



■ 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.

Since 1907, Tohoku University has embraced its role as one of Japan’s leading institutions, grooming the next generation of leaders through academic excellence and inspiring innovative research. The three basic tenets of Research First, Open Door and Practice Oriented Research and Education have defined us for over a century and continue to lead the way forward.

For 2016/17, Tohoku University will focus on the following goals:

1. Cultivation of leadership talent

For undergraduate education, we aim to nurture talents that are learned and well-rounded in character, and who can look at events that happen in society and nature with a “scientific mind.” We encourage leaders who are intellectually motivated and who can apply their expertise in multiple fields with a global perspective.

For our postgraduate education, we wish to nurture professionals who have advanced specialized knowledge. These innovative researchers can comprehend world-class research, apply their own creative insights and carry out new developments in their fields.

2. A university centered around ground breaking research

We aim to consistently produce top research in a broad spectrum of fields, not just in the natural sciences, but also in social sciences and the humanities. We will create and develop educational programs that responds to a rapidly changing knowledge-based society, and host international forums to encourage the exchange of ideas.

We will reinforce our reputation as an international research base through establishing close ties and collaborations with local and foreign research networks. And we will continue to develop our five campuses as places that enable students to combine the pursuit of innovation, with the responsibilities of leadership.

3. Being a global university that leads

We will rise to meet global challenges and seek to make a difference where we can. We value diversity and welcome talented students, instructors and researchers from all walks of life who are united in their desire to make the world better. To that end, we will continue to promote greater collaboration between university and industry in order for our research results to make an impact in our communities.