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# For reference

**Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI**  
**[Informatics]**  
**Application Guidelines**

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The following Application Guidelines in English are provided for the purpose of non-Japanese Applicants' convenience only. In the event of any inconsistency between the Japanese Application Guidelines and the English version, the Japanese version shall prevail.

**Applicants are required to obtain a booklet of Application Forms.** Please contact the address below to ask for a booklet or any further information.

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## I . Outline: Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies

### **Admission Policy**

<What SOKENDAI expect of our grad students>

SOKENDAI tends to attract students who have a strong interest in research, who constantly hone their abundant intellect and sensitivity with the aim of conducting research in the new era, while taking a “bird's-eye view” of the entire field of study, and who have the will and enthusiasm to be active on the international stage.

<Basic policy for the selection of our grad students>

In selecting students for admission, SOKENDAI places importance on basic academic ability and logical thinking ability to actively promote research in the cutting-edge 20 research institutes affiliated to SOKENDAI. In order to properly judge such abilities, various selections will be made according to the respective fields of specialization.

### **About SOKENDAI**

<https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/features/>

### **Faculty Directory**

<https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/faculty-directory/index.html>

### **Course**

<https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/education/curriculum/course/>

### **Requirements for Graduation**

<https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/education/curriculum/requirement/>

### **Degree: Apply to Doctor (Katei-Hakase)**

<https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/education/degree/doctor/index.html>

## II. Five-year Doctoral Program: Application Procedures and Important Notes

### 1 Number of Students Accepted

Program	Number of Students Accepted	
	April Admission	October Admission
Informatics	Around 8	A few
Statistical Science	Around 2	A few
Particle and Nuclear Science	Around 6	A few
Accelerator Science	Around 2	A few
Astronomical Science	Around 5	
Fusion Science	Around 3	A few
Space and Astronautical Science	Around 4	A few
Molecular Science	Around 7	
Materials structure Science	Around 2	A few
Polar Science	Around 2	
Basic Biology	Around 5	A few
Physiological Sciences	around 3	A few
Genetics	Around 6	A few
Integrative Evolutionary Science	Around 3	A few
Total	58	

### 2 Qualifications for Application

Applicants must fulfill one of the following conditions

#### Applicants who are not required to have qualification screening;

- (1) Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a Japanese university specified in Article 83 of the School Education Law by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (2) Applicants on whom a Bachelor's degree has been conferred or is expected to be conferred by the preceding month of enrollment in accordance with Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Educational Law.  
\*1
- (3) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete 16-year course of school education in a foreign country by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (4) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete 16-year course of school education in a foreign country by taking the correspondence courses provided by a school in said foreign country while residing in Japan by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (5) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a program in an educational institute in Japan

designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, that provides courses of a foreign university within the 16-year school education of said foreign country, by the preceding month of the enrollment. This applies solely to those who have completed 16-year course of school education in said foreign country.

- (6) Applicants who have been conferred or are expected to be conferred a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by the preceding month of enrollment by completing an educational course of three or more years in a foreign university or in a foreign educational institute; which shall be evaluated by an organization approved by a relevant official institution in the country for their education and research activities, or recognized as so by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The course shall include a correspondence course which enables students to study in Japan by a university or an educational institute which is approved by the educational system of the country and satisfy the above requirements.
- (7) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete the specialized course of a vocational school designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in accordance with Enforcement Regulation of the School Education Law, Article 155, paragraph 1, item 5 (limited to courses for which the term of study is four years or more, and which satisfies the standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) on or after the date determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, or by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (8) Applicants who are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in accordance with Enforcement Regulation of the School Education Law, Article 155, paragraph 1, item 6 (i.e., Ministry of Education Notification number 5, 1953) \*2

**Applicants who require qualification screening must complete it before submitting their general application;**

- (9) Applicants who fulfill any of the following provisions (a) to (c) below, and have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having acquired the specified credits with excellent results;
  - (a) Applicants who have completed 15-year course of school education in a foreign country by the end of preceding month of enrollment,
  - (b) Applicants who have completed 15-year course of school education in a foreign country by taking the correspondence courses provided by a school in said foreign country while residing in Japan,
  - (c) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a program in an educational institute in Japan designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, that provides courses of a foreign university within the 15-year school education of said foreign country, by the preceding month of the enrollment. This applies solely to those who have completed 15-year course of school education in said foreign country.
- (10) Applicants who have been or will have been enrolled in a Japanese university specified in Article 83 of the School Education Law for at least three years by the end of preceding month of enrollment, and have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having acquired the specified credits of said university with excellent results.
- (11) Applicants who have entered a graduate school other than SOKENDAI in accordance with the Article 102,

paragraph 2 of the School Education Law, and have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having the appropriate academic ability to follow the content of graduate coursework.

(12) Applicants who have been recognized as having academic ability equivalent to a university graduate or higher by the individual screening of Admission Qualifications of SOKENDAI, and attain the age of 22 by the end of preceding month of enrollment. \*3

\*1 Applicants to whom the provision (2) above apply are those on whom a Bachelor's degree has been conferred or are expected to be conferred by National Institute for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (formerly, National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation).

\*2 Applicants to whom the provision (8) above apply are those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a university under Old University Ordinances, or Daigakko under orders for organization and acts of establishment of government ministries or agencies.

\*3 Applicants to whom the provision (12) above apply are those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from junior college, technical college, vocational school, other schools, Japan campus of foreign university, foreigners' school in Japan and other educational institutes, and who have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having academic ability equivalent to a university graduate or higher by individual screening.

If you have any questions regarding the qualification for admission, please contact the Student Affairs Section (E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp) or telephone no.: +81-46-858-1525/1526) in advance.

### 3 Qualification Screening for Application

Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (9), (10), (11) or (12) in section 2 are required to submit the following documents to the Student Affairs Section by the designated deadline. Application documents shall be withheld until the qualification screening is completed.

(1) Documents required for screening

(a) Application for Certifying Applicant's Qualification (Attached **Form 7-1**)

(b) Application documents (as described in section 5 below)

Application fee, however, should be paid after application qualification is approved.

(c) Other documents required by this program. For details, please contact to program office.

(a), (b) and (c) above must be submitted all together.

