

Projects commemorating the 115th anniversary of Tohoku University's founding and its 100th anniversary as a comprehensive university

-Tohoku University International Award and International Alumni Association Awards- Nomination Guidelines

I. Background and Purpose

Tohoku University wishes to recognize alumni from all over the world, particularly those who have achieved success in academic, cultural, and social activities and who have thus contributed to Tohoku University's international presence. Tohoku University also wishes to recognize activities planned and implemented primarily by Tohoku University alumni that are distinctive or have significantly improved relations between Tohoku University and its alumni or between the organizers and other alumni.

II. Nomination Schedule

June 10	We will begin accepting nominations
August 10	Deadline for nominations (Category I: Individual Award)
September 10	Deadline for nominations (Category II: Alumni Association Awards)
August - September	Review of nominations
October 1	The winners will be announced, and they will receive their prizes at the commemorative ceremony for the 115th anniversary of the university's founding and the 100th anniversary of its becoming a comprehensive university (hereinafter 'the 115th Anniversary Ceremony') *

* The timing of the announcement of the winner of Category I (Individual Awards) is still being determined.

III. The Awards

(1) Award Categories

Category I: Individual Award

Tohoku University International Award

This award is given to one person who is a Tohoku University alumnus, former employee, or an individual with a connection to the university who lives outside of Japan and who has made substantial contributions to the university's overseas presence through academic, cultural, or social activities.

Category II: Alumni Association Awards

Tohoku University Alumni Activity Awards

(A) *Distinguished Alumni Activity Award*

This award is given to one alumni association for remarkable initiatives that promote the university's international presence, make a significant contribution to the local community, or support the Alumni Association in strengthening its alumni network. (e.g., organize public seminars and workshops on areas of competence, alumni networking events, and so on)

(B) *Best Promotion Program Award*

This award is given to one alumni association that has organized initiatives to promote Tohoku University among the younger generation in the alumni's home country or region (e.g., study abroad fairs, scholarship information sessions, and so on).

(2) Prizes *

Category I: Invitation to the 115th Anniversary Ceremony and a Certificate of Commendation (travel expenses will be covered).

Category II: Both the A and B category winners will be invited to the End-of-Year Finale Event (Tohoku University Day [tentative]) and receive a Certificate of Commendation. (Travel expenses will be covered. Each of the award-winning alumni associations is encouraged to send two representatives, i.e. a total of four people will be invited.)

* If the award-winning alumni association hosts the End-of-Year Finale Event (Tohoku University Day [tentative]), a representative from the host alumni association will be invited to the following year's Homecoming Day and will receive a Certificate of Commendation (travel expenses will be covered).

* The nature of some prizes may later be changed.

IV. Nomination Conditions

(1) Requirements

Nominees must meet all the following requirements to be considered.

Category I (Recommended by others)

The nominees for the prize must be recommended by third parties (i.e. they cannot recommend themselves)

Category II (Self-Recommendation)

- The organizer must be a group of three or more members (regardless of whether the members are of the same nationality).
- At least two-thirds of the organizers must be Tohoku University alumni and registered members of the Tohoku University Alumni Network.

(2) Eligible Nominees/Initiatives

For nominees and initiatives to be eligible, the following conditions must be met:

Category I

In general, Tohoku University alumni, former employees, and all those with a connection to the university who reside outside of Japan and have made significant contributions to Tohoku University's international presence through academic, cultural, and social activities are eligible.

Category II

Equally applicable to (A) and (B): Initiatives conducted between July 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022 by alumni associations who meet the above nomination conditions.

For (A): The event must be distinctive, such as an event that enhances the university's international presence, contributes substantially to the local community, or expands the alumni network, and, in principle, the number of participants must be 30 or more.

For (B): The event must have been organized to introduce Tohoku University to the younger generation, with at least 30 people in attendance.

* The initiatives can be either online or offline events.

V. How to Nominate

(1) Nominations

Category I

1. A list of achievements by the individual being recommended
2. Recommendation Letter (Reasons for Recommendation)

Category II

1. Tohoku University International Association Awards forms
2. Video documentation indicating that the initiatives are actually taking place (or have taken place). The video duration should be approximately 1 to 3 minutes.

* Slides with still images are acceptable if there is no archive video for initiatives that have already finished before the awards nomination process was announced.

(2) Submissions

Use the Google Form below to submit nominations to Tohoku University's Global Engagement Division.

<https://forms.gle/esfM6ohCbpPZtMpu5>

* Nominations from countries or regions where Google Forms is inaccessible should first contact Tohoku University's Global Engagement Division (kokusai-r@grp.tohoku.ac.jp).

(3) Nomination deadlines**Category I**

August 10, 2022 (Wed) 17:00 JST

Category II

September 9, 2022 (Fri) 17:00 JST