

○ Regulations on the Organization for the Promotion and Support of Research Activities at Tohoku University

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Regulations relating to the Organization for the Promotion and Support of Research Activities, Tohoku University

(Objective)

Article 1 These Regulations prescribe the organization and operation of the Organization for the Promotion and Support of Research Activities, Tohoku University (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization”).

(Purpose)

Article 2 The purpose of the Organization is to contribute to further development in research conducted by Tohoku University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) by promoting and assisting its research, thereby realizing interdisciplinary collaboration and the creation of new academic fields, and returning research outcomes to society.

(Positions and Employees)

Article 3 The following positions and employees shall be assigned:

Organization Director;

Technical staff; and

Other employees.

(Organization Director)

Article 4 (1) The Organization Director shall administer the operations of the Organization.

(2) The Executive Vice President or Vice President appointed by the President shall assume the position of Organization Director.

(Tohoku Forum for Creativity)

Article 5 (1) The Tohoku Forum for Creativity shall be established in the Organization as an operational organization.

(2) As a forum for brain circulation aiming to form a knowledge-based international community which is open to the world, the Tohoku Forum for Creativity conducts activities to promote the creation of pioneering areas of research, in order to contribute to the growth of academic research and the development of human resources to be in leadership positions.

(3) A Director shall be appointed for the Tohoku Forum for Creativity.

(4) The Director of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity shall administer the operations of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity.

(5) The Organization Director shall assume the position of Director of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity.

(6) A Vice Director shall be appointed for the Tohoku Forum for Creativity.

(7) The Vice Director shall assist the Director of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity in performing his/her duties.

- (8) An employee of the University shall assume the position of Vice Director.
- (9) The term of office of the Vice Director shall be within the term of office of the Director of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity. Furthermore, the same Vice Director may be reappointed as such.
(University Research Administration Center)

Article 6 (1) The University Research Administration Center (hereinafter referred to as the “URA Center”) shall be established in the Organization as an operational organization.

- (2) In order to contribute to the enhancement of the University’s research capabilities, the URA Center plans, designs, coordinates, and manages research projects, and disseminates research outcomes, on the basis of university-wide research strategies.
- (3) A Center Director shall be appointed for the URA Center.
- (4) The Center Director shall administer the operations of the URA Center.
- (5) The Organization Director or an employee of the University appointed by the Organization Director shall assume the position of Center Director.
- (6) The term of office of the Center Director shall be within the term of office of the Organization Director. Furthermore, the same Center Director may be reappointed as such.
- (7) Vice Center Directors shall be appointed for the URA Center.
- (8) The number of Vice Center Directors shall be up to two, who shall assist the Center Director in performing his/her duties.
- (9) Employees of the University shall assume the position of Vice Center Directors.
- (10) The terms of office of Vice Center Directors shall be within the term of office of the Center Director. Furthermore, the same Vice Center Directors may be reappointed as such.
(Technical Support Center)

Article 7 (1) The Technical Support Center shall be established in the Organization as an operational organization.

- (2) In order to promote the sophistication, integration, and social contribution of research education at the University, the Technical Support Center installs, manages, and operates large research equipment that contributes to the implementation of research education, and widely utilizes the research equipment, instruments, and devices designated by the University in and outside the University in cooperation with departments.
- (3) A Center Director shall be appointed for the Technical Support Center.
- (4) The Center Director shall administer the operations of the Technical Support Center.
- (5) The Organization Director shall assume the position of Center Director.
(Center for Low Temperature Science)

Article 8 (1) The Center for Low Temperature Science shall be established in the Organization as an operational organization.

- (2) The Center for Low Temperature Science ensures stable supply of liquid helium required for research at the University, and provides instructions concerning low-temperature technology.

- (3) A Center Director shall be appointed for the Center for Low Temperature Science.
- (4) The Center Director shall administer the operations of the Center for Low Temperature Science.
- (5) A full-time professor of the University shall assume the position of Center Director.
- (6) The Organization Director shall select an eligible professor as the Center Director through the deliberation of the steering committee prescribed in Article 11.
- (7) The term of office of the Center Director shall be two years. Furthermore, the same Center Director may be reappointed as such.

(The Electron Microscopy Center)

Article 9 (1) The Electron Microscopy Center shall be established in the Organization as an operational organization.

- (2) The Electron Microscopy Center manages and operates advanced electron microscopes and their auxiliary equipment installed at the Center.
- (3) A Center Director shall be appointed for the Electron Microscopy Center.
- (4) The Center Director shall administer the operations of the Electron Microscopy Center.
- (5) A full-time professor of the University shall assume the position of Center Director.
- (6) The Organization Director shall select an eligible professor as the Center Director through the deliberation of the steering committee prescribed in Article 11.
- (7) The term of office of the Center Director shall be two years. Furthermore, the same Center Director may be reappointed as such.

