

Tohoku University COLABS Program

Application Information Sheet

Application Schedule

| Admission | Fall (October) | Spring (April) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Consent Request Period | Year Round | |
| Consent from Prospective Advisor | late December | late September |
| Application Period (T-cens) | January 10 - February 20 | October 1 - November 15 |
| Screening | February - April | November - January |
| Notice of Acceptance/Rejection | May | February |
| Visa and Dormitory Applications * | May - July | February - March |
| Dormitory Check-in * | late September | late March |
| General / Program Orientation | | |
| Semester Start/End Dates | October 1 - March 31 | April 1 - September 30 |

*Necessary instructions will be provided for all the successful applicants at the same time as Result Notification via T-cens.

Academic Calendar

| | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| General / Program Orientation | late September | late March |
| Classes Begin | October 1 | April 1 |
| Winter Vacation | (Late Dec. - Early Jan. in the following year) | - |
| Classes End | early February | early August |
| Presentations | | |

* The latest [COLABS Academic Calendar](#)

Eligibility

COLABS applicants must be enrolled as full-time master's degree seeking students with excellent grades at their home university at the time of participation in COLABS, and must remain so after completing the COLABS program at Tohoku University.

Additional Information

Exchange Programs

<https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/>

Check important information before application. (i.e. Application Schedules, Eligibility, Required Documents etc.)

Language Requirements

<https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/english-requirement-for-exchange-program/>

TOEFL iBT® Test 79 or equivalent

Academic Research Staff at TU

<http://db.tohoku.ac.jp/whois/TunvTopE.html>

Find faculty members in the field of your interest, contact them and obtain their consent to advise you.

Graduate Schools

https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/exchange/colabs/colabs_curriculum_1/#03

- Information relating to laboratories and courses at each graduate school.
- Syllabuses, course descriptions and timetables are available in April.

Important Notes

- It is mandatory that COLABS applicants obtain consent from one prospective academic advisor beforehand as it is a research-oriented program.
- Obtaining consent from an academic advisor does not guarantee acceptance to the COLABS program.
- Failure to submit any of the application materials to T-cens (incomplete applications) shall result in disqualification from further screening procedures, regardless of whether consent from an academic advisor was obtained.

Contact

Student Exchange Division

Incoming Student Exchange Section

studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

(1) Find a prospective academic advisor in your preferred field:

[Academic Research Staff at Tohoku University](#)
[Graduate Schools and Research Activities for IRTLab](#)

(2) Contact them to obtain their consent with a 'COLABS Consent of Acceptance Request Form'. (SAMPLE)

[Click here to see a message template.](#)

Your prospective academic advisor will reply from either late September or December, depending on your term of admission.

(3) Inform your home academic advisor and coordinator once you receive consent from you prospective academic advisor.

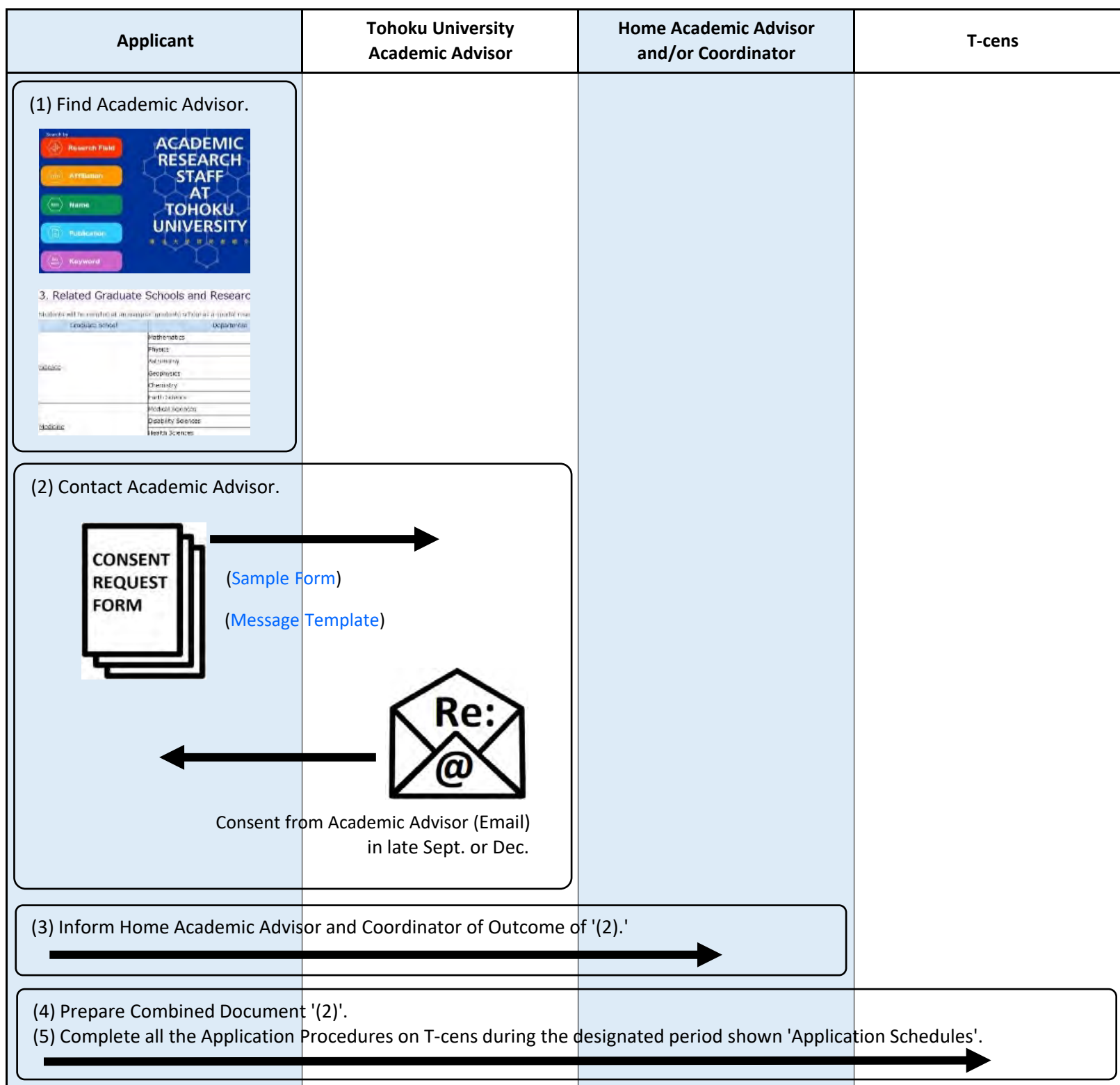
(4) Combine the following documents with the required application document.

- '3. Letter of Recommendation from academic adviser at home university' (see 'Supporting Documents for Application')
- Consent of Acceptance Request Form
- Email reply message

(5) Submit the combined document to the TU online application system (T-cens) as well as the rest of the essential documents to complete the COLABS application.

[Click here to see 'Where to Submit'.](#)

Application Flow



*Click the image to jump to the related link.