

Instructions for filling out the application form

Application Form for SOKENDAI Special Researcher Program

(Appointment begins from October 2025)

(1) Applicant's Information

For current SOKENDAI students

Full Name	Soken Taro
Age (as of October 1, 2025)	24
Student ID	2023XXXX
ORCID ID	0000-0000-0000-0000
Department (Program)	Molecular Science
Doctoral Course	5-year doctoral program
Date of Entrance	2023/Oct/1
Chief Supervisor	Soken Jiro
Research Subject	○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○
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For those who plan to enter or apply to SOKENDAI in October 2025

Full Name	Soken Saburo
Age (as of October 1, 2025)	24
Current Affiliation (University and Major)	○○ Department, ○○ School, ○○ University
Program (major) of SOKENDAI you wish to enroll in	Molecular Science
Candidate Academic Advisor	Soken Hanako
Research Subject	○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○
E-mail Address (複数可)	xxx@xx.ac.jp

(2) Education *Please describe your educational background after high school graduation.

Year and Month	
September 2023 Expected in September 2025	Bachelor of ○○, ○○ University Master of ○○, ○○ University

(3) Work Experience *There is no need to describe work experience as a teaching assistant, research assistant or part-time worker.

Year and Month	
April, 2023 – September, 2025	Researcher, ○○ Inc. Tokyo Conducted research of ○○

※The use of generative AI tools is prohibited in the preparation of application form.

1. Research Plan (within 3 pages)

-Prepare this section “1. Research Plan” within 3 pages. Space each subsection can be changed.

-Use fonts of 11pt or larger and do not change line spacing. (The same applies below.)

-Describe the status specifically; figure/table may be included.

-Note that the contents should be reasonably understandable even for non-expert reviewers.

-Application documents will be printed in color and distributed to the reviewers.

1-1. Research Abstract (within 250 words)

-Describe goals, plans, methods, expected outcomes, and other issues of the proposed project within 250 words.

1-2. Significance and Positioning of Research

Describe the background of the project, the research trend in the relevant field, and how the idea comes out, by citing important references.

1-3. Purpose and contents of research

-State the purpose, method, contents of the research, and expected outcomes. Specifically describe the concrete plan, what will be clarified, and to what extent will it be pursued.

-Describe about the following items. (1) If there is any prior research, indicate characteristics, viewpoint, and unique points of the research in comparison with them. (2) Expected academic and social impacts and future prospects (including seeds for social innovation) when the research is completed.

-If the research is carried out as a part of activities of your research unit/group, please clarify parts that you will be responsible for.

2. Ability of research accomplishments (1 page, 2 pages are acceptable if necessary.)

-Prepare this section within 1 page. (2 pages are acceptable, if necessary.)

-Describe your ability (initiative, originality, problem-solving ability, breadth and depth of knowledge, communication and presentation skills etc.) to conduct your project, based on your previous research activities and achievements. Do not just provide an exhaustive list. Also, please provide sufficient information to identify the relevant document.

-Thesis published in academic journals and books (Including a bulletin and collection of papers. Mention whether it is peer reviewed or not. For peer-reviewed cases, provide information of its acceptance by a journal. Authors, titles, names of journals, publishing offices, volumes, pp. starting page-ending page, and years of publications should be stated

in this order.

-Presentation at international or domestic conferences (State whether it is an oral presentation or poster, and whether it is peer reviewed or not.) Authors, titles, the names of academic conferences, numbers of papers, locations, month and year should be stated.

3. Essay on future research aspirations including interdisciplinary collaborations and career plans (1 page)

Describe freely your thoughts on interdisciplinary collaborations with other scientific fields/industries as well as career plans within 1 page.