

Application Guidelines for SOKENDAI Special Researcher Research Promotion Fund

Purpose

When a SOKENDAI Special Researcher encounters an unexpected and urgent need in the course of their research, and the annual allocated research funds (¥320,000 for General and Co-Creation Research types, ¥300,000 for Next-Generation AI type) are insufficient, this fund provides additional support to cover part or all of the shortfall, thereby promoting the progress of the research.

Support Conditions

To receive support, the following conditions must be met:

- The funds must be used for research related to the doctoral dissertation.
- The expenses cannot be covered by research funds allocated to the applicant, their academic advisor, or collaborators.
- The support must be effectively utilized and expected to lead to superior academic outcomes.

This support will be operated in accordance with the above purpose and conditions, prioritizing cases where the impact of the support is significant. Therefore, simple increases in research funding are not eligible.

Eligibility

- SOKENDAI Special Researchers (General, Next-Generation AI, and Co-Creation Research types)

Support Amount

1. Maximum support per application: ¥200,000
2. Total annual budget: Approximately ¥2,000,000 (¥1,000,000 for FY2025)

Application Documents

1. Application Form for SOKENDAI Special Researcher Research Promotion Fund (Form 1-A)
2. Research Budget Plan (Form 1-B)

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted at any time. However, the final deadline is December 10. If December 10 falls on a non-business day (Sunday, Saturday, or public holiday), the deadline will be the nearest preceding business day.

Selection Method

The SPRING Project Director will make the final decision, including budget assessment. Confirmation may be requested from the academic advisor or collaborators. The results will be reported to the SPRING Steering Committee.

Submission & Contact Information

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