Worried about your career path or finding work? Come to the Center for Career Support!

How do I find work at a Japanese company?

Are there any business internships for international students? Where can I find information about them? How do I apply?

What career path should I follow? Graduate school? Employment? Who can I ask for advice?

The center holds a variety of useful seminars and workshops! See website for details: http://www.career.he.tohoku.ac.jp

Tohoku University Center for Career Support
Center for Career Support (CCS)

Have you ever used the Center for Career Support on Kawauchi-kita Campus?

1. Yes
2. I know about it and would like to receive support services there in the future.
3. I know about it but have never received support services there.
4. I did not know about it.

International Students (N=173)
- 11.6% Yes
- 17.9% I know about it and would like to receive support services there in the future.
- 34.7% I know about it but have never received support services there.
- 35.8% I did not know about it.

Non-International Students (N=2141)
- 14.2% Yes
- 9.7% I know about it and would like to receive support services there in the future.
- 54.1% I know about it but have never received support services there.
- 21.9% I did not know about it.

From Tohoku university Student Life Council
"2015 Tohoku University Student Life Survey" (conducted November 2015)
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We provide a wide variety of assistance regarding career paths, job-finding, and career building.

- **Location**: 3rd floor of the east building of the Education and Student Support Center
- **Hours**: 8:30-18:30 (closed holidays and during New Year’s vacation)

**Notice:**
- The center’s flier and year-round support program schedule in English can be downloaded from our website.
- Although all the programs are conducted in **Japanese**, international students can join them.
# Seeking employment in Japan

## Important points and considerations

### 1. Job-hunting schedule and process

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2. Employer expectations (etiquette, Japanese language proficiency etc.)

What skills are important to you when hiring international students? (%)

- Japanese proficiency
- Understanding of Japanese culture
- Initiative
- Acceptance of diversity
- Basic specialized skills
- Ambition
- Relationship-building skills
- Mental toughness
- Ethics/discipline
- Logical thinking skills
- English proficiency
- Problem solving skills
- Ability to persist/achieve
- Listening skills
- Leadership
- Understanding of home country
- Learning ability
- Other
- Communication skills
- Situational assessment
- Physical strength
- Information gathering

From the Global Learning Center "Survey on Global HR Building/Employment" (conducted July 2014, 153 companies responded)
Sample of the flier and the year-round support program schedule