

Expanded Scholarship Opportunities for international students

In 2016, Soka University introduced a substantial expansion of scholarship opportunities for international students at the graduate level. For qualified applicants, these scholarships could offset the majority of costs of graduate study in our program.

International graduate students accepted into the School of International Peace Studies (SIPS) are automatically eligible for:

- **Soka University Academic Fee Exemptions:** SIPS graduate students are not required to pay university tuition or school fees (This exemption does not include application fees, admission fees, registration fees, or Gakuyukai Club Association fees).
 - ◆ All successful international applicants to the SIPS are automatically eligible for full academic fee exemptions (exemptions for international graduate students are not income based).
 - ◆ After notification of acceptance, successful international applicants will be requested to provide relevant academic fee exemption forms in lieu of tuition payment prior to the beginning of their first semester.

- **Soka University Scholarship for International Graduate Students:** This scholarship provides a monthly stipend that can be used to cover a part of living expenses during the student's graduate program.
 - ◆ All successful international applicants to the SIPS are automatically eligible for monthly stipend scholarships in the amount of JPY 60,000 per month x 12 months (JPY 720,000 per year; For April entrants, disbursement for the first three months will be made in June. From July onwards, disbursement will be made at the end of each month).
 - ◆ After notification of acceptance, successful international applicants will be requested to provide relevant monthly stipend scholarship forms prior to the beginning of their first semester.

- Continuing eligibility for all scholarships at the SIPS is dependent upon full-time enrollment and academic performance.

For more information on these scholarship opportunities, international graduate school applicants are invited to access more detailed information through the International Affairs Office.