

Checklists for SOKENDAI Doctoral Program 2027
“Special Admissions for Applicants Residing Abroad”
The Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies
[Space and Astronautical Science Program]

Before submitting your application documents, review them using this checklist and prepare them accordingly. If any of the application documents are incomplete, your application will not be accepted.

Application documents must be submitted in either English or Japanese. If any certificates or other documents are issued in a language other than English or Japanese, they must be accompanied by an English translation.

☐	a) Application Form (attached)
	☐ No columns are left blank or unfilled. You signed the application form.
☐	b) Examination fee: 30,000 yen
☐	c) Official Transcripts
	☐ Applicants applying for the three-year doctoral program must submit the Official Transcripts of each academic year from both undergraduate and graduate schools. ☐ Applicants applying for the five-year doctoral program must submit the Official Transcripts of each academic year from their undergraduate school.
☐	d) Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation (original or certified copies)
	☐ Applicants applying for the three-year doctoral program must submit Certificates of Graduation for both undergraduate and graduate schools. ☐ Applicants applying for the five-year doctoral program must submit a Certificate of Graduation for undergraduate school. ☐ Applicants who have not yet graduated from a university must submit an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate before entering the doctoral program.
☐	e) Certified copy of degree diploma
	☐ Applicants who have already graduated from a university must submit certified copies of degree diplomas, as follows: • Applicants applying for the three-year doctoral program must submit certified copies of their bachelor's and master's degree diplomas; • Applicants applying for the five-year doctoral program must submit a certified copy of their bachelor's degree diploma;
☐	f) Recommendation letter (original, free format)
	☐ Recommendation letter should be written on letterhead of the affiliation. ☐ The recommender should know your research / academic activities and be in a superior position to you. ☐ The recommendation letter must be addressed to the President of SOKENDAI. It is preferred that the letter starts with 'Dear President of SOKENDAI' or 'Dear Dr. Nagata Takashi' instead of 'Dear Sir/Madam' or 'To whom it may concern'. ☐ Please attach a document indicating the position of the person who wrote the recommendation letter.
☐	g) Your past research work and activities (if applicable)
☐	h) Summary of your graduation thesis
	☐ If the applicant has no theses or publications, please submit a summary of his/her current research project.
☐	i) Field of Study and Research Plan (Attached)
☐	j) Photocopy of applicant's passport pages showing applicant's name, date of birth, nationality, gender, photograph, and passport number.
☐	k) Qualifications that prove the applicant's language skill
	• A copy of Official Score Certificate, Official Score Report, or Examinee's Score report, such as TOEFL, IELTS or TOEIC L&R and S&W must be enclosed with application documents.

		English test scores may not be necessary for the applicants who are studying or graduate from the universities in the countries where English is a native language and submit academic transcript from those universities.
☐	l)	GRE Subject Test (Physics) Score Report (five-year doctoral program only)
☐	m)	Applicants are strongly recommended to take GRE Subject Test (Physics) before or in September, 2026. The applicants who will take the GRE test in October, 2026, must follow the directions below; (i) include a copy of registration confirmation e-mail from ETS to the application documents, (ii) send a screenshot of online record to sokendai@ml.jaxa.jp (Student Affairs Section of the Space and Astronautical Science Program) by e-mail before the end of November, 2026 and (iii) arrange the official records to be sent to SOKENDAI.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Student Affairs Section at SOKENDAI at gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp. When making inquiries, be sure to CC an email to your prospective academic advisor.