(2) Application Period for Qualification Screening

(Only for the applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (9) to (12) in section 2 (Qualification for Application))

Application Period		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	June 1 (Monday) to June 4 (Thursday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	November 4 (Wednesday) to November 6 (Friday), 2026

The application must arrive within the application period described in subsection 2

It must be received during 09:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00 on weekdays of the application period.

(3) Procedure for Qualification Screening

The complete set of application documents should be enclosed in the designated envelope and submitted by registered express mail. Applicants should write “Application Documents and Application for Certifying Applicant’s Qualification Enclosed” in red ink on the face of the envelope.

(4) Result of Qualification Screening for Application

The result of Qualification Screening for Application shall be notified prior to the application period. Applicants who have been approved by the screening should send in the payment for the examination fee in accordance with **Form 8**. After remittance is completed, **Form 8** on which the remittance receipt is attached should be submitted.

#### 4 Application Procedure

Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (1) to (8) in “2 Qualifications for Application” are required to submit the following documents to the Student Affairs Section by the designated deadline.

(1) Application Period

Application Period		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	June 25 (Thursday) to July 1 (Wednesday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	December 3 (Thursday) to December 9 (Wednesday), 2026

The application must arrive no later than the last day of the application period without fail.

It must be received during 09:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00 on weekdays of the application period.

(2) Application Method

**The complete set of application documents should be enclosed in the designated envelope and generally should be submitted by registered express mail.** The application must reach SOKENDAI no later than the last day of the application period. Please note that application documents will NOT be accepted by any Parent Institute or Program Office.

(Note)

Before submitting, please be sure to fill in and enclose all the necessary documents.

Please allow enough time to send the application documents, giving consideration to mail delivery conditions and the case of insufficient documents.

Mailing address:

Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division  
The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI  
Shonan Village, Hayama, Miura, Kanagawa 240-0193 JAPAN  
Telephone number +81-46-858-1525/1526

#### 5 Application Documents

Prior to applying, applicants are required to consult with their prospective academic supervisor to confirm whether the supervisor can accept their application.

Please read through the “Important Notes for Applicants” beforehand. Also, the application documents must fill in the application forms with black or blue pen without erasable pen.

(1) Application form and admission ticket for the examination (**Form 1-A**)

Please attach two identical photographs (4.5cm by 3.5cm taken within the past three months, upper body, full-faced with no hat) on **Form 1-A**. Please read through the application guidelines. Your signature is required on **Form 1-A**.

(2) Academic transcripts (original)

(a) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (1) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit academic transcripts from the undergraduate school. In case any of the credits was approved after transferred to the undergraduate school, academic transcripts from the technical college or other college are also required.

(b) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (2) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit all the academic transcripts concerning the Bachelor’s degree.

(c) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (3) to (9) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the academic transcripts from the foreign undergraduate school.

(d) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (10) to (12) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the academic transcript from their final academic background.

(3) Certificate of (expected) graduation (original)

(a) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (1) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the certificate of graduation from the university which a Bachelor’s degree has been conferred from.

(b) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (2) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the certificate from National Institute for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (formerly, National Institute for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation).

(c) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (3) to (9) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the certificate of (expected) graduation from the foreign undergraduate school.

(d) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (10) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the school-certificate, and applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (11) and (12) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the certificate of graduation of their final academic background.

(4) Statement of Purpose (**Form 2**)

Applicants who apply to a second-choice program must copy **Form 2** and prepare “Statement of Purpose” for the second-choice program separately.

(5) Examination fee of 30,000 yen

For payment details, please refer to **Form 8**. MEXT scholarship students do not have to bear the examination fee, however, they need to submit a certificate of MEXT scholarship student status.

(6) Recipient’s address label (**Form 9**)

- (7) Confirmation Letter regarding the Applicability of the Specific Categories for Compliance with Article 25(1) and (2) of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (**Form10**)

Please refer to the simple check flow chart (\*) to complete applications in SOKENDAI prescribed form (**Form 10**). For this form details, please contact the Research Coordination Section. [E-mail: kenkyo@ml.soken.ac.jp]

\* <https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/file/tokuteiruikai-E.pdf>

- (8) English proficiency

Select and submit the method of English language proficiency evaluation (**Form 13-1**).

Also submit English scores and other information, as appropriate, in accordance with the items you checked and the instructions provided in the "Important Notes for Applicants" section below.

- (9) Take up some books, scientific articles or lectures which are interesting to you

Please prepare your list using the prescribed form (**Form 14-1**). Refer to "Important Notes for Applicants" for details.

- (10) LETTER PACK PLUS

We will send Admission ticket for the examination by "LETTER PACK PLUS." Please purchase "LETTER PACK PLUS" at the post office in Japan.

- (11) Curriculum Vitae (**Form 1-2**, only for international applicants and Japanese applicants who received their education outside Japan)

- (12) Supplementary Materials (for non-Japanese nationals, non-residents at the time of application, or applicants who fall under item (1) or (2) of Supplementary Form 10)

Applicants who fall under the above categories are required to submit supplementary materials, such as a CV, resume, or other documents that provide detailed information on their previous affiliations, professional and research experience, and any scholarships or research grants they have received.

\*A "non-resident" refers to any individual, including Japanese nationals, who has been in Japan for less than six months after entry, or who is primarily based outside Japan.

- (13) Two copies of documents certifying the applicant's research abilities, such as thesis, research report and other materials in which research capabilities are indicated.

Applicants who apply to a second-choice program must submit another set of copy of the documents for the second-choice program separately.

- (14) Permission for Studying While in Employment (**Form 6**)

Applicants who are currently employed full-time are required to submit Permission for Studying While in Employment (**Form 6**). In case the permission cannot be obtained or the applicant intends to resign before enrollment, s/he may instead submit a statement of reason with her/his signature.

- (15) A copy of Residence Card (international applicants residing in Japan)

\* In principle, applicants are required to possess a valid visa at the time of application that will remain valid through the time of enrollment.

Notes:

- i. Incomplete documents shall not be accepted. No documents shall be returned.

