

Mission Statement

Since 1907, Tohoku University has embraced its role as one of Japan's leading institutions, developing future leaders through academic excellence and inspiring, innovative research. The three basic tenets of Research First, Open Doors and Practice-oriented Research and Education have defined us for over a century and continue to lead the way forward.

For 2023/24, Tohoku University will focus on the following goals:

1. Cultivation of leadership talent

For undergraduate education, we aim to develop talented students into learned and well-rounded individuals, 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 approach 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 bring about new developments in their fields.

2. A university centered on ground-breaking research

We aim to consistently produce high-quality research across a broad spectrum of fields, not just in the natural sciences, but also in the social sciences and humanities. We will create and develop educational programs that respond 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 four 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 wherever 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 our university and industry, to ensure that our research results make a positive impact in our communities and around the world.