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TOHOKU FORUM for CREATIVITY



# **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 focused discussions.**

**One of the principle objectives of the TFC is to produce the next generation of global leaders. Through the interaction with world-class researchers, the TFC will inspire young researchers to develop and pursue their own groundbreaking research in the future.**

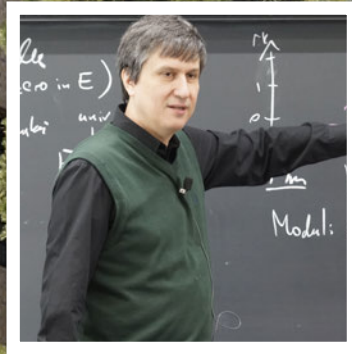


## Thematic Programs

The main events of the TFC will be held in the context of thematic programs. Thematic programs are scientific programs in which distinguished researchers are invited to Tohoku University to identify and discuss important problems. Each year, the TFC will host three or four thematic programs which will last for a period of three months each.

A thematic program will consist of two core elements: the long-term stay of invited researchers, and the hosting of multiple events, such as symposia and workshops, related to the program's theme.

While at Tohoku University, the long-term stay researchers will undertake collaborative research with Tohoku University staff, engage in active discourse with the participants of the thematic program, and educate young researchers through seminars and open discussions.



In order to give talented young researchers the opportunity to organize workshops and carry out collaborative research with distinguished international scientists, from 2016 the TFC will also host junior research programs, in which the main organizer will be a young researcher. Junior research programs will give young researchers an invaluable opportunity to develop their research on an international scale, and will allow them to become leaders in their research fields in the near future.

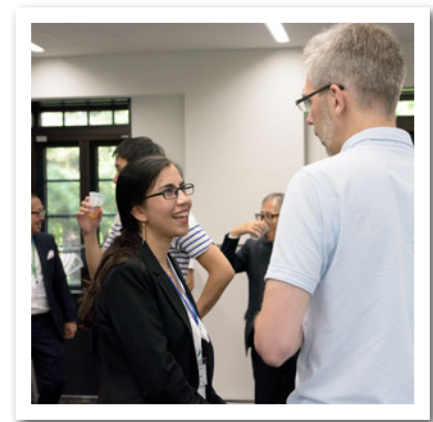


## Other Activities

The TFC is also involved in many other activities which aim to benefit both Tohoku University and the surrounding community.

For example, in 2014 Tohoku University was chosen as one of the international sites to host the Falling Walls Lab, an inspiring and interdisciplinary presentation competition in which young academics present their outstanding ideas, research projects and initiatives – in only 3 minutes.

The TFC also actively engages in public outreach events which aim to increase the public's awareness and understanding of recent scientific achievements. In September 2015, over 800 people attended our special public lecture by the Nobel Laureate Susumu Tonegawa. After the lecture, Prof. Tonegawa held a Q&A session with high school and university students, providing them with an invaluable opportunity to directly interact with a world famous scientist.





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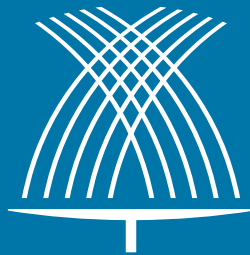
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