

Soka University Interview-based Undergraduate Admission for International Students, April 2027 Entry

1. ENROLLMENT

Entrance: April

Duration: 4 years

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

2. FACULTY, DEPARTMENT, AND ADMISSION CAPACITY

Admissions for International Students are open in the following Departments.

Faculty	Department	Admission Capacity
Economics and Business Administration	Business Studies	A few students
Law	Law and Politics	
Letters	Humanities	
Education	Psychology and Education	
	Primary Education	
Science and Engineering	Information Systems Science	
	Green Technology	
	Life Science and Technology	

- Faculty of Nursing does not have International Students Admissions Policy.
- An applicant can also apply for the Soka University Document-based Undergraduate Admission for International Students, April 2027 Entry.
- If the admission committee judges that there are no applicants who are qualified, the number of admitted students may remain below the capacity.

3. APPLICATION PERIOD

Application Period	December 5, 2026 (Sat) ~ December 20, 2026 (Sun)	Must arrive before the deadline *Japan time
Interview date	January 23, 2027 (Sat)	
Notice of results	February 17, 2027 (Wed)	Informed through mail

4. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is made through document screening and an interview.

5. ELIGIBILITY

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

- (1) An applicant who has completed or is scheduled to complete a 12-year school education in a foreign country (*1).
- (2) An applicant who was educated abroad and has less than 12 years of education due to grade-skipping or other reasons.
- (3) An applicant 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>
- (4) An applicant who has obtained Swiss International Baccalaureate, German Abitur, French Baccalaureate, or other equivalent qualifications.
- (5) An applicant 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), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and the New England

Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

- (6) 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 six 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 three years or less.

In addition, in cases where there is no accreditation by accrediting bodies mentioned in (5) 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

In addition to section 5. “Eligibility” above, an applicant must also satisfy the following requirements for their desired faculty or department.

- (1) An applicant must be able to take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and print out submitting the "Score Confirmation Report" from the "[EJU Online] Application/Score confirmation page. Applicants to the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Law, Letters, and Education must submit scores for "Japan and the World" and "Mathematics I." Applicants to the Faculty of Science and Engineering must submit scores for "Mathematics II."
- (2) Applicants to the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, and Science and Technology must submit JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores N2 level or above, EJU's score report of 200 or above in “Japanese as a foreign language,” excluding the writing section, or JPT (Japanese Proficiency Test) score report of 600 or above.

Department	Japanese Proficiency	Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
• Business Studies • Law and Politics • Humanities • Psychology and Education • Primary Education	JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores N2 level or above, EJU's score report of 200 or above in “Japanese as a foreign language,” excluding the writing section, or JPT (Japanese Proficiency Test) score report of 600 or above	Score report of “Japan and the World” and “Mathematics I”
• Information Systems Science • Green Technology • Life Science and Technology	JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores N2 level or above, EJU's score report of 200 or above in “Japanese as a foreign language,” excluding the writing section, or JPT (Japanese Proficiency Test) score report of 600 or above	Score report of “Mathematics II”

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

(1) WEB application system

Please access the following pages for application:

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

※Upload the required documents to the WEB application system and mail them to the designated address (see P.5).

(2) List of Required Documents

No.	Required Documents	Detail	Form
1	Application Form	An applicant may only apply for 1 department.	Online application
2	Statement of Purpose and Study Plan (*3)	Submit the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” for each department the applicant is applying to. Read the instructions carefully when writing the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan.” (1000 characters in Japanese) *Faculty of Education has its own application form.	Online application
3	Photograph	 Upload a headshot (4cm x 3cm) taken within the last three months. Note: - No hat, no glasses, plain background - Submit 2 headshots in addition to what has been uploaded via online application. - Write the applicant's name in alphabet on the back of the photograph.	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. An applicant must graduate by March 31, 2027. If this applies, promptly submit the certificate upon graduation from high school. If the certificate is not available, submit the diploma. *If an applicant is currently enrolled in a university, submit the certificate of enrollment. *For those who took the high school equivalency examination, submit the certificate.	Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application system
5	High School Transcript	A transcript that certifies the 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 copy of the applicant's academic performance report. *If an applicant is currently enrolled in a university, a university transcript must also be submitted. *For those who took the high school equivalency examination, submit the transcript.	Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application system
6	Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) Score Confirmation Report	Submit a copy of officially issued certificate. (Refer to section 6. “Application Requirements” for details)	Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application system

