

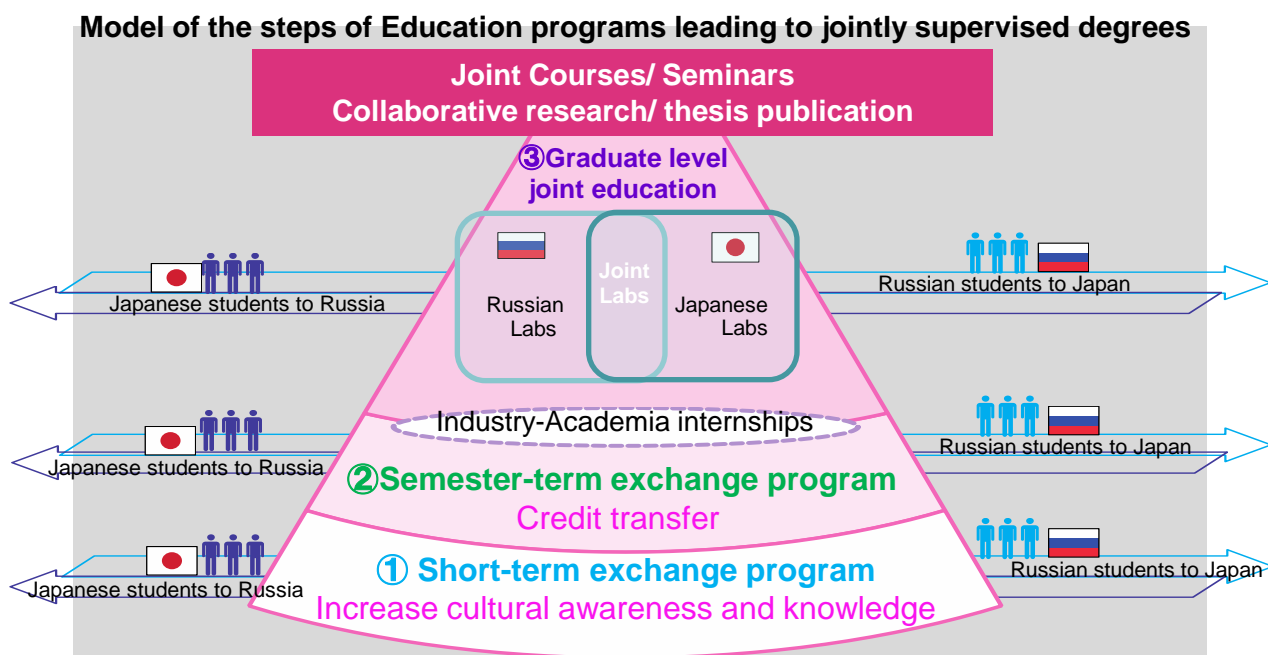
1. Outline

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2014, Country (Russia))
 Creation of innovative leaders for new Japan – Russia relations

【Summary of Project】

The goal of this project is to make use of our deep ties with Russian universities and Russian Academy of Sciences to (1) carry out short term exchange programs in order to increase mutual cultural awareness and knowledge (2) carry out student exchange programs with mutually recognized credit transfers (3) using the high-level research performed by both countries to carry out graduate-level joint education programs. Establish a Russian-Japanese Inter-University Education Board to seek the potential creating double or joint degree programs as well as carry out the planning and operations of exchange programs mentioned in (2) and (3).

(Outline Figure and so on)



【Summary of Exchange program】

Engaging in (1) Short term exchange programs in order to increase mutual cultural awareness and knowledge, (2) exchange programs with mutually recognized credit transfers, (3) Graduate-level joint education programs with “Moscow State University”, “Novosibirsk State University and Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences”, “Far Eastern Federal University and Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences”.

【Global Human Resource on the project】

Those who are looking to build bridges between Japan and Russia by undertaking education, research, culture, and industry exchanges, as well as human resources with high-level of skills that will lead to new innovations between Japan and Russia.

【Feature on the project】

Formulation of a tri-district higher education exchange model comprised of universities and science academies in a Europe/Russia district, a Siberia district, and a Far East district that aims to take advantage of the unique characteristics of both Japan and Russia.