- ii. In case the applicant's name has changed after marriage, etc., a copy of family register should be attached.
- iii. **Form1-2, Form 2 and Form 14-1** are also available at our website.  
[https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application\\_info/informatics/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application_info/informatics/index.html)
- iv. Application documents should be written in Japanese or English. If you submit the certificate neither in Japanese nor English, please also attach the certificate in Japanese or English.
- v. Applicants who are (were) in the doctoral or master's program must submit a transcript of the doctoral or master's program. Applicants who have graduated from a doctoral or master's program must submit a certificate of graduation. Applicants who have withdrawn from the doctoral or master's program must submit a withdrawal certificate.

## 6 Screening Procedures

Screening will be conducted based on submitted application documents and results of academic tests. For the details of the screening methods for this program, please refer to "Important Notes".

If you apply to more than two programs, please note that screening is conducted individually, and the date or venue may differ depending on the screening.

Examination Date		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	August 25 (Tuesday) and August 26 (Wednesday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	January 19 (Tuesday) and January 20 (Wednesday), 2027

(Note) Detailed information about the time and venue of the examination will be issued with the admission ticket for the exam. In case the ticket shall not be delivered one week prior to the date of examination, please contact the Student Affairs Section. Please see our website for the delivery status of admission ticket: [https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application\\_info/informatics/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application_info/informatics/index.html)

### Venue of the examination

Program	Location and Directions
Informatics	National Institute of Informatics (National Center of Sciences Building) 2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8430 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line, Toei Mita Line, and Toei Shinjuku Line: Jimbocho Station Exit A8</li> <li>• Tokyo Metro Tozai Line: Takebashi Station Exit 1b 3-to-5 minute walk from each station</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/en/">https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/en/</a> (Contact: International Affairs and Education Support Team Tel.: 03-4212-2108,2110,2149)</li> </ul>

## 7 Announcement of Results

Notification		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	Early September 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	Late February 2027

Further details will be sent to applicants.

Results will be mailed to the successful applicants. Announcement of results will be made on the SOKENDAI website ([https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/general\\_admission/result/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/general_admission/result/index.html)), however, results shall be confirmed by mailed notification. Inquiries regarding the results by telephone or other means will not be responded to.

## **8 Admission Procedures**

(1) Admission period is scheduled as below:

Late September 2026 for the enrollment of October 2026

Early to mid-March 2027 for the enrollment of April 2027

Late September 2027 for the enrollment of October 2027

Successful applicants must complete the admission procedures during the prescribed period. Further details will be notified to successful applicants separately.

(2) Fees required for admission are as follows.

Entrance Fee: JPY282, 000

Tuition Fee for six months: JPY267, 900

Student Insurance Fee for five years: JPY5,750

(Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research)

Note:

(a) In case the entrance or tuition fees are revised at the time of or during enrollment, the revised fees shall be applied from the date of revision.

(b) Entrance fees shall not be refunded under any circumstances once the payment is made. Premium for the student insurance, however, may be refunded only if applicants decline the admission by the cut-off dates as blow:

September 30, 2026 for the enrollment of October 2026

March 31, 2027 for the enrollment of April 2027

September 30, 2027 for the enrollment of October 2027

(3) Applicants who are currently employed full-time must submit the "Letter of Approval" issued by the employer that acknowledges the enrollment while employed. Resignation certificate must be submitted if you resign before you enroll at SOKENDAI.

(4) Applicants who are enrolled at a school other than SOKENDAI at the time of application (not including applicants who will have graduated/completed the school before you enroll at SOKENDAI) must submit the certificate of withdrawal from said school.

(5) Foreign nationals are strongly advised to obtain a College Student visa unless a particular reason would prohibit them from doing so. Detailed information on how to obtain this type of visa is available on the SOKENDAI's website: <http://www.soken.ac.jp/en/campuslife/international/immigration/>

## **9 Long-term course system**

Long-term course system is a planned course of study for a certain period of time beyond the standard

period of study upon request from the student, who has an occupation or other circumstances.

In the informatics Program, the student are not uniformly accepted only on the basis of having an occupation but only on the basis of life stage changes. If you wish to apply for this system, please be sure to consult with your supervisor in advance regarding the circumstances that require this system in your research plan. For further information, please contact the Educational Affairs Section.

E-mail: [kyomu@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:kyomu@ml.soken.ac.jp), or Fax: +81-46-858-1632

If you wish to enroll this system from the time of admission, please be sure to inquire at least one month prior to the start of the admission.

## 10 General Notes

- (1) Before applying and taking the entrance examination, applicants should read through “Important Notes for Applicants”.
- (2) Submitted documents shall not be returned. No changes or alternations to the submitted documents shall be accepted after filing.
- (3) Admission might be revoked in case of any false entry or act of dishonesty on application documents and other documents.
- (4) Applicants who wish to transfer to SOKENDAI from other graduate school must contact Student Affairs Section before the last day of the application period.
- (5) Physically challenged applicants who require special consideration at the examination and after enrollment are advised to inform SOKENDAI three months prior to the application period.
- (6) Applicants should inform the Student Affairs Section if they wish to withdraw their application.
- (7) In case the applicant has changed the mailing address after submitting the application documents, please inform the Student Affairs Section of the change.

E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp), or Fax: +81-46-858-1632

- (8) Students are not allowed to simultaneously register at other universities while studying at SOKENDAI.
- (9) For applicants with foreign nationality, if your name contains characters from your native language, these characters may be replaced with the Roman alphabet for administrative purposes.
- (10) If there is any change for SOKENDAI admissions, we will announce on SOKENDAI website. Please make sure SOKENDAI website.
- (11) Students enrolled in the five-year doctoral program of the Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies who have passed the certification for master's degree eligibility stipulated in Article 5 of the University's Degree Regulations and who were also permitted to withdraw from the program will be awarded a master's degree upon leaving the program.

## 11 Security Export Control

Based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (\*), SOKENDAI has established regulations and conducts examinations for the provision of technology and the acceptance of researchers and students. For this reason, if it is determined that your intended education or research activities fall under, or are likely to

fall under, the regulations, you may be asked to modify your proposed education or research content. Additionally, admission may not be granted, regardless of the entrance examination results. Please consult the program office for further details.

