

Soka University Undergraduate Admission Guidelines for September 2026 Entry

1. ENROLLMENT

Entrance: September 2026

Duration: 4 years

Academic calendar: Fall semester (September 15 to January 31) and Spring semester (April 1 to July 31)

2. FACULTY, DEPARTMENT, AND ADMISSION CAPACITY

| Faculty | Department | Enrollment period | Admission Capacity |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Science and Engineering | Green Technology* | September 2026 | Few students |
| International Liberal Arts | International Liberal Arts (FILA) | | 30 students |

- An applicant may apply to the above two departments.
- If applying to two departments, please fill in the "First choice" and "Second choice" columns respectively. Also, prepare the "Statement of Purpose and Study Plan" for each department to apply.
- In the case that an applicant gets accepted by the first choice of faculty, the applicant will be allowed to enroll only in the first choice of faculty.
- Admission capacity to FILA includes the number of students for the Document-based Admission.
- In the Faculty of International Liberal Arts, an online interview will be conducted along with document screening.

3. ADMISSION PERIOD

Application period: March 15(Sun), 2026 – April 15(Wed), 2026 (must arrive by April 15)

*Japan standard time

*Online interviews for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts: April 24 (Fri) – May 1 (Fri)

Announcement of results: May 27 (Wed), 2026

4. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is made through document screening.

* Faculty of International Liberal Arts conducts online interviews.

5. ELIGIBILITY

An individual who satisfies one of the six following conditions is eligible to apply:

- (1) An individual who has completed or is scheduled to complete a 12-year school education in a foreign country (*1).
- (2) If the 12-year school education includes the enrollment period in schools based on the Japanese education system, one of the following must apply.
 - For those who have completed or are scheduled to complete high school in a foreign country, the enrollment period in Japanese elementary, junior high, and high schools (*2) must be 6 years or less.
 - For those who have completed or are scheduled to complete the relevant high school courses stipulated in the School Education Act of Japan, the enrollment period in Japanese elementary, junior high, and high schools (*2) must be 3 years or less.
- (3) An individual who was educated abroad and has less than 12 years of education due to grade-skipping or other reasons.
- (4) An individual who has obtained Swiss International Baccalaureate, German Abitur, French Baccalaureate, or other equivalent qualifications.
- (5) An individual who satisfies the requirements such as being deemed to have completed a designated course of not less than 11 years and has completed a course of a school corresponding to an upper secondary school (List of Courses of Foreign Schools Corresponding to Upper Secondary Schools Designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) in a foreign country

<https://www.mext.go.jp/en/policy/education/highered/title02/detail02/sdetail02/1395423.html>

- (6) An individual who has completed 12 years of education at educational institutions accredited by international accrediting bodies, namely the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the Council of International Schools (CIS), and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

In addition, in cases where there is no accreditation by accrediting bodies mentioned in (6) as above, eligibility for admission may be determined through an individual eligibility assessment.

- *1 School education in a foreign country includes schools in the “List of Schools for Non-Japanese Designated as Equivalent to Foreign Upper Secondary Schools in Japan”
<https://www.mext.go.jp/en/policy/education/highered/title02/detail02/sdetail02/1395424.html>
- *2 Japanese elementary, junior high, and high schools indicate elementary, junior high, and high schools based on School Education Act of Japan and overseas Japanese schools approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
<https://www.mext.go.jp/en/policy/education/highered/title02/detail02/sdetail02/1395425.html>

6. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must meet the following requirements.

(Language proficiency requirements)

- Applicants to the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Department of Green Technology: Applicants must submit their Japanese proficiency score of level *B2 of "Common Japanese Framework of Reference for Languages " (e.g., JLPT N2)
If applicants have yet to acquire B2 level, they must submit the score report of level *A1 or above, alongside with TOEFL-iBT score report of 61 or above, or IELTS Academic score report of 5.5 or above or Duolingo 95 or above.
*For Japanese proficiency, applicants must submit a Certificate of Results or a Score Report for one of the following examinations:
JLPT, BJT, J.TEST, NAT-TEST, STBJ, TOPJ, J-cert, JLCT, PJC Bridge, JPT
*For English proficiency, those who have taken six years of junior high and high school taken in English in either Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom or United States, are able to submit their transcript, corresponding to the English proficiency score above.
- Applicants for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts:
Applicants must submit their English proficiency score of 70 or more in TOEFL-iBT or 6.0 or more in IELTS Academic Module or 105 or more in Duolingo. However, those who have taken six years of junior high and high school taken in English in either Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom or United States, are able to submit their transcript, corresponding to the English proficiency score above. *Taken within two years prior to application

