AY 2025 Application Guidelines for Soka University Grant for Undergraduate International Students from Designated Countries

(For applicants of the Undergraduate Admissions)

1. Objective

Soka University will establish a program called "Soka University Grant for Undergraduate International Students from Designated Countries" from the 2025 academic year, with the aim of providing students from countries and regions designated by Soka University (hereinafter referred to as "designated countries and regions") with opportunities to study at Soka University. The designated countries and regions are as follows.

<Designated countries and regions>

Korea, Brazil, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and all over the African region as defined by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*All over the African region as defined by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs: https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/index.html

2. Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants will be those who have been admitted to a faculty (excluding the Distance Learning Division) of the university, meet one of the following requirements, and have a willingness to actively participate in international exchange activities conducted by the university.

- (1) A person who holds a passport issued by a designated country or region with the status of residence as "Student" stipulated in Appended Table I of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act or with a status of residence such as "Permanent Resident," "Spouse or Child of Japanese National," "Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident," or "Long-Term Resident"
- (2) A dependent of a guardian who resides in a designated country or region and has the nationality, permanent residence, citizenship, or equivalent qualification of that country

3. Number of recipients and amount

(1) At the time of enrollment

Number of recipients: All students who are admitted through the Undergraduate Admissions for International Students and meet the above "2. Eligibility requirements"

Amount: 200,000 yen as a lump-sum payment (one provision per individual)

(2) After enrollment

Number of recipients: Up to 30 students per school year and up to 120 students in total among those who are enrolled as regular students in the undergraduate departments of the university and meet the above "2. Eligibility requirements"

Amount: 300,000 yen per year (up to four provisions per individual)

4. Application documents:

- (1) Application Form for Soka University Grant for Undergraduate International Students from Designated Countries (designated form)
- (2) Documents that can prove eligibility requirements
 - * Copy of passport, copy of residence card, etc.

5. Application deadline and timing for payment

<For payment at the time of enrollment>

Application deadline: Same as the deadline for the Undergraduate Admissions for International Students of the faculty to which the student applies (application must arrive by this date)

Payment timing: Around the end of the month following enrollment (scheduled for the end of May for April enrollment and the end of October for September enrollment)

<For payments after enrollment>

Application deadline: End of October

Payment timing: December

* A guidance session will be held in September for students who wish to apply for the grant for students from designated countries.

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6. Notification of results

The selection result for grants provided at the time of enrollment will be notified at the same time as the acceptance notice from the faculty to which the student has applied.

If the notification of results cannot be delivered by the time of the announcement of acceptance by the faculty to which the student has applied, they will be notified accordingly by e-mail or other means. The selection results for post-enrollment grants will be notified around mid-November.

7. Notes

- (1) Application procedures for this grant is not the same as applying for the Undergraduate Admissions for International Students conducted by the university. Necessary procedures must be followed in accordance with respective application guidelines.
- (2) Not all applicants to this grant program will receive grants. Recipients will be selected after screening by Soka University.
- (3) If the applicant is deemed unfit to receive this grant, such as if there is a false statement in the application documents, etc., or if the attendance status or academic performance (GPA, etc.) is inadequate, the provision may be revoked or the return of any grant already paid may be requested.
- (4) We will not respond to any inquiries regarding the selection results.

8. Inquiries and submission of documents

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