\* <https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html>

## **12 Privacy Policy**

- (1) Any personal information including applicant's name and address submitted to SOKENDAI as part of the application documents shall be used during the application process such as applicant/examination procedures, notification of results and admission procedures. After enrollment, personal information shall also be used for student affairs (school register and course registration), student services (health care, tuition exemption and scholarship application, and career support) and administrative purposes of processing payments for entrance and tuition fees.
- (2) Personal information obtained in the screening process such as examination results, shall be used for aggregate analyses of examination results and research for use in the screening process.

## **Important Notes for Applicants to Informatics Program (Five-year Doctoral Program)**

### 1. Preliminary consultation

The Informatics Program offers all program applicants preliminary consultations with faculty members from whom they wish to receive supervision. This is to allow applicants to select a supervisor of their choice and obtain advice in advance on the content of research to be conducted after admission. Please note that if the supervisor you request is unable to accept you and there is no other suitable supervisor available, you will not be able to participate in the admission selection process. For this reason, please refer to the “Preliminary Consultation” information provided on the program’s website and be sure to select your supervisor through a preliminary consultation.

### 2. Applying for two programs

Applicants may apply for a second-choice program from the Statistical Science Program. However, please note that screening is conducted individually, and the date or venue may differ depending on the screening.

### 3. Important notes concerning interviews

The academic test for admission screening will be conducted by interview. The interview will take 40 minutes. It will consist of a presentation by the applicant and a question-and-answer session regarding the presentation, as well as a question-and-answer session regarding general matters related to basic technical knowledge and the contents of the submitted documents.

Your presentation must present your research plan after admission. In addition, you will be asked to choose an appropriate theme and discuss it for no more than 10 minutes. Examples of themes include the content of research you have conducted thus far, a recent academic paper or lecture that left a deep impression on you, the content of your Statement of Purpose, and the reason why you want to study in the Informatics Program.

You must submit your presentation materials in advance. The due date, which will be about one week prior to the interview day, will be specified at a later date. Please prepare your materials in PowerPoint or PDF format with a maximum of 10 pages (slides).

An LCD projector will be available for use in your presentation. Please bring your own laptop computer if you wish to use the projector.

### 4. If your application documents are in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

### 5. In approximately 2,000 characters, summarize why you wish to conduct research in the Informatics Program, making reference to your past experience in **Form 2** (Statement of Purpose). Limit your statement to around 1,000 words if writing in English.

### 6. Consider the books and papers you have read and lectures you have attended and list three that you found interesting on **Form 14-1** and explain in a few lines what you found interesting about them.

7. Please submit **Form 13-1** and your TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet. This will be used by the program to determine your English proficiency.

\*Not required if your native language (first language) is English or you have received a bachelor's degree from a university where English is the first language (this applies even if you expect to receive such a degree by the month before enrollment). However, you may be asked to submit additional documentation to prove this.

\*For details on score sheet submission, see "Submitting TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS Scores" on the following page.

8. "Criteria for grading, evaluation" and "admission decision"

Your submitted documents and the results of your interview will be comprehensively evaluated to determine the acceptability of your application. Particular attention will be given to the following:

- Willingness to engage in research
- Degree of awareness of the issues involved in research (theme-specific and in general)
- Possession of the basic academic skills necessary to carry out research
- Possession of the communication skills necessary to carry out research

9. Other matters

Information on the Informatics Program is also available on the National Institute of Informatics website.

Please visit the website (<https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/>) for the latest information.

10. Please contact the following office with inquiries regarding the above. (Note that this office is not the one to which application forms and other documents should be sent.)

National Institute of Informatics

International Affairs and Education Support Team

2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8430

Tel: 03-4212-2108,2110,2149

E-mail : [daigakuin@nii.ac.jp](mailto:daigakuin@nii.ac.jp)

## Submitting TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS Scores

TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS scores are used to evaluate English proficiency in the entrance examination for the Informatics Program's Doctoral Program (5-year program).

Please read and understand the following points regarding the submission of TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS scores and prepare accordingly.

### 1. Term of score validity

TOEFL/TOEIC: Test must have been taken within the last 5 years.

IELTS: Test must be taken within the last 2 years.

### 2. Applicable tests

TOEFL: TOEFL-iBT

TOEIC: Listening & Reading

IELTS: Academic Module Test

\*Group tests (TOEFL-ITP test and TOEIC-IP test) are not applicable.

\*The IELTS General Training Module test is not applicable.

### 3. Applicable score sheets

TOEFL: "Official Score Report" or "Test Taker Score Report (Examinee Score Report)" (a copy may be submitted)

TOEIC: "Official Score Certificate" or "TOEIC Listening & Reading Official Score Certificate" (a copy will not be accepted)

IELTS: "Academic Module Test Report Form" (a copy will not be accepted)

### 4. Method of submission

TOEFL: Employ the procedure for having the TOEFL administrator send your TOEFL Official Score Report directly to the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (see Note 1 below) or submit your TOEFL Test Taker Score Report (Examinee Score Report) (a copy may be submitted) (see Note 2 below).

TOEIC: Submit your TOEIC Official Score Certificate/TOEIC Listening & Reading Official Score Certificate (a copy will not be accepted) with your application form when you submit your application. Submission with an official digital certificate is also acceptable (see Note 2 below).

IELTS: Employ the procedure for having the IELTS administrator send your Test Report Form directly to the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (see Note 1 below) or submit the Test Report Form (a copy will not be accepted) with your application form when you submit your application.

If you are unable to obtain your TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet by the application deadline, you may bring it on the day of the interview test.

Note 1: When employing the procedure for having the test administrator send your TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form directly:

- TOEFL: Use [DI code: 7564] and employ the procedure for sending the report to The Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
- IELTS: Conduct a search for [Organization name: SOKENDAI (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)] and employ the procedure for sending the form to the Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
- Please inform the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies that you have completed the above procedure for sending your score sheet when you submit your application form.

Note 2: If you wish to submit an official digital certificate, please submit the following.

- Please submit a photocopy (printed paper) with your application form when you submit your application.
- Please submit the original (data) to the Student Affairs Section, SOKENDAI (E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp))

## 5. Other matters

If you have questions concerning TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS, please refer to the official websites provided below or contact the test administrator.