(Other requirements)

- Applicants must be able to take the Standardized Examination administered in each country (P. 10), SAT, ACT, or Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), and submit the score report of any of these examinations. Applicants to the Faculty of Science and Engineering must take “Mathematics” in the standardized examination used for college examination. Applicants who plan to submit the EJU score report must take the specific subjects; for the applicants to the Faculty of Science and Engineering must take “Mathematics II” and for others must take “Japan and the World” and “Mathematics I.”
In principle, applicants must take the Standardized Examination administered in each country. If an applicant is unable to take the standardized examination in your home country or cannot submit any of the above documents, please submit a written explanation of the reason. Failure to do so without a valid reason will put the applicant at a disadvantage in the screening process.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1) Web Application Page


Access the web application page below to proceed with your application.

Japanese: <https://soka.campus-p.jp/ja/>

English: <https://soka.campus-p.jp/en/>

2) Required Documents

***Upload the required documents to the web application page BEFORE sending them by mail.**

| Required Documents | Detail | Submission method |
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| 1. Application Form | You may apply up to two departments. | Online application |
| 2. Statement of Purpose and Study Plan | Candidates willing to apply to two departments must submit the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” for each desired department. *Read *3 for further information on the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” | Online application |
| 3. Photograph |  <p>Upload a photo (4cm x 3 cm) taken within the last three months. *Front headshot, no hat, plain background. *Submit two photos in addition to the one attached to the application form. *Write your name on the back of the photos.</p> | Mail 2 originals |
| 4. Certificate of High School Graduation (or expected) | If still enrolled in high school at the time of application, submit a document certifying expected graduation from high school. All candidates must be graduated by August 31, 2026. Note: Promptly submit the certificate upon graduation from high school. If the certificate is not available, submit the diploma. *If currently enrolled in a university, a certificate of enrollment must also be submitted. | Mail the copy. Do not send the original. |
| 5. High School Transcript | A transcript that certifies applicant's entire academic record throughout high school education. *It must be an official document issued by the high school attended. If unavailable, submit the original copy of your academic performance report. *For those who only have a transcript of the high school equivalency examination, it is mandatory to take the standardized examination and submit the score report. *If currently enrolled in a university, a university transcript must also be submitted. | Mail the copy. Do not send the original. |
| 6. Score Report of Standardized Examination | Submit the score report of the standardized examination administered in each country. ※For those who only have a transcript of the high school equivalency examination, it is mandatory to take the standardized examination and submit the score report. | Mail the copy. Do not send the original |
| 7. Recommendation Letter (Designated Format) | The recommendation letter is to be written by a teacher or a professor who has taught the applicant in class at high school or university. * Do not upload to the web application unless instructed to do so. The letter must be sealed by the recommender. | Download the form from the Website Mail in a sealed envelope with other documents. |
| 8. Certificate of language Proficiency | Refer to item 6. “Application Requirements” for details. Submit a copy of officially issued certificate. | Mail the copy. Do not send the original. |

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| 9. Application Fee | Make an online credit card payment of 20,000 JPY when submitting the online application. (Refer to item 8. “Application Fee” for details) | — |
| 10. Statement of Financial Eligibility (Designated format) | Submit evidence of financial support (e.g. bank statement) to cover the tuition and living expenses. (Refer to item 9. “Statement of Financial Eligibility” for details) | Download the form from the Website. Mail the copy of necessary documents. Do not send the original. |
| 11. Application for Academic Fee Exemption (Designated format) | Applicants who wish to be considered for Academic Fee Exemption must submit the application form, along with the official documents issued by public agencies stating the household income. (Refer to item 10. “Financial Support System” for details) | Download the form from the Website. Mail the copy of necessary documents. Do not send the original. |
| 12. Application for Designated Country Grant (Designated format) | Applicants who wish to be considered for Designated Country Grant must read the guidelines for “Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant” and submit the application form, along with the necessary documents. (Refer to item 10. “Financial Support System” for details) | Download the form from the Website. Mail the copy of necessary documents. Do not send the original. |

(*3) Statement of Purpose and Study Plan

Check the contents of respective faculty and fill out the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” pm the online application system.