7	Certificate of Japanese Proficiency	Submit a copy of officially issued certificate. (Refer to section 6. “Application Requirements” for details)	Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application system
8	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. If an applicant is enrolled in a Japanese language school, a letter of recommendation from the school is also acceptable. * Do not upload to the web application unless instructed to do so. The letter must be sealed by the recommender.	Format is available on the website * Mail in a sealed envelope with other documents.
9	Application Fee	Make an online credit card payment of 20,000 JPY when submitting the online application. (Refer to section 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 section 9. “Statement of Financial Eligibility” for details)	Format is available on the website * Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application system
11	Application for Tuition Fee Reduction (Designated format) *Optional	Applicants who wish to be considered for Tuition Fee Reduction must submit the application form, along with the official documents issued by public agencies stating the household income. (Refer to section 10. “Financial Support System” for details)	Format is available on the website * Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application page
12	Application for Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant (Designated format) *Optional	Applicants who wish to be considered for Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant must read the “Application Guidelines for Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant,” and submit the application form, along with the required documents. (Refer to section 10. “Financial Support System” for details)	Format is available on the website * Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the web application page

(*3) Statement of Purpose and Study Plan

Confirm the content of the faculty on the webpage below, and submit the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” via WEB 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. The university will not contact you regarding any errors in the submitted documents.
2. Documents are accepted only in Japanese. Attach a translation if the documents are in any other languages than in Japanese.
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 Admissions 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 the designated address 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 system, 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.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

3-15-10, Seta, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo 158-0095 Japan

ACCESS PROGRESS CO., LTD.

Soka University International Students Admission Application Documents Reception Desk

TEL: 03-5797-5450

8. APPLICATION FEE

Application Fee Payment Method

Application Fee: 20,000 JPY

* When applying through the WEB 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 performs the procedure.

* 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 eligibility of the individual to apply may be withdrawn.

* 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 International Affairs Office Admissions Section via the WEB application system.

* Regardless of the reason, 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 reduction is applied; however, these documents will also be used to apply for the applicants’ Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Immigration Bureau, so please read the instructions carefully and prepare accordingly. Mail the copy after uploading its scanned copy to the WEB application system.

All the certificates must be issued within 3 months prior to 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 an official document such as the copy of corporate registration or operating license)
 - Sponsor’s income certificate (January to December 2025 or most recent one-year period available)
 - A document that certifies the sponsor’s relationship with the applicant (e.g. a copy of family register, certificate of residence, etc.)
- **If funded by a 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 (photocopy 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

(*4) The amount of money to be proved by a bank statement, etc., should refer to the following. The bank statement must be in name of the financial sponsor.

* Applicants submitting their application for the tuition fee reduction (please refer to section 10. “Financial Support System”) along with their undergraduate application will be screened of their financial eligibility at the same time.

	Economics and Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education	Science and Engineering
Applying for Tuition Fee Reduction	1,200,000 JPY	1,500,000 JPY
Not applying for Tuition Fee Reduction	1,700,000 JPY	2,000,000 JPY

10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

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

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

Required documents :

- Application form for Tuition Fee Reduction 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.

※In case there is no income, please submit an officially certified “Certificate of no income”.

※If the applicant is unable to provide documents to prove the household income, they will not be eligible to apply for ‘Soka University Makiguchi Foundation for Education Tuition Fee Reduction Scholarship for Undergraduate International Students.’

The results of the tuition free reduction scholarship will be notified simultaneously with the admission announcement.

The conditions and ratio of tuition fee reduction are as follows.

