



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

Call for Thematic Program Proposals for 2021 Tohoku Forum for Creativity

Submission Deadline

Aug. 31, 2019

The Tohoku Forum for Creativity (TFC) is the first international visitor research institute in Japan. Our aim is to identify important problems across all fields of research including: social sciences, humanities, and life sciences, and to develop innovative ideas and deeper theoretical foundations through intensive, focused discussions.

The TFC is currently inviting proposals for thematic programs in the 2021 academic year (April, 2021 - March, 2022).

- A thematic program consists of two core components: the long-term stay of invited researchers, and the hosting of multiple events such as conferences, workshops, and tutorial sessions.
- Thematic programs aim to solve important problems, facilitate interdisciplinary research, and inspire young researchers.

What we offer

- Financial support : Up to 12,000,000 JPY for each program, for visitors' travel expenses, and other expenditures.
- Support from TFC staff : We help organizers plan their programs and give comprehensive administrative and logistic support to each program.
- Ideal location : The House of Creativity has a lecture theater, informal discussion areas, and office space for invited researchers, which together make it the perfect location for workshops and symposia.

Submission Guidelines

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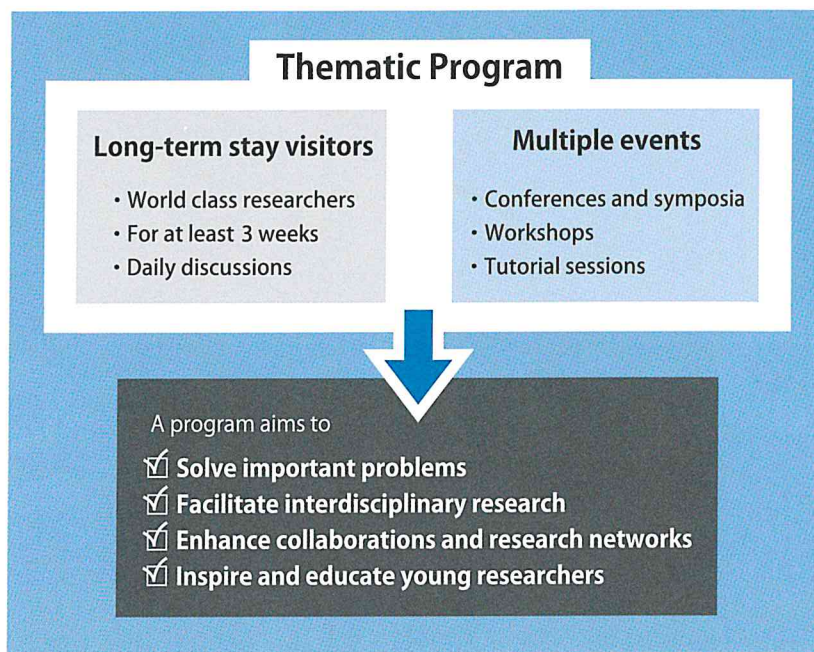


Mission of Tohoku Forum for Creativity

The Tohoku Forum for Creativity is the first international visitor research institute in Japan. Our aim is to identify important problems across all fields of research, and to develop innovative ideas and deeper theoretical foundations through intensive discussions in Thematic Programs.

What is a Thematic Program?

A thematic program consists of two core components: the long-term stay of invited researchers, and the hosting of multiple events related to the program's theme. Thematic programs aim to identify new approaches to address critical problems. Under the guidance of the organizers, visitors will engage in collaborative research on the thematic program's main issues. Long-term stay visitors will interact actively with other participants, and in particular will inspire and educate young participants via lectures and free discussions. Thus a thematic program will function as a virtual institute during its period of activity.



How to Prepare a Thematic Program Proposal

The program proposals should have ambitious and challenging content of high impact, which is likely to lead to key solutions to important problems in society and to open new research directions.

Once an interesting theme for the program has been selected, the organizers should then identify world-leading researchers who will agree to participate in the program as long-term stay visitors.

In addition, each proposal should provide many opportunities for young researchers to actively participate in the program.

Together, these three components will contribute to the production of a successful thematic program proposal.

The TFC will provide organizers with a budget of up to ¥12 million with which to run their program. In addition, the TFC will help organizers during the planning and preparation stages of their program, provide logistic support to invite researchers to participate in the programs, and provide advertisement for each thematic program.

