

The Center for Advanced Tourism Studies (CATS) at Hokkaido University, established in 2006 as Japan's first national university institute dedicated to tourism studies, pursues three core missions: international and interdisciplinary research, collaboration among the public, private, and academic sectors, and graduate-level education. We explore how tourism and cultural exchange can address the complex challenges facing local communities in our changing society, while fostering skilled professionals in both research and practice.

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Tourism Development, Destination Management, Cultural Heritage, Critical Tourism Studies, Tourism Education, Art Festivals, Regional Revitalization, Indigenous Tourism, Anthropology & Sociology of Tourism, International Cooperation & Global Tourism Policy, Tourism Geographies, Mountain/Arctic/Snow Tourism, Architecture, Urban & Landscape Planning, Popular Culture, Contents Tourism & Media, Multiculturalism, Migration & Living Spaces, Religion, Folklore & Tradition in Tourism



Research & Collaboration

CATS conducts joint research with domestic and international partners and shares outcomes through public events and symposia.

Mission & Vision

CATS advances tourism studies through academic exchange, regional development, and global cooperation.

Graduate Education

CATS focuses on Tourism Creation in its graduate programs, including Japan's first certified Destination Manager Training, to develop future DMO leaders.