<https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/department/department/>

(3) Important Notes Regarding Application Document Submission

1. Required documents differ by department. Carefully read the “List of Required Documents” in the table before applying. If there is an error in the application documents or if not all application documents are submitted, the application will not be accepted.

2. Documents are accepted only in Japanese or English. Attach a translation if the documents are in any other languages than in Japanese or English. Documents for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts application must be prepared in English.

3. Send the copy when the original is not required. In any case, the submitted documents are not returned. AND after you enroll in, bring the original documents to the International Affairs Office Admission Section, they are screened for authenticity. In case of fraud, enrollment is canceled.

4. If there is a falsification, false statement, plagiarism, etc., in the documents, materials, or information submitted to Soka University at the time of application, such shall be deemed to be a wrongful act, and the results of all entrance examinations at Soka University for the relevant year will be invalid. In that case, the submitted documents, materials, and admission fees will not be returned.

5. After uploading the set of application forms to the WEB application page, send them by simple registered mail or using an international courier service to Soka University International Affairs Office Admissions Section within the application period. In case you miss one of these, your application will not be considered as completed. Also, you may confirm the delivery of the documents on “My Page” of the WEB application system.

6. No application documents delivered after the application deadline will be accepted for any reason. Even in the event of non-delivery or delayed delivery caused by trouble at the postal service or courier service, the University shall take no responsibility.

7. Soka University will not accept any application documents submitted in person.

8. Soka University International Affairs Office Admissions Section may contact you through the WEB application page, in the “Contact Us” tab. Messages may also be sent from Soka University’s email address no-reply@soka.campus-p.jp so please adjust your settings and register it as a receiver domain.

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8. APPLICATION FEE

Application Fee Payment Method

Application Fee: 20,000 JPY

- * Please proceed with the Application Fee payment via credit card following the steps on the Online Application System.
- * When applying through the Online Application system, please proceed with the Application Fee payment via credit card.
- * The name on the credit card used for payment may be a person other than the applicant. However, it is necessary to enter the applicant's information in the "applicant information" section even when a proxy submits the application.
- * If the payment of the fee cannot be confirmed within the application period or the credit card settlement is cancelled after payment is made, the applicant will lose the application eligibility.
- * If the payment via credit card does not go through due to technical difficulties, bank transfer is allowed (its fees would be borne by the applicant). If an applicant wishes to make a payment by bank transfer, contact the office via the online application page.
- * Regardless of the reason, including failure in the application, the application fee will not be returned.

9. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

The statement is to be signed by the financial supporter. Attach the documents below as evidence of financial support. The tuition fees may change when the fee exemption is applied; however, these documents will also be used to apply for the applicants' Certificate of Eligibility issued by Immigration Bureau, so please read the instructions carefully. Please submit all documents through the web application page and send the copy of documents by mail.

All certificates must be issued within three months of the application deadline.

○ If funded by the applicant

- Bank statement of the applicant (statement over a certain amount) (*4)

○ If funded by a family member outside of Japan

- Bank statement of the sponsor (statement over a certain amount) (*4)
- Proof of employment (including the period of employment and position held, if it is a self-owned business, submit a document such as the copy of corporate registration or operating license)
- Sponsor's income certificate (January to December 2025 or the most recent one-year period available)
- A document that certifies the sponsor's relationship to the applicant (e.g. a copy of family register, certificate of residence, etc.)

○ If funded by scholarship aside from Soka University's

- Scholarship letter stating the amount, duration and name of the organization offering the scholarship (yearly total must be over a certain amount)

○ If funded by a sponsor that lives in Japan

- A tax certificate with the total amount of the sponsor's income (a copy of income tax certificate, tax deduction certificate, etc.)
- Proof of employment (including the period of employment and position held, if it is a self-owned business, submit an official document such as the copy of corporate registration or operating license)
- Certificate of residence
- If the sponsor is an acquaintance or a friend, a document that indicates the relationship to the applicant, such as a photo taken together

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Refer to the chart below for the amount you need to show on your documents such as bank statements. The bank statement must be in the name of the financial supporter.

