

Dear International Students

Dean, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies

Tohoku Univ. University House/International House Application Guide October, 2026

We are now accepting new residence applications from international students for Tohoku University's University House and International House dormitories.

●Accommodations and Locations

• University House Aobayama	468-1 Aramaki-Aza Aoba Aobaku Sendai 980-0845
• University House Sanjo	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
• University House Sanjo II	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
• University House Sanjo III	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
• University House Nagamachi	8-6-10 Nagamachi Taihakuku Sendai 982-0011
• International House Sanjo 1	19-1 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
• International House Sanjo 2	10-15 Sanjomachi Aobaku Sendai 981-0935
• International House Higashi-Sendai	6-14-15 Higashisendai Miyaginoku Sendai 983-0833

【Website】 <https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/en/pre-arrival-e/find-a-place-e/>

(A) Application for New Residence

1 Room Availability

Room availability is subject to change.

●University House Aobayama

Single Room (Male, 11~12m ²)	108 rooms
Single Room (Female, 11~12m ²)	71 rooms

●University House Sanjo

A Type (Male, 10m ²)	22 rooms	※Communal showers and toilets
A Type (Female, 10m ²)	25 rooms	〃
B Type (Male, 13m ²)	25 rooms	※Private showers and toilets
B Type (Female, 13m ²)	19 rooms	〃

※A Type rooms are mainly for undergraduate students, B Type rooms are mainly for graduate students.

- University House Sanjo II
 - Single Room (Male, 12m²) 36 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 12m²) 55 rooms
- University House Sanjo III
 - Single Room (Male, 15m²) 28 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 15m²) 22rooms

- University House Nagamachi
 - Single Room (Male, 15m²) 2 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 15m²) 3 rooms

- International House Sanjo 1
 - Family Room (48m²) 14 rooms
 - Married Couple's Room (46m²) 16 rooms
 - Single Room (Male, 18m²) 45 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 18m²) 48 rooms

- International House Sanjo 2
 - Family Room (47m²) 1 room
 - Married Couple's Room (32m²) 9 rooms
 - Single Room (Male, 16m²) 33 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 16m²) 19 rooms

- International House Higashi-Sendai (Main)
 - Single Room (Male, 9m²) 9 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 9m²) 11 rooms

- International House Higashi-Sendai (Annex)
 - Married Couple's Room (36m²) 2 rooms
 - Single Room (Male, 18m²) 4 rooms
 - Single Room (Female, 18m²) 0 room

2 Eligibility

International students enrolled at Tohoku University as of October 2026 are eligible (undergraduate students, graduate students, research students, non-degree students, special auditing students, special research students).

(1) Current students (including students who once lived in a university dorm) can apply for

dormitory rooms. In addition, those who are currently staying at UH or IH and whose residence period will expire in September 2026 can also reapply. However, new students will be given priority in the selection process.

Last October there were very high number of applicants from overseas, resulting in many current students being denied housing. If you are currently living in university housing and reapply, please be aware that your application may be denied. If your application is denied, you will have to find and lease an apartment in a short period of time.

※1 If you violated the dorm rules or disturbed other residents during your previous residence, you will not be permitted to live in a dorm again.

※2 You cannot apply for another dormitory during your current stay, except when changing room types (e.g., from single to family)

(2) Application for Family and Married Couple's Rooms

Similar to single rooms, if your application is denied, you must find and secure an apartment within a short period. Therefore, if you are currently residing in student dormitories, please consider moving to an apartment instead of reapplying.

(3) Please confirm the following before applying for dormitories.

- ① There is no guarantee that your first choice will be approved. Please understand that due to the number of rooms available and the number of applicants, you will likely be assigned to your second choice or lower. Every year, we receive appeals for changes of accommodations after housing has been assigned. However, we cannot accept such requests. Please do not enter a preference for a dormitory where you do not wish to live.
- ② Residents cannot smoke in dorms or on the premises. If you wish to smoke, please find a private apartment. Because University Houses are shared dormitories, smokers cannot apply.
- ③ UH Aobayama residents pay 5,200 yen for resident services such as bedding and other rental items in addition to the room fee. Please note that residents cannot refuse any of the services even if they do not need them. This fee is calculated on a monthly basis covering the period from the 16th of each month to the 15th of the following month.
- ④ International House Sanjo 1 and Higashi-Sendai are old dormitories and the condition of the rooms is not good. There may be cosmetic damage to the walls, furniture, etc. Please be aware of this when applying for them.

3 Duration of Stay

In general, one of the periods below. You can apply for UH Aobayama for 2 years or shorter, or other dorms for 1 year or shorter. As for UH Nagamachi and IH Higashi Sendai, residents will be asked to write an application for a period not exceeding one year, but they can apply for an extension of stay every year.

Please refer to "7 Move-in Date " for the move-in start date.