Household annual income criteria	Reduction ratio
Below 8,000,000 JPY	50% reduction
8,000,000 JPY or more	No reduction

- After enrollment, it requires to apply for every year. If the recipient’s cumulative GPA is below 2.0 (the maximum GPA is 4.0) or if the number of credits earned per semester is below 15 credits, the tuition fee reduction will not be granted for the subsequent year.

- If an applicant has siblings enrolled in an undergraduate program at the same time, 1,800,000 JPY will be deducted from the household annual income for each sibling. If an applicant has siblings enrolled in the Bekka Preparatory Japanese Language Program at the same time, 1,470,000 JPY will be deducted for each sibling.

- Appendix (P. 8) shows the ‘Fees for Year 1’ required for students granted tuition fee reduction.

(2) Soka University Undergraduate International Student Designated Country Grant

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 regions are as below.

Korea, Brazil, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, African countries set by the foreign ministry

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)

(3) Soka University Honors Student Scholarship (Evaluation based on grades after enrollment)

No procedure is required for application. Students who are granted the scholarship will be notified individually.

- Scholarship amount: In principle, 150,000 JPY will be paid for the semester
- Number of recipients: Approximately 100 students each semester
- Scholarship period: 1 semester
- Selection Criteria: Among those who have earned 16 or more credits in the previous semester, the student with the highest semester GPA in each faculty and department will be selected. In the case of two students with the same GPA, the student with the most credits will be selected in principle.
- Eligibility: Grades from the 1st to 6th semesters of enrollment will be evaluated. Selection will be conducted in the following semester, so all undergraduate students from the 2nd to 7th semesters of enrollment will be eligible.

*If any changes are made to other scholarship programs etc., a change may be made to these scholarship programs.

*For other scholarships offered by the Japanese government, please refer to the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) website, "Scholarships for Study in Japan."

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/index.html

11. EXAM ENTRY PASS

Exam entry pass will be sent to those who meet the application requirements in early January.

◆ About the exam entry pass

1. The exam entry pass will be sent to the email address registered on the WEB application system.
2. When receiving the exam entry pass, please check that the information is correct. If there are any mistakes, please contact the inquiry details below immediately.
3. The exam entry pass must be brought on the day of the interview.

12. INTERVIEW

Date: January 23, 2027 (Sat)

Venue: Soka University Global Square

1-236 Tangi-machi Hachioji-shi, Tokyo

*Approximately 20 minutes by bus from the north exit of JR Hachioji Station

[Format] Two interviewers and one applicant

*Please check the gathering time on the exam entry pass.

13. INQUIRIES

International Affairs Office Admissions Section

Soka University

1-236 Tangi-machi Hachioji-shi, Tokyo 192-8577 JAPAN

Telephone: +81-42-691-8230

Fax: +81-42-691-9456

E-mail: welcome@soka.ac.jp

Do not send the application documents to the International Affairs Office. As for the mailing address, see P.5.

Appendix – Fees for year 1

Please note that the amount for tuition and other fees may suffer changes.

- Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Faculty of Law

Fees	Standard	Half Reduction
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	1,017,000 JPY	508,500 JPY
Total	1,217,000 JPY	708,500 JPY

- Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Education

Fees	Standard	Half Reduction
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	1,038,000 JPY	519,000 JPY
Total	1,238,000 JPY	719,000 JPY

- Faculty of Science and Engineering

Fees	Standard	Half Reduction
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	1,370,000 JPY	685,000 JPY
Laboratory fees	96,000 JPY	48,000 JPY
Total	1,666,000 JPY	933,000 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 Tuition Fee Reduction Scholarship does not cover Admission Fee and Gakuyu-kai Club Association Fee.

* 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.

Application Flow

- ① Check the application guidelines and prepare the required documents.
- ② Create an account on the WEB application system.
- 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 information and submit. Pay the application fee.
- ⑤ Upload the required documents to the web application system in PDF or JPEG format.
- ⑥ Send all documents by mail to the designated address (P.5).