*Applicants submitting their application for the academic fee exemption (refer to item 10. "Scholarship System") along with their undergraduate application will be screened of their financial eligibility at the same time.

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| | Science and Engineering, International Liberal Arts |
| Applying for Academic Fee Exemption | Approx. 1,500,000 JPY |
| Not applying for Academic Fee Exemption | Approx. 2,000,000 JPY |

10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

The university offers the following two kinds of financial supports.

*The financial support system changes as of AY2025.

(1) Soka University Makiguchi Foundation for Education Tuition Fee Reduction Scholarship for Undergraduate International Students (Applied as of AY2025)

By the time of the application to the International Students Admission, applicants can also apply for the tuition fee exemption scholarship.

• Required documents :

- Application form for Academic Fee Exemption Scholarship
- Proof of household income referred to January to December 2025 (or the most recent one-year period available) of all financial supporters
- Family relationship certificate of the household supporter

※In principle, household income refers to those of the father and mother.

※In case there was a job change in 2025, please submit also the proof of income referred to the previous job.

※‘Income’ refers to the amount that is received before tax deductions are taken out.

※If the applicant is unable to provide documents to prove the household income, they will not be eligible to apply for ‘Soka University Academic Fee Exemption Scholarship for International Students.’

The results of the academic free exemption scholarship will be notified simultaneously with the admission announcement.

The conditions and ratio of academic free exemption are as follows.

| Household annual income criteria | Exemption ratio |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Below 8,000,000 JPY | 50% exemption |
| 8,000,000 JPY or more | No exemption |

- After enrollment, it requires to apply for every year. If the recipient’s cumulative GPA is below 2.0 or does not earn at least 15 credits per semester, the exemption will not be granted for the subsequent year.

- Appendix (p. 9) shows the fees required for year one of students granted academic fee exemption.

(2) Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant (Applied as of AY2025)

By the time of the application to the International Students Admission, applicants can also apply for the “Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant” As for the application procedure, read the guidelines for “Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant” on the application guidelines page and send the required documents with application documents to Soka University. For the procedures after entering the university, it is explained in a scholarship guidance for international students.

Designated countries and territories are as below.

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| Korea, Brazil, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongol, Uzbekistan, Kirghiz, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, African countries set by the foreign ministry |
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| Payment period | Payment amount |
|-------------------------|--|
| At the university entry | 200,000 JPY (one time per person) |
| After enrollment | Yearly 300,000 JPY (Max 4 times per person, up to 30 students per school year) |

<Notes>

- If the student engages in an inappropriate act or behavior that may impair the reputation of Soka University, the scholarship may be withdrawn.
- If any changes are made to other scholarship programs, etc., a change may be made to this scholarship program.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPLICATION RESULTS

Announcement schedule: May 27 (Wed), 2026

One of the following results will be sent to all applicants via e-mail to email address indicated on the application form (*5). Please set Soka University's email address no-reply@soka.campus-p.jp as the sender domain.

*5 If you want to change your email address, please do so through the online application on My Page (basic settings).

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| ① Accepted: | Accepted to the undergraduate programs from September, 2026 |
| ② Not Accepted: | Did not meet the acceptance standards |
| ③ Not Eligible: | Not eligible for college admission |

12. ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

Accepted applicants will receive by e-mail the “Letter of Acceptance” and “Enrollment Guidelines” on the day the results are announced. Please follow the guidelines and perform the enrollment procedure. The enrollment procedure will be complete when the admission fee, tuition, and other payments are paid and when admission documents are submitted. If the procedure is not completed by the deadline, the acceptance may be rescinded.

* The details will be notified in the enrollment procedure guidelines.

1. Documents to be submitted

| | Deadline | Details of the document |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 st step procedures | May 2026 | 1. Visa application information (online) |
| | | 2. Passport copy |
| | | 3. Housing questionnaire (online) |
| 2 nd step procedures | July 2026 | 4. Arrival questionnaire (online) |
| | | 5. Questionnaire about measles-rubella vaccination |
| | | 6. Health questionnaire |
| After arrival | Entry/submission at the student life guidance class | 7. Physical Examination Certificate |
| | | 8. Letter of consent regarding the handling of personal information |
| | | 9. Written pledge for entering the dormitory (only for persons who will live in a dormitory) |

* The specific dates for submitting the documents and other information will be notified in the enrollment guidelines.

