

The University of Aizu Regional Contribution Policy

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1. Fundamental perspectives for regional contribution at the University of Aizu

Since its founding as an institute of higher learning open to the community, the mission of the University of Aizu has been contribution to the progress of learning and technology, as well as the promotion of industry and culture. To achieve this mission, the university has followed these five principles in its fostering of talented professionals in the field of computer science and engineering and its research:

- 1) Nurturing creative professionals
- 2) Contribution to global society
- 3) Promotion of content-rich education and research
- 4) Promotion of distinctive education and research taking advantages of regional characteristics
- 5) Contribution to industry and culture of Fukushima Prefecture.

In order to meet the demands and expectations of local society, especially regarding support of the post-disaster revitalization of Fukushima Prefecture, the university will continue to promote regional contribution, taking advantage of its unique characteristics. At their core, these efforts include the rejuvenation of local economies through the utilization of the university's expertise, international exchanges, university-industry collaboration, and cultivation of ITC professionals.

2. Regional contribution based on the University's unique characteristics

(1) Unitization of Expertise

In order to proactively utilize its intellectual resources, the university shall publicize its research through public lectures and other activities intended to support lifelong learning as well as the education of junior and senior high school students.

(2) Promotion of University-Industry Collaboration

The university shall promote advanced ICT research and share those results with the industry as part of its university-industry collaboration. This collaboration will help to promote local industry, create new industry, rejuvenate local economies, and create new jobs.

(3) Cultivation of ICT Professionals

In cooperation with ICT companies in the prefecture, the university shall cultivate professionals with the technical skills needed for employment in ICT-related industries. The university shall further strive to foster young professionals with the technical competence and entrepreneurial spirit needed to become innovators in the industry.

(4) Promotion of International Interactions

The university shall promote international exchange both in research and education. Further, as a center of international education and research, it shall foster professionals capable of both succeeding in international society and helping local communities with their global perspectives. In addition, the university shall promote international exchange activities by holding cultural exchanges between our international students and local citizens, etc.

(5) Assistance for Revitalization from the Earthquake Disaster

Centered around the Revitalization Center, the university shall promote cutting-edge ITC research in cooperation with ITC-related companies in an effort to create new ITC industry and bring companies into the region. At the same time, the university will further try to foster ITC professionals capable of playing a part in the realization of this goal. Both of these activities serve the greater purpose of contributing to steady progress in Fukushima Prefecture's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake and nuclear disaster.