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# **Role of Universities in Natural Disasters**

# International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS)



IRIDeS was established in April 2012, one year after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

## Objectives:

- Aiming to be recognized around the world as the ‘University that pursues the international disaster risk reduction agenda’.
- Strengthening community and regional resilience and achieving disaster risk reduction based on the principle that “no one is left behind.”

## Features:

- **Interdisciplinary** collaboration among researchers in various fields such as engineering, science, humanities, social sciences, medicine, and risk reduction
- **Practicality** in building a resilient society and contributing to support response, recovery, and risk reduction

# Activities / Achievements

## RESEARCH

**Interdisciplinary research** : Ranking based on the number of papers (2019-2023)

- Tsunami: No. 1
- Disaster and archive: No. 1
- Disaster and education: No. 2
- Disaster medicine: Ranking No. 2

## PRACTICE

**Contribution to key discussions on the implementation of the International DRR agenda at the global level:**

- UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction/ Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction
- World Bosai Forum, etc

## INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL COLLABORATION through various networks:

- Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)
- Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI)
- Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR), etc