TOEFL : <https://www.cieej.or.jp/toefl/>

TOEIC : <http://www.iibc-global.org/toeic.html>

IELTS : <http://www.eiken.or.jp/ielts/>

### III. Three-year Doctoral Program: Application Procedures and Important Notes

#### 1 Number of Students Accepted

Program	Number of Students Accepted	
	April Admission	October Admission
Anthropological Studies	Around 4	
Japanese Studies	Around 3	
Japanese History	Around 3	
Japanese Literature	Around 2	
Japanese Language Science	Around 3	
Informatics	Around 12	A few
Statistical Science	Around 6	A few
Particle and Nuclear Science	Around 1	A few
Accelerator Science	Around 1	A few
Astronomical Science	Around 1	A few
Fusion Science	Around 2	A few
Space and Astronautical Science	Around 3	A few
Molecular Science	Around 5	A few
Materials structure Science	Around 1	A few
Global Environmental Studies	Around 2	
Polar Science	Around 1	A few
Basic Biology	Around 3	A few
Physiological Sciences	Around 6	A few
Genetics	Around 2	A few
Integrative Evolutionary Science	Around 1	A few
Total	62	

#### 2 Qualifications for Application

Applicants must fulfill one of the following conditions

##### **Applicants who are not required to have qualification screening;**

- (1) Applicants who hold or are expected to take a Master's degree or a Professional degree by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (2) Applicants on whom a Master's degree or a degree equivalent to a Professional degree has been conferred or is expected to be conferred in a foreign country by the preceding month of enrollment.

- (3) Applicants who have completed the correspondence courses provided by a school in a foreign country while residing in Japan, and have been conferred or are expected to be conferred a Master's degree or a degree equivalent to a Professional degree by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (4) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a program in an educational institute in Japan that provides courses from a foreign graduate school within the school education system of said foreign country, and that is designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and have been conferred or are expected to be conferred a Master's degree or a degree equivalent to a Professional degree by the preceding month of enrollment.
- (5) Applicants who have completed a course at the United Nations University and have been conferred or are expected to be conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's degree by the preceding month of enrollment, in accordance with the Enforcement Regulation of the School Education Law, Article 156, Item 4.
- (6) Applicants who have completed a course of study at a school in a foreign country or an educational institute that has graduate school in a foreign country or the United Nations University, and have passed or will have passed the examinations and screening equivalent to those specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (1974 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance Number 28), and who have been or will have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having academic abilities equivalent to those who have a Master's degree.

**Applicants who require qualification screening must complete it before submitting their general application;**

- (7) Applicants who have graduated from a university and have been or will have been engaged in research at a university or a research institute for at least two years by the preceding month of the enrollment, and have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having academic ability equivalent to or superior to those who have a Master's degree or a Professional degree based on said research achievement.
- (8) Applicants who have completed 16-year course of school education in a foreign country or 16-year course of school education by taking the correspondence courses provided by a school in a foreign country while residing in Japan, and thereafter, have been or will have been engaged in research at a university or a research institute for at least two years by the preceding month of the enrollment, and have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having academic ability equivalent to or superior to those who have a Master's degree or a Professional degree based on said research achievement.
- (9) Applicants who have been recognized by SOKENDAI as having academic ability equivalent to or superior to those who have a Master's degree or a Professional degree by the individual screening of Admission Qualifications of SOKENDAI, and attain the age of 24 by the end of preceding month of enrollment.

If you have any question regarding the qualification for admission, please contact the Student Affairs Section (E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp) or telephone no.: +81-46-858-1525/1526) in advance.

**3 Qualification Screening for Application**

- (1) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (7), (8) and (9) in section 2 are required to submit the following documents to Student Affairs Section by the designated deadline. Application documents shall be withheld until the qualification screening is completed.
- (2) Applicants who wish to apply under the provisions (7) and (8) in section 2 are required to submit the following documents for screening to be recognized as “having academic ability equivalent to those who have a Master’s degree or a Professional degree”. An interview will also be conducted, if necessary.
- (3) Applicants who wish to apply under the provision (9) in section 2 above shall be screened as follows:

Program	Procedure
Informatics	Screening will be conducted based on the submitted documents. An interview may be added, if necessary.

- (a) Documents required for Qualification Screening for Application are as follows;
  - i. Application for Certifying Applicant’s Qualification (**Form 7-2**)
  - ii. Application Documents as specified in Section 5
 Application Fee, however, should be paid after the application is approved.  
 (i.) and (ii.) above should be submitted all together. Please note that applicants might be asked to submit other documents by each program.

(b) Application Period regarding Qualification Screening

Application Period		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	June 1 (Monday) to June 4 (Thursday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	November 4 (Wednesday) to November 6 (Friday), 2026

Application must arrive no later than the last day of the application period without fail.  
 It must be received during 09:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00 on weekdays of the application period.

(c) Procedure for Qualification Screening

The complete set of application documents should be enclosed in the designated envelope and submitted by registered express mail. Applicants should write “Application Documents and Application for Certifying Applicant’s Qualification Enclosed” in red ink on the face of the envelope.

(d) Result of Qualification Screening for Application

The result of Qualification Screening for Application shall be notified prior to the application period. Applicants who have been approved by the screening should complete payment for the examination fee accordance with **Form 8**. After the remittance is completed, **Form 8** on which the remittance receipt is attached should be submitted to Student Affairs Section.

**4 Application Procedure**

Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (1) to (6) in “2 Qualifications for Application” are required to submit the following documents to the Student Affairs Section by the designated deadline.

(1) Application Period

Application Period		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	June 25 (Thursday) to July 1 (Wednesday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	December 3 (Thursday) to December 9 (Wednesday), 2026

The application must arrive no later than the last day of the application period without fail.

It must be received during 09:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00 on weekdays of the application period.

(2) Application Method

**The complete set of application documents should be enclosed in the designated envelope and should be submitted by registered express mail.** The application must reach SOKENDAI no later than the last day of the application period. Please note that application documents will not be accepted by any Parent Institute or Program office.

(Note)

Before submitting, please be sure to fill in and enclose all the necessary documents.

Please allow enough time to send the application documents, giving consideration to mail delivery conditions and the case of insufficient documents.

