

Errata

Graduate Institute for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI
 [Global Environmental Studies Program]
 Application Guidelines October 2025 (SOKENDAI Recommendation)
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back of the photograph.)

d) Proof of nationality (preferably a copy of the applicant's passport).

e) Certified academic records (originals or certified copies)

The applicant must submit certified academic records (issued by the university) for each academic year of all universities attended.

➤ Applicants applying for the three-year doctoral program must submit Official Transcripts for all academic years from both undergraduate and graduate schools.

f) Diploma or degree certificate (originals or certified copies)

The applicants must submit a diploma or degree certificate from all the universities attended (or a document certifying that the applicants will graduate from the university by September 2025).

➤ Applicants applying for the three-year doctoral program must submit the Certificate of Graduation both undergraduate and graduate schools.

➤ Applicants who have not yet graduated from a university must submit an attested document certifying that the applicants will graduate before entering the doctoral program.

g) Proof of the applicant's academic level, such as the academic ranking in his/her previous university (e.g., GPA, ABC grading, and ranking of academic achievement).

h) A recommendation letter from the applicant's home institution, addressed to the President of SOKENDAI (original)

➤ A recommendation letter must be issued by the Dean or equivalent (or higher) of the applicant's current university or the most recent university the applicant attended if he/she is not enrolled in any university. We cannot accept a recommendation letter from department head or academic supervisors.

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- j) Abstracts of thesis
If the applicant has no theses or publications, please submit a summary of his/her current research project.
- k) Certificate of English proficiency
The applicant must submit a certificate of English in either one, as shown below.
- i. Official score report, such as TOEFL iBT, and IELTS, proving that applicants have English proficiency equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) B2 level or above. Please note that the applicant must have undergone one of these tests after January 1, 2023
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- The Institution Code and Institution Name are as follows.

Institution Code: 7564

Institution Name: SOKENDAI (The Graduate University for

head or academic supervisors.

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- i) Your past research work and activities (if applicable)
- j) Abstracts of thesis
➤ If the applicant has no theses or publications, please submit a summary of his/her current research project.
➤ **Summary of thesis or current research project should be written in approximately 2000 words in English.**
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ii. IELTS

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