【Exchange number】

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Outbound	10	23	23	23	23
Inbound	10	27	27	27	27

2. FY2014 Progress

【Tohoku University】

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2014, Country (Russia))

■ Exchange Programs



〈 Group work with Russian Students 〉

Short-term cultural exchange programs have already been carried out in both countries. Additionally, semester-term exchange programs to be issued credits have also been successfully completed. Joint seminars on cooperative cutting-edge research have also been held successfully with the aim of graduate level joint education.

The program currently plans to establish an Operation Committee to oversee the eventually establishment an Inter-University Education Board.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

(1) Short-term cultural exchange program

- 10 students from Tohoku University visited NSU.

○ Inbound

(1) Short-term cultural exchange program

- 10 students from Novosibirsk State University were accepted.

(2) Semester-term exchange programs

- 1 undergraduate student from MSU was accepted.
- 1 graduate student from MSU was accepted.

	2014	
	Plan	Results
Outbound	10	10
Inbound	10	12

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- Adoption of a rigid academic results management system.
- Carry out pre and post departure training for students taking part in cultural exchange programs.
- Establishment and adjustment of Inter-University Education Board (tentative name).



〈 Tohoku University Cross-Cultural Program with Russia 〉

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

【Incoming】

- Establishment of an International Exchange Support Office.
- Ensuring that short-term exchange program participants are able to use the university's LAN connection, libraries, etc.

【Outgoing】

- Pre-departure : Receive support from the Office of Japan-Russia Relations and Global Learning Center
- While overseas : Support via Overseas Offices.

■ Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- Moscow State University is the president of the Russian Rectors' Union, and shares close ties with Tohoku University. Tohoku University will request that they advertise the merits of the program to the other member institutions, and encourage their participation as well.
- Information on the success of the programs will be published on the website of the Office of Japan-Russia Relations in multiple languages.

■ Notices

Based on the results of questionnaires filled in by participants in the programs, it was learned that participants expanded their knowledge of each other's country, as well as deepen their interest. Based on their experiences in the program, students who wish to take part in longer term exchanges have also been identified.

3. FY2015 Progress

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2014, Country (Russia))

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■ Exchange Programs



〈 Group work at MSU 〉

A short-term cultural exchange program was carried out at Moscow State University (MSU). For inbound students, in addition to summer programs, there were also specialty programs in Engineering and Psychology. In research and education exchanges, professors give lectures overseas, online seminars, and dispatch of graduate students for short terms. Joint seminars on cutting-edge research were held 11 times. The jointly supervised degree system with MSU is expected to be approved and begin in the next year.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

• 14 students took part in the short-term cultural exchange program at MSU. Additionally, 2 graduate students were dispatched for a short term as part of a joint laboratory. (As this was done on a trial basis, these students are not included in the “Results” column.)

○ Inbound

• A total of 21 students from MSU, Novosibirsk State University (NSU), Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) were accepted to Tohoku University (TU) as part of the short-term cultural exchange program.

• In the credit transferable student exchange programs, MSU had three outbound students to the International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA) and one to the Cooperative Laboratory Study Program (COLABS), while FEFU had one student outbound to Junior Year Program in English (JYPE).

Additionally, a joint laboratory in the field of energy welcomed 7 graduate students for a short-term stay. (As this was done on a trial basis, these students are not included in the “Results” column.)

	2015	
	Plan	Results
Outbound	23	14
Inbound	27	26

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

• Granting regular credit for the short-term cultural exchange program in Russia in order to further improve the quality of the program, preparations are underway to grant credits to the participants by incorporating the program into the existing study abroad programs in TU.

• Establishment of an Inter-university Education Board
The Inter-university Education Board aims to develop and implement a jointly supervised degree system. Additionally, they aim to oversee planning student exchange programs, agreements on credit transferable courses, and plan education exchanges through cooperative research.



〈 Russian language lessons at MSU 〉

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

• Establishment of an International Exchange Support Office
Established a system to ensure that exchange students have an integrated, comprehensive information sharing and daily affairs support system.

• Relocation and upgrade of the Tohoku University Russia Office.

Rector Sadovnichiy has signed an MoU to have the Tohoku University Russia Office relocated and improved at MSU.