Mailing address:

Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division  
The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI  
Shonan Village, Hayama, Miura, Kanagawa 240-0193 JAPAN

## 5 Application Documents

Prior to applying, applicants are required to consult with their prospective academic supervisor to confirm whether the supervisor can accept their application.

Please read through the “Important Notes for Applicants” beforehand. Also, the application documents must fill in the application forms with black or blue pen without erasable pen.

(1) Application form and admission ticket for the examination (**Form 1-B**)

Please attach two identical photographs (4.5cm by 3.5cm taken within the past three months, upper-body, full-faced with no hat) on **Form 1-B**. Please read through the application guidelines. Your signature is required on **Form 1-B**.

(2) Academic transcripts (original)

(a) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (1) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the academic transcript from the graduate school or the Professional graduate school, and that from the undergraduate school. In case any of the credits was approved after transferred to the undergraduate school, academic transcripts from the technical college or other college are also required.

(b) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (2) to (6) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the academic transcript from the graduate school in said foreign country (a Master’s degree or a Professional degree) and that from the undergraduate school concerning the Bachelor’s degree.

- (c) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (7) to (9) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the academic transcript from their final academic background.
- (3) Certificate of (expected) graduation (original)  
The certificate must state conferment of the Master’s degree or the Professional degree.
- (a) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (1) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit a certificate of (expected) graduation from the graduate school which a Master’s degree or a Professional degree has been conferred from.
- (b) Applicants who intend to apply under the provision (2) to (5) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit the certificate of (expected) graduation from the foreign graduate school.
- (c) Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (6), (7), (8) or (9) in “2 Qualifications for Application” must submit a certificate of graduation of their final academic background.
- (4) Summary of Previous Research Experience (**Form 3**)
- (5) List of Research Presentations and Publications (**Form 4**)  
Applicants who do not have any, please specify “None” on **Form 4** and submit the form.
- (6) Research Proposal (**Form 5**)  
Applicants shall prepare Research Proposal (**Form 5**) specifying the outline of the research plan after enrollment. Those who apply to a second-choice program must copy the form and prepare the outline for the second-choice program separately.
- (7) Examination fee of 30,000yen  
For payment details, please refer to **Form 8**. MEXT scholarship students do not have to bear the examination fee, however, they need to submit a certificate of MEXT scholarship student status.
- (8) Recipient’s address label (**Form 9**)
- (9) Confirmation Letter regarding the Applicability of the Specific Categories for Compliance with Article 25(1) and (2) of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (**Form10**)  
Please refer to the simple check flow chart (\*) to complete applications in SOKENDAI prescribed form (**Form 10**). For this form details, please contact the Research Coordination Section. [E-mail: kenkyo@ml.soken.ac.jp]  
\* <https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/file/tokuteiruikei-E.pdf>
- (10) LETTER PACK PLUS  
We will send Admission ticket for the examination by "LETTER PACK PLUS." Please purchase "LETTER PACK PLUS" at the post office in Japan.
- (11) Curriculum Vitae (**Form 1-2**, only for international applicants and Japanese applicants who received their education outside Japan)
- (12) Supplementary Materials (for non-Japanese nationals, non-residents at the time of application, or applicants who fall under item (1) or (2) of Supplementary Form 10)  
Applicants who fall under the above categories are required to submit supplementary materials, such as a CV, resume, or other documents that provide detailed information on their previous affiliations, professional and research experience, and any scholarships or research grants they have received.

\*A “non-resident” refers to any individual, including Japanese nationals, who has been in Japan for less than six months after entry, or who is primarily based outside Japan.

(13) English proficiency

Applicants who wish to submit a TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score shall select and submit the form indicating the method of English language proficiency evaluation (**Form 13-2**).

Applicants shall also submit English scores and other information, as appropriate, in accordance with the items they checked and the instructions provided in the “Important Notes for Applicants” section.

(14) Summary of dissertation (Master’s thesis)

Applicants who hold a master’s degree or are enrolled in a Master’s program and preparing a master’s thesis shall submit **Form 15** in the following cases:

- The language of the Master’s thesis is not English or Japanese
- The Master’s thesis is being prepared (has not yet been submitted)

\*If you are unable to submit your master’s thesis for any other reason, provide an outline of the research activities for which you obtained (or will obtain) your Master’s or other degree in **Form 15**. Also submit a statement providing the reason you are unable to submit your Master’s thesis (in a form of your choosing).

The statement should be approximately 2,000 characters in Japanese or 1,000 words in English.

(15) Two copy of Master’s thesis

Applicants who have a Master’s degree or who have submitted the Master’s thesis should submit two copies of Master’s thesis. Please specify “Master’s thesis” on the upper-right corner of the front page in red ink. Applicants who apply to a second-choice program must submit another set of copy of the Master’s thesis for the second-choice program separately.

(16) Applicants who have any publication of scientific paper or treatise should submit two copies of the publication.

Applicants who apply to a second-choice program must submit another set of copy of the publication for the second-choice program separately.

(17) Letter of recommendation

Applicants who intend to apply under the provisions (7) to (9) in section 2 should submit a letter of recommendation in any form stating that they have sufficient research and academic abilities equivalent to those of a master’s degree holder.

It is desirable that the letter be prepared by a person who can give an appropriate opinion regarding the applicant’s research ability and academic ability.

The letter of recommendation should be strictly sealed by the person who prepared it.

(18) Permission for Studying While in Employment (**Form 6**)

Applicants who are currently employed full-time are required to submit Permission for Taking the Entrance Examination (**Form 6**). In case the permission cannot be obtained or the applicant intends to resign before enrollment, s/he may instead submit a statement of reason sealed by her/himself. In this case, “Letter of

Permission to be enrolled while employed” or “Certificate of Resign” must be submitted at the time of admission.

(19) A copy of Residence Card (International applicants residing in Japan)

\* In principle, applicants are required to possess a valid visa at the time of application that will remain valid through the time of enrollment.

(Notes)

- i. Incomplete documents shall not be accepted. No documents shall be returned.
- ii. In case the applicant’s name has changed after marriage, etc., a copy of family register should be attached.
- iii. **Form1-2, Form 3, 4 and 5** are also available at our website.  
[https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application\\_info/informatics/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application_info/informatics/index.html)
- iv. Application documents should be written in Japanese or English. If you submit the certificate neither in Japanese nor English, please also attach the certificate in Japanese or English.
- v. Applicants who are (were) in the doctoral program must submit a transcript of the doctoral program. Applicants who have graduated from a doctoral program must submit a certificate of graduation. Applicants who have withdrawn from the doctoral program must submit a withdrawal certificate.