2. Notification of the payment amount

| Type of payment/notification | Date of notification | Payment deadline |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Admission fee/tuition: Request for payment of admission fee/tuition | Beginning of July, 2026 | End of July, 2026 |

* Admission fee, tuition, dormitory entrance fee, dormitory fee must be paid at once by the deadline. Read the Annex (p. 9) for further information on the Soka University English Medium Programs Fees for One Year.

3. Sending the admission letter and the Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

The electronic version of the Acceptance Letter and the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) will be sent after confirming that the payment has been completed by the deadline. In principle, successful candidates must obtain a “Student Visa” at the Japanese diplomatic office in the country of domicile before coming to Japan and enter Japan with a “Student Visa” status of residence.

* In order to obtain a “Student Visa” status of residence, it is necessary to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. Persons who already have a “Long Term Resident” or “Dependent” status of residence are not required to perform any particular procedures. Also, Japanese citizens with dual citizenship coming to Japan on a Japanese passport are not required to perform any particular procedures.

13. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND INQUIRIES

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Soka University English Medium Programs Fees for the first Year

• Faculty of Science and Engineering

| Fees | Standard | Half Exemption |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Admission fee | 200,000 JPY | 200,000 JPY |
| Tuition | 1,280,000 JPY | 640,000 JPY |
| Laboratory fees | 90,000 JPY | 45,000 JPY |
| Total | 1,570,000 JPY | 885,000 JPY |

• Faculty of International Liberal Arts

| Fees | Standard | Half Exemption |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Admission fee | 200,000 JPY | 200,000 JPY |
| Tuition | 1,210,000 JPY | 605,000 JPY |
| Total | 1,410,000 JPY | 805,000 JPY |

- * Additionally, 19,000 JPY is required for Gakuyu-kai Club Association fees upon enrollment.
- * Pay the above fees for a half year or one year at once by the deadline.
- * Successful candidates willing to enter a dormitory will have the referred fees added to the invoice, and must pay all fees by the deadline.
- * The Admission fee and Gakuyu-kai Club Association fee cannot be exempted.
- * From the second year, the tuition and laboratory fees will need to be paid.
- * Registration fee (30,000JPY/ semester) will be charged when taking a leave of absence.

- List of the main standardized examinations used for college admission.

| Country/Region | Examination |
|-----------------------------|---|
| United States | SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test Reasoning Test) - DI Code: 7553 https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat *The submission of the SAT Essay is optional. ACT (American College Testing) - ACT college code: 2871 https://global.act.org/content/global/en.html |
| United Kingdom | GCE (General Certificate of Education) A Level |
| Republic of Korea | College Scholastic Ability Test |
| People's Republic of China | National Higher Education Entrance Examination |
| Hong Kong | HKALE (Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination) HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) |
| Taiwan | General Scholastic Ability Test |
| France | Baccalaureate |
| Germany | Abitur |
| Australia | New South Wales : Higher School Certificate (HSC) Victoria : Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Queensland : Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Western Australia : Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) South Australia : South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) |
| Singapore | GCE (General Certificate of Education) A Level |
| Malaysia | STPM (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia) A Level GCE (General Certificate of Education) A Level UEC (Unified Examination, Senior Middle Level) |
| Indonesia | SBMPTN (Seleksi Bersama Masuk Perguruan Tinggi Negeri) until 2022 SNBT (Seleksi Nasional Berdasarkan Tes) from 2023 |
| Thailand | Standardized National University Entrance Examination |
| International Baccalaureate | IB Transcript for the final exams |
| Brazil | Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio |
| West Africa | WAEC (West African Examinations Council) |

Application Flow

- ① Check the application guidelines and prepare the required documents.
- ② Create an account at the web application page.
- ③ Through the web account, choose the program you want to apply for, fill in its application form and write down the “Statement of Purpose” and the “Study Plan”.
- ④ Confirm the application details and submit. Make the application fee payment.
- ⑤ Upload the required documents to the web application page in PDF or JPEG format.
- ⑥ Send all documents by mail to the International Affairs Office of Soka University.