to the general public and consider ways in which the university’s intellectual and material resources, such as the libraries, academic materials and facilities, can be beneficially utilized.

Establish a culture, environment and management system appropriate for an internationally renowned research and education institution.

- Further develop a university culture that will stimulate the creation of world class research and education.
- Create an atmosphere conducive to intellectual activities by bringing aesthetic unity to the campuses and their natural surroundings.
- Establish a management system which allows a world class research and educational institution to develop rapidly and flexibly.