## 6 Screening Procedures

Screening will be conducted based on submitted application documents and results of academic tests. For details of the screening methods for this program, please refer to “Important Notes”.

If you apply to more than two programs, please note that screening is conducted individually, and the date or venue may differ depending on the screening.

Examination Date		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	August 25 (Tuesday) and August 26 (Wednesday), 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	January 19 (Tuesday) and January 20 (Wednesday), 2027

(Note) Detailed information about the time and place of the examination will be issued with the admission ticket for the exam. In case the ticket shall not be delivered one week prior to the date of examination, please contact the Student Affairs Section. Please see following website for the delivery status of admission ticket: [https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application\\_info/informatics/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/application_info/informatics/index.html)

Venue of the examination

Program	Location and Directions
Informatics	National Institute of Informatics (National Center of Sciences Building) 2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8430 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line, Toei Mita Line, and Toei Shinjuku Line: Jimbocho Station Exit A8</li> <li>• Toyko Metro Tozai Line: Takebashi Station Exit 1b 3-to-5 minute walk from each station</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/en/">https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/en/</a> (Contact: International Affairs and Education Support Team Tel.: 03-4212-2108,2110,2149)</li> </ul>

## 7 Announcement of Results

Notification		
First round	October 2026 Admission April 2027 Admission	Early September 2026
Second round	April 2027 Admission October 2027 Admission	Late February 2027

Further details will be sent to applicants.

Results will be mailed to the successful applicants. Announcement of results will be made on the SOKENDAI website ([https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/general\\_admission/result/index.html](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/general_admission/result/index.html)), however, results shall be confirmed by mailed notification. Inquiries regarding the results by telephone or other means will not be responded.

## 8 Admission Procedures

(1) Admission period is scheduled as below:

Late September 2026 for the enrollment of October 2026

Early to mid-March 2027 for the enrollment of April 2027

Late September 2027 for the enrollment of October 2027

Successful applicants must complete the admission procedures during the prescribed period. Further details will be notified to successful applicants separately.

(2) Fees required for admission are as follows.

Entrance Fee: JPY 282,000

Tuition Fee for six months: JPY 267,900

Student Insurance Fee for three years: JPY 3,620

(Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research)

Note:

(a) In case the entrance or tuition fees are revised at the time of or during enrollment, the revised fees shall be applied from the date of revision.

(b) Entrance fees shall not be refunded under any circumstances once the payment is made. Premium for the student insurance, however, may be refunded only if applicants decline the admission by the cut-off dates as blow:

September 30, 2026 for the enrollment of October 2026

March 31, 2027 for the enrollment of April 2027

September 30, 2027 for the enrollment of October 2027

(3) Applicants who are currently employed full-time should submit the "Letter of Approval" issued by the employer that acknowledges the enrollment while employed. Resignation certificate must be submitted if you resign before you enroll at SOKENDAI.

(4) Applicants who are enrolled at a school other than SOKENDAI at the time of application (not including those who will have graduated from/completed the school before you enroll at SOKENDAI) must submit the certificate of withdrawal from said school.

Foreign nationals are strongly advised to obtain a College Student visa unless a particular reason would prohibit them from doing so. Detailed information on how to obtain this type of visa is available on the SOKENDAI's website: <http://www.soken.ac.jp/en/campuslife/international/immigration/>

## **9 Long-term course system**

Long-term course system is a planned course of study for a certain period of time beyond the standard period of study upon request from the student, who has an occupation or other circumstances.

In the informatics Program, the student are not uniformly accepted only on the basis of having an occupation but only on the basis of life stage changes. If you wish to apply for this system, please be sure to consult with your supervisor in advance regarding the circumstances that require this system in your research plan. For further information, please contact the Educational Affairs Section.

E-mail: [kyomu@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:kyomu@ml.soken.ac.jp), or Fax: +81-46-858-1632

If you wish to enroll this system from the time of admission, please be sure to inquire at least one month prior to the start of the admission.

## **10 General Notes**

- (1) Before applying and taking the entrance examination, applicants should read through "Important Notes for Applicants".
- (2) Submitted documents shall not be returned. No changes or alternations to the submitted documents will be accepted after filing.
- (3) Admission might be revoked in case of any false entry or act of dishonesty on application documents and other documents.
- (4) Applicants who wish to transfer to SOKENDAI from other graduate school must contact Student Affairs Section before the last day of the application period.
- (5) Physically challenged applicants who need special consideration at the examination and after enrollment are advised to inform SOKENDAI three months prior to the application period.
- (6) Applicants should inform the Student Affairs Section if they wish to withdraw their application.
- (7) In case the applicant has changed the mailing address after submitting the application documents, please inform the Student Affairs Section of the change.

E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp), or Fax: +81-46-858-1632

- (8) Students are not allowed to simultaneously register at other universities while studying at SOKENDAI.
- (9) For applicants with foreign nationality, if your name contains characters from your native language, these characters may be replaced with the Roman alphabet for administrative purposes.
- (10) If there is any change for SOKENDAI admissions, we will announce on SOKENDAI website. Please make sure SOKENDAI website.

## **11 Security Export Controls**

Based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (\*), SOKENDAI has established regulations and

conducts examinations for the provision of technology and the acceptance of researchers and students. For this reason, if it is determined that your intended education or research activities fall under, or are likely to fall under, the regulations, you may be asked to modify your proposed education or research content. Additionally, admission may not be granted, regardless of the entrance examination results. Please consult the program office for further details.

\* <https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html>

## **12 Privacy Policy**

- (1) Any personal information including applicant's name and address submitted to SOKENDAI as part of the application documents shall be used during the application process such as applicant/examination procedures, notification of results and admission procedures. After enrollment, personal information shall also be used for student affairs (school register and course registration), student services (health care, tuition exemption and scholarship application, and career support) and administrative purposes of processing payments for entrance and tuition fees.
- (2) Personal information obtained in the screening process such as examination results, shall be used for aggregate analyses of examination results and research for use in the screening process.

