

**Application Guidelines for
Graduate Program in Spintronics,
Tohoku University
(Spring, 2026)**



Graduate School of Science and Graduate School of Engineering,
Tohoku University

1. Number of Recruitments

The Graduate Program in Spintronics (hereafter, GP-Spin) will recruit about 10 students for April 2026.

2. Eligibility

Those who are or will be enrolled basically as second-year master's degree students at either the Graduate School of Science or the Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University, as of October 2025. The applicants should conduct research related to Spintronics, and plan to continue on to the Doctoral program soon after completing their Master's program. The applicant should also have a recommendation from their academic supervisor, with an expectation that they are suitable to join the program.

- GP-Spin is a continuous graduate program, basically starting from the second year in the master's program, followed by three years of the Doctoral program. Only the students who plan to continue on to the Doctoral program are eligible to apply for this program.
- If the applicant has a clear vision of continuing on to their Doctoral program and has a strong recommendation from their supervisor, we also accept applications from students in the first year of their Master's and Doctoral programs.

[Graduate Schools affiliated with this program]

Graduate School of Science and Graduate School of Engineering

3. Application Procedure

Application Period: Monday, February 9, to Noon on Thursday, February 19, 2026

Either send via Google Form shown in the next section, or by registered postal mail.

Indicate "GP-Spin Application" in red on the envelope when posting.

[Postal mail to: GP-Spin Team, International Joint Graduate Programs Office

(Refer to the bottom of the next page for postal address)

4. Application Documents

Applicants should submit the following materials.

Google Form for submitting: <https://forms.gle/DLojeThtUPjSRkmW8>

- Application Form (Form A)
 - Statement of Purpose (Form B)
 - Recommendation Letter from your Prospective Supervisor (sealed) (Form C)
 - Original copy(ies) of your Academic Transcript (Bachelor's and Master's if applicable)
 - Scanned score sheet of English Proficiency Test (TOEFL® Test, TOEIC® Test, IELTS, etc.)
- Attach a translation in Japanese or English if the documents are in a foreign language besides English. (Translation can be done by the applicant him/herself)
 - Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
 - Application materials will not be returned.
 - TOEFL, TOEFL iBT, TOEFL ITP, and TOEIC are registered trademarks of the Educational Testing Service (ETS).
 - When submitting via Google Forms, make sure to make all the files in a PDF format. For Form C, we accept it directly from your prospective supervisors via email, or we ask them to send it by postal mail.

5. Screening

Applicants will be screened based on the submitted documents and the interview results.

Interview:

Monday, March 2, 2026

Detailed information will be sent to each applicant later.

6. Announcement of Result

The screening results will be emailed to each applicant on Monday, March 16, 2026.

7. Financial Support

To gather excellent students from inside and outside of Japan, and to have them plan and practice independent and original research, we, a premium degree conferring program, hire the students at GP-Spin as research assistants (RA). We pay them salaries for their work to be part of their financial support, and this helps to foster them to be leaders on a global scale.

The amount of work and salary will be determined by the rules of Tohoku University.

If you are currently receiving a scholarship or financial support, consult us in advance in order not to violate any regulations, including them.

Part-time jobs are not allowed for the students at GP-Spin, based on the aim of the program. However, it may be allowed in some cases, such as when it can be considered as part of their study or research, and to some extent.

8. Remarks

Applicants who will enroll in their Doctoral course as of April 2026 will have their recruitment interview all in English, to have it also serve as their QE1 (Qualifying Examination 1: an interview for Master's students at GP-Spin, whether they qualify for the Doctoral course)

Applicants in their Master's course as of April 2025 will have their interview in either Japanese or English, depending on their choice.

GP-Spin students are required to apply for the Research Fellowship for Young Scientists at JSPS.

Applicants may apply for other graduate programs at the same time, but whether they can be recruited at both (or all) the programs may be considered individually.

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