Additionally, FEFU Rector Ivanets has agreed to the establishment of a Tohoku University Russia Office at FEFU next year.



〈 Engineering Lab tour at TU 〉

■ Internationalization of the university

Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

• Moscow State University is the president of the Russian Rectors' Union, and shares close ties with Tohoku University. Tohoku University will request that they advertise the merits of the program to the other member institutions, and encourage their participation as well.

• Information on the successes of the programs will be published on the Tohoku University Office of Japan – Russia Relations website in multiple languages (Japanese/Russian/English).

• Holding joint seminars with the cooperation of Russian and TU faculty on education and research with the goal of expanding international academic networks to serve as a base for cooperative research and education to encourage students to engage in international academic networks from an early stage in their careers.

■ Notices

The jointly supervised degree system with MSU is expected to be approved and begin in the next year (beginning with programs in psychology.)

Additionally, it is also expected that a Tohoku University Office at FEFU will be established next year.

4. FY2016 Progress

【Creation of innovative leaders for new Japan – Russia relations】

(Adopted year: FY2014, Country (Russia))

■ Exchange Programs



〈Closing ceremony at NSU〉

Multi-step Reciprocal Student Exchange Programs

Novosibirsk State University (NSU) hosted a Short-term Exchange Program. The Tohoku University Graduate School of Arts and Letters finalized an agreement on a Jointly Supervised Degree Program (JSD) with Moscow State University's Faculty of Psychology.

Joint seminars were held with Russian universities cooperating with Tohoku University (TU), and with those who host TU students.

Student Mobility

○ Outbound

- Short-term Exchange Program: 15 students from TU visited NSU.
- Semester-term Exchange Program: One undergraduate student from TU studied at NSU.
- Graduate Level Joint Education: One master's level student from TU studied at NSU.

○ Inbound

- Short-term Exchange Program: 10 students from Moscow State University (MSU), 5 from NSU and one from Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) were accepted.
- In total six students from MSU were admitted onto the Siebold Multidisciplinary Japan Studies Program and the International Program in Liberal Arts (IPLA); one student from FEFU was accepted onto the Junior Year Program in English (JYPE).
- Three graduate students from NSU were accepted to partake in a joint laboratory study program in Materials Science.



〈TU students studying at a joint laboratory with FEFU researcher〉

■ Formation of a University Network with Quality Assurance

- Implementation of a Credit-awarding system for program completion

Two credits are awarded to those successfully completing the Short-term Exchange Program, in line with the university's regulations.

- Enactment of a Jointly Supervised Degree Program with Moscow State University
A cooperative educational system for graduate students is now in place.
- Implementation of a Joint Education Program

A Master's Degree student from the TU Graduate School of Science was accepted to study at the Institute of Geology and Mineralogy of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



〈Agreement with MSU on a JSD program〉

■ Promotion of an Environment Encouraging Student Mobility

- Establishment of an International Exchange Support Office, University House, and of a student volunteer system to help with the provision of information, increase cultural exchange and reciprocal Japan-Russia understanding.
- Office of Japan-Russia Relations, Tohoku University Russia Office
Consultation services were established for exchange students and crisis management training was also provided.

■ Internationalization of the University

Information Disclosure and Publication of Outcomes

- News and updates on activities are published in a number of languages on the websites of Tohoku University and of the Office of Japan-Russia Relations.
- Recruitment notices for the exchange programs and updates on activities are announced on the websites of the partner universities in Russia.
- A debriefing session was held following the completion of the Short-term Exchange Program to reinforce its significance and meaning, and to share the merits of the program to parties both internal and external to the university.

■ Notices

- It is as of this year that the Short-term Exchange Program awards credits.
- From 2017 the Joint Supervised Degree Program will accept Master's Degree students.
- A three-way cooperative education system is implemented between Tohoku University, Novosibirsk State University and the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
- An external evaluation committee was formed to discuss the program's worth thus far, and to examine future issues.

	2016	
	Plan	Results
Outbound	23	17
Inbound	27	26



〈Closing Ceremony for exchange students from the MSU's Faculty of Psychology enrolled at the TU Graduate School of Arts and Letters〉