## **Important Notes for Applicants to Informatics Program (Three-year Doctoral Program)**

### 1. Preliminary consultation

The Informatics Program offers all program applicants preliminary consultations with faculty members from whom they wish to receive supervision. This is to allow applicants to select a supervisor of their choice and obtain advice in advance on the content of research to be conducted after admission. Please note that if the supervisor you request is unable to accept you and there is no other suitable supervisor available, you will not be able to participate in the admission selection process. For this reason, please refer to the “Preliminary Consultation” information provided on the program’s website and be sure to select your supervisor through a preliminary consultation.

### 2. Applying for two programs

Applicants may apply for a second-choice program from either the Statistical Science Program or the Japanese Language Sciences Program. However, please note that screening is conducted individually, and the date or venue may differ depending on the screening.

### 3. Important notes concerning interviews

The academic test for admission screening will be conducted by interview. The interview will take 40 minutes. It will consist of a presentation by the applicant and a question-and-answer session regarding the presentation, as well as a question-and-answer session regarding general matters related to technical knowledge and the contents of the submitted documents.

Your presentation should be no more than 20 minutes in length and should include a description of the research that you have conducted thus far\* and the research that you would like to conduct in the program. Prepare materials in English for one research topic (for a presentation of at least 5 minutes) and present them in English. A question-and-answer session will be held in English concerning your presentation in English.

You must submit your presentation materials in advance. The due date, which will be about one week prior to the interview day, will be specified at a later date.

Please prepare your materials in PowerPoint or PDF format with a maximum of 20 pages (slides).

An LCD projector will be available for use in your presentation. Please bring your own laptop computer if you wish to use the projector.

\*Research you conducted for the preparation of your Master’s thesis or similar research you have conducted recently.

### 4. If your application documents are in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

### 5. “Criteria for grading, evaluation” and “admission decision”

Your submitted documents and the results of your interview will be comprehensively evaluated to determine the acceptability of your application. Particular attention will be given to the following:

- Willingness to engage in research
- Possession of a vigorous and flexible spirit of inquiry
- Possession of an independent outlook with respect to research
- Possession of sufficient ability to carry out research based on past research achievements
- Possession of the basic academic skills and language ability necessary to carry out research

### 6. Other matters

Information on the Informatics Program is also available on the National Institute of Informatics website.

Please visit the website (<https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/>) for the latest information.

### 7. Please contact the following office with inquiries regarding the above. (Note that this office is not the one to which application forms and other documents should be sent.)

National Institute of Informatics  
International Affairs and Education Support Team  
2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8430  
Tel: 03-4212-2108,2110,2149  
E-mail : [daigakuin@nii.ac.jp](mailto:daigakuin@nii.ac.jp)

## Submitting TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS Scores

You may submit a TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet if you wish. Submittal of a score sheet is optional; however, if you chose to submit one, it will be used to help determine your English language proficiency, so please read and understand the following points regarding the submission of TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS scores and prepare accordingly. If you will submit a score sheet, select the method of submission on **Form 13-2**.

### 1. Term of score validity

TOEFL/TOEIC: Test must have been taken within the last 5 years.

IELTS: Test must be taken within the last 2 years.

### 2. Applicable tests

TOEFL: TOEFL-iBT

TOEIC: Listening & Reading (Open Test)

IELTS: Academic Module Test

\*Group tests (TOEFL-ITP test and TOEIC-IP test) are not applicable.

\*The IELTS General Training Module tests is not applicable.

### 3. Applicable score sheets

TOEFL: "Official Score Report" or "Test Taker Score Report (Examinee Score Report)" (a copy may be submitted)

TOEIC: "Official Score Certificate" or "TOEIC Listening & Reading Official Score Certificate" (a copy will not be accepted)

IELTS: "Academic Module Test Report Form" (a copy will not be accepted)

### 4. Method of submission

TOEFL: Employ the procedure for having the TOEFL administrator send your TOEFL Official Score Report directly to the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (see Note 1 below) or submit your TOEFL Test Taker Score Report (Examinee Score Report) (a copy may be submitted)

TOEIC: Submit your TOEIC Official Score Certificate/TOEIC Listening & Reading Official Score Certificate (a copy will not be accepted) with your application form when you submit your application. Submission with an official digital certificate is also acceptable (see Note 2 below).

IELTS: Employ the procedure for having the IELTS administrator send your Test Report Form directly to the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (see Note 1 below) or submit the Test Report Form (a copy will not be accepted) with your application form when you submit your application.

If you are unable to obtain your TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score sheet by the application deadline, you may bring it on the day of the interview test.

Note 1: When employing the procedure for having the test administrator send your TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form directly:

- TOEFL: Use [DI code: 7564] and employ the procedure for sending the report to The Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
- IELTS: Use [Organization name: SOKENDAI (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)] and employ the procedure for sending the form to the Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
- Please inform the Student Affairs Section, Academic and Student Affairs Division, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies that you have completed the above procedure for sending your score sheet when you submit your application form.

Note 2: If you wish to submit an official digital certificate, please submit the following.

- Please submit a photocopy (printed paper) with your application form when you submit your application.
- Please submit the original (data) to the Student Affairs Section, SOKENDAI (E-mail: [gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp](mailto:gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp))

#### 5. Other matters

If you have questions concerning TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS, please refer to the official websites provided below or contact the test administrator.

TOEFL: <https://www.cieej.or.jp/toefl/>

TOEIC: <http://www.iibc-global.org/toeic.html>

IELTS: <http://www.eiken.or.jp/ielts/>

#### **IV. List of the Faculty Members**

Please see the websites below for course subjects and the faculty members.

##### **Program: Informatics**

URL <https://www.nii.ac.jp/graduate/en/about/advisor/>

\*In the Informatics Program, we have introduced a multiple-teaching system in which multiple faculty members work together to provide guidance to students. Under this system, a professor or associate professor joins as a faculty advisor even if the student wishes to receive instruction by an assistant professor, and a system is in place for the student to receive high-quality instruction under a multiple-teaching system that includes assistant professors.

\*Please note that some faculty members are not accepting new students due to reasons such as their impending retirement.