(Centers for Key Interdisciplinary Research)

Article 10 (1) Centers for Key Interdisciplinary Research shall be established in the Organization.

- (2) The organization and operation of Centers for Key Interdisciplinary Research shall be separately stipulated.

(Steering Committee)

Article 11 (1) A steering committee shall be established in the Organization to deliberate on important matters concerning the operation of the Organization.

- (2) The provisions of Article 3 of the Regulations on Operation of Inter-Department Institutes for Education and Research, etc. of Tohoku University (Rule No. 9 of 2004) shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters subject to the deliberation of the steering committee and other relevant matters.

(Organization of Steering Committee)

Article 12 (1) The steering committee shall consist of its chairperson and the following committee members:

- (i) Director of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity, URA Center Director, Technical Support Center Director, Director of the Center for Low Temperature Science, and Electron Microscopy Center Director;
 - (ii) General Manager of the Promotion Office for Center for Key Interdisciplinary Research under Article 16;
- and
- (iii) A certain number of other persons deemed necessary by the chairperson.

(Chairperson of Steering Committee)

Article 13 (1) The Organization Director shall assume the position of chairperson of the steering committee.

(2) The chairperson shall administer the operations of the steering committee.

(3) The Deputy-Director of the Organization appointed by the chairperson in advance shall act on behalf of the chairperson when the chairperson is unable to attend to his/her duties.

(Expert Committee)

Article 14 (1) In cases where it is necessary to investigate and deliberate on specific matters, an expert committee may be established within the steering committee.

(2) Matters necessary in relation to the expert committee are separately prescribed.

(Promotion Office for Center for Key Interdisciplinary Research)

Article 15 The Promotion Office for Center for Key Interdisciplinary Research (hereinafter referred to as the “Promotion Office”) shall be established in the Organization for the purpose of consulting on the accreditation and progress management of Centers for Key Interdisciplinary Research and on the provision of advice and support to such bases, and facilitating the communication, coordination, etc. among relevant departments.

(Organization of Promotion Office for Center for Key Interdisciplinary Research)

Article 16 (1) The Promotion Office shall consist of its General Manager and the following office members:

(i) Executive Vice President or Vice President appointed by the President;

(ii) Among the heads of the Graduate Schools and research institutes, a certain number of such heads designated by the Organization Director; and

(iii) A certain number of other persons deemed necessary by the General Manager.

(2) The Executive Vice President or Vice President appointed by the President shall assume the position of General Manager of the Promotion Office.

(3) The General Manager shall administer the operations of the Promotion Office.

(Appointment)

Article 17 The Organization Director shall appoint the committee members and office members prescribed in Article 12 (iii), and items (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (1) of the preceding Article.

(Term of Office)

Article 18 (1) The term of office of the committee members and office members prescribed in Article 12 (iii) and Article 16 (1) (iii) shall be two years. However, the term of office of a committee member or office member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining term of his/her predecessor.

(2) The committee members and office members prescribed in the preceding paragraph may be reappointed as such.

(Clerical Work)

Article 19 The clerical work of the Organization shall be as provided for in the Rules for the Administrative Bureau at National University Corporation Tohoku University (Rule No. 151 of 2004).

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 20 In addition to the provisions prescribed in these Regulations, the Organization Director shall prescribe other matters necessary for the operation, etc. of the Organization.

Supplementary provision

1. These Regulations shall enter into force on April 1, 2017.
2. The following regulations shall be abolished:
 - (i) Regulations on Tohoku University Technology Center for Research and Education Activities (Rule No. 74 of 2006); and
 - (ii) Regulations on Headquarters for Promotion of Research of National University Corporation Tohoku University (Rule No. 99 of 2012).
- (3) The person serving as Director of the Center for Low Temperature Science as of the day prior to the day of enforcement of these Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “Enforcement Day”) in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations on Tohoku University Technology Center for Research and Education Activities before the abolition thereof as prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be deemed to become the Director of the Center for Low Temperature Science in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (6) on the Enforcement Day, with his/her term of office expiring on March 31, 2018, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 (7).
- (4) The person serving as Electron Microscopy Center Director as of the day prior to the Enforcement Day in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations on Tohoku University Technology Center for Research and Education Activities before the abolition thereof as prescribed in Paragraph 2 of this supplementary provision shall be deemed to become the Electron Microscopy Center Director in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 (6) on the Enforcement Day, with his/her term of office expiring on November 5, 2018, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (7).

Supplementary provision (Revised Rule No. 81 of May 8, 2018)

These Regulations shall enter into force on May 8, 2018, and the revised provisions of Article 16 (1) (ii) shall apply as of April 1, 2018.