- (1) October 1, 2026 ~ Monday, March 15, 2027
- (2) October 1, 2026 ~ Wednesday, September 15, 2027
- (3) October 1, 2026 ~ Wednesday, March 15, 2028 UH Aobayama only
- (4) October 1, 2026 ~ Friday, September 15, 2028 UH Aobayama only

- ※1 The end of the period of stay is March 15 or September 15 in all student dormitories, except for exchange students who have been accepted for a fixed period of time. (If March 15 or September 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the end of the period of stay will be the weekday immediately preceding that date.)

Due to room cleaning, students cannot stay in the dorms until September 30 (or March 31). I.e., you will not be able to stay in your room until the day of the graduation ceremony.

- ※2 If students leave the dorm by the 15th day of the final month of the approved period of stay, rent and maintenance fees for the relevant month will be half of the regular fee. However, students whose duration of stay is scheduled to end on September 15 are not eligible to receive this discount for August even if they leave before August 15. This discount applies only to the final month written on the Residence Permit. Please take note of this when entering your residence period if you are a short-term student. If you are scheduled to move out of the dormitory in February or August, please enter February 26 (Fri.) or August 31 (Tue.) for your move-out date on your application.

4 Rent and facilities

Please see 'dorm list 2026.10'

5 How to apply

Please enter your information on the 'Application for Tohoku University's University House and International House ' (Form 1-1, 1-2) and submit it to the Academic Affairs Section, GSICS via Email.

Students can ask their academic advisor at Tohoku University to apply for them.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2026

6 Announcement of Selection Outcome

Students will be contacted by mid-August via Email.

7 Move-in Date

Please attend the registration meeting at your dorm on the day you arrive. After the meeting, you will receive your room key. **Students can start moving into their dorms on the date below. If you are living overseas, please be careful when deciding the date of your entry into Japan.**

Move-in Start Date :

September 25, 2026 (Fri.)

- ※1 **If you are a student enrolling in October, please enter October 1 for your move-in date on your application form.** However, if you already know when you plan to move in, for example, you will arrive in November, please enter your expected move-in date.
- ※2 **If you are currently living in a student dormitory and your residence period ends on September 15, enter September 16 as the start date of your move-in.** If you will move out and then move back to the dormitory in October, enter October1.
- ※3 **Students cannot move in on Saturdays and Sundays.** If you wish to move in to your dormitory on weekends, someone needs to receive your room key in advance. As a rule, dormitory keys can be picked up between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

8 Residence Permit Cancellation & Eviction

Those who fail to move in within seven days of the start of the move-in period without providing a reason, allow unauthorized persons to stay overnight in their rooms, violate University House Management Regulations or International House Regulations, or disobey instructions issued by the university or the dormitory office, may lose their Residence Permit or be evicted.

9 Notes

- (1) **If your student ID number or your academic advisor has not been determined, please enter 'undecided'. If you cannot input katakana, please leave the relevant boxes blank.**
- (2) For research students who plan to enter graduate school, if your current planned period of enrollment is 6 months, please apply for that period. Please apply for an extension when you enter the graduate school.
- (3) The residence period of UH Aobayama is different from that of the other dorms. Please enter the residence period for your first choice on your application.

10 Students who wish to apply for a couple's or family room must attach the documents listed below.

▪ Copy of documents proving relationship with applicant (Marriage License, National Health Insurance card etc.)

In case of de facto marriage (common-law marriage), please attach a copy of an official certificate that will replace the marriage certificate.

○ Applicants who cannot provide the above documents when applying should attach a written explanation to their application, then submit the documents later.

(B) Application for Extension of Residence Period

1 Eligibility

【UH Sanjo, Sanjo II, III, IH Sanjo 1,2】

Students who moved into their current room on or after April 1, 2026, and were given permission to live there until September 15, 2026.

※Students can apply to extend this by six months (until Monday, March 15, 2027).

【UH Aobayama】

※1 Students who moved into their current room on or after April 1, 2025 and were given permission to live there until September 15, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by six months (until Monday, March 15, 2027).

※2 Students who moved into their current room on or after October 1, 2025 and were given permission to live there until September 15, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by one year (until Wednesday, September 15, 2027).

※3 Students who moved into their current room on or after April 1, 2026 and were given permission to live there until September 15, 2026.

*Students can apply to extend this by 1 and a half years (until Wednesday March 15, 2028).

※ If you are a research student who will enter a graduate school from October, 2026, please be aware that you will need to stay in an apartment for your final half year because students can live in UH Aobayama for two years maximum, even if your enrollment period is two and a half years.

【UH Nagamachi, IH Higashi-Sendai】

Students who were given permission to live in a dorm until September 15, 2026.

* Students can apply to extend this by one year (until Wednesday, September 15, 2027).

- ※ Please be aware that you can't apply for an extension of your stay until the end of September or March. If you wish to stay in Sendai until the end of March or September, you need to find somewhere to stay off campus.

2 How to Apply

Please submit the application below to the Academic Affairs Section, GSICS via Email.

Application for Extension of Stay at University/International House

Application Deadline : July 15, 2026

3 Announcement of Selection Outcome

Students will be contacted by mid-August via Email.