

**[For those planning to apply to the three-year doctoral program at SOKENDAI]**

SOKENDAI Special Researcher Program

“SOKENDAI Special Researcher Program” is designed to develop future leaders who will contribute to science, technology and innovation in Japan by appointing SOKENDAI doctoral program students as ‘SOKENDAI Special Researchers’ and providing financial support as well as various opportunities for developing a wider scope of research and career paths to them. [This program is also open to those who plan to enroll in a three-year doctoral program at SOKENDAI in October 2026 or April 2027 \(including those who will be applying\).](#)

For details of the program and application guidelines, please see the URL below.

[https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/campuslife/tuition/sp\\_researcher\\_n/](https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/campuslife/tuition/sp_researcher_n/)

Application Schedule (tentative):

(1) Recruitment for October 2026

Early June 2026: Application will be open.

Late July 2026: Application deadline

In September 2026: Notification of selection results

(2) Recruitment for April 2027

Early November 2026: Application will be open.

Late December 2026: Application deadline

Early March 2027: Notification of selection results

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