



# TOYOHASHI UNIVERSITY of TECHNOLOGY

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(Toyohashi, Japan, 30 October 2014) Toyohashi University of Technology (Toyohashi Tech) has been selected as one of 37 universities for the highly competitive 10 year "Top Global University Project" funded by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Toyohashi Tech aims to raise its global profile as an innovative international education and research university.

The "Top Global University Project" is a 10 year initiative funded by MEXT with the aim of supporting Japan's top universities to compete with their counterparts overseas. The 10 year funding, ranging from approximately 1 million to 4 million US dollars per year, will be used to support educational programs and system reforms proposed by the selected institutes.

".. with this opportunity I hope we can take another step forward to become a university worthy of the name Multicultural Global Campus," said Takashi Onishi, the President of Toyohashi Tech. Notably, Toyohashi Tech was also selected by MEXT for the National University Reform Enhancement Project (2012), Leading Graduate School Program (2013), and Program for Promoting the Enhancement of Research Universities (2013).

Toyohashi Tech submitted its proposal to and was selected for the Top Global University Project in the category of Global Traction Type B, which according to MEXT is the "'Global Traction Type' for innovative universities that lead the internationalization of Japanese society, based on continuous improvement of their current efforts".

### Details

Project name: "Creative Campus for Nurturing Global Technology Architects"

"Global Technology Architects" : Engineers and Researchers with capability of applying advanced technological skills and scientific training to global issues, and the leadership skills and vision to getting the job done in the real world of industry

### Plans and implementation highlights:

(1) Launch Global Technology Architects course

Combined undergraduate and masters program with Bilingual (English and Japanese) lectures.

Accept 3<sup>rd</sup> year transfer students from April 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> year students from April 2018.

Diversification of the student body. Total number of places is 290 (Japanese: 140 / International students: 150), 15% of the total student body. Increasing the total percentage of international students to 25% or more.

(2) Construct a "Multicultural Boarding House"

Newly built fully residential boarding house for the course's students. After building the house, including all existing student apartment, 42% of all students living, eating and studying in an international environment on campus. One quarter of the all in campus residential students are international students.

(3) Globalization of all students, faculty members and university staff

Increase proportion of international students from 10.3% to 27.2% and domestic students with overseas experience from 0.3% to 20.5%.

30% of university administrative staff to attain TOEIC scores of 600 or higher.

Increase foreign university staff, etc. from 1.4% to 7.1% and 30% or more of all university staff to have experience of working overseas.

50% of teaching staff to attain TOEIC scores of 730 or higher.

Increase proportion of foreign teaching staff from 16.8% to 23.4% and female teachers from 5.2% to 12.9%

Related websites

Toyohashi Tech Project overview

<http://www.tut.ac.jp/english/news/201410/4230.html>

MEXT Press Release: Selection for the FY 2014 Top Global University Project

[http://www.mext.go.jp/b\\_menu/houdou/26/09/\\_icsFiles/afieldfile/2014/10/07/1352218\\_02.pdf](http://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/houdou/26/09/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2014/10/07/1352218_02.pdf)

Toyohashi Tech Proposal

<http://www.tut.ac.jp/english/docs/tgup2014-overview.pdf>

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About Toyohashi University of Technology:

Founded in 1976 as a National University of Japan, Toyohashi University of Technology is a vibrant modern institute with research activities reflecting the modern era of advanced electronics, engineering, and life sciences.

Website: <http://www.tut.ac.jp/english/>



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『グローバル技術科学アーキテクト』養成キャンパスの創成

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