



## Recommendation Form for Graduate Admission

School of International Peace Studies

**Soka University**

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Hachioji, Tokyo 192-8577 Japan

### INSTRUCTIONS:

TO THE APPLICANT: Please complete Part A, then deliver or mail this form, with a self-addressed envelope to your recommender. Ask your recommender to return the form to you in the envelope with his/her signature across the seal. Do not open the envelope or break the seal. Submit the sealed envelope with your application.

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Please complete Parts B and C.

### PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Please type or print clearly:

\_\_\_\_\_

|           |            |                      |
|-----------|------------|----------------------|
| Last name | First name | Middle / Other names |
|-----------|------------|----------------------|

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Statement:

I understand this letter of evaluation is to be received and maintained in confidence by Soka University, Tokyo, Japan for admission consideration for graduate status. I hereby expressly waive any and all rights I might have of access to this evaluation under any/or all laws, regulations or policies. I understand that the rights I am waiving include, but are not limited to, the right to inspect and review this letter, the right to have a copy of this letter made for my use, and/or the right to request an amendment of this letter.

I **agree** to waive access to this letter of recommendation (form).

I **do not agree** to waive access to this letter of recommendation (form).

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER**

TO THE RECOMMENDER: We would appreciate your opinion of the applicant listed above for graduate admission to Soka University, Tokyo, Japan. The university is particularly interested in an evaluation of the applicant’s potential for academic and professional achievement in the field of humanities and the social sciences. Explicit descriptions of academic strengths and weaknesses are more helpful to the candidate than routine praise. Comments about character, integrity or motivation are also appreciated. Rankings should be related to other students in the same class or academic program or other persons of comparable experience.

Please type or print clearly:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last name                                      First name                                      Middle / Other names

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant (e.g., instructor, professor, supervisor): \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please rate the applicant’s promise as a graduate student (in comparison to his or her peers) on the following criteria by checking the corresponding boxes:

|                                | <b>Below<br/>Average</b> | <b>Average</b>           | <b>Above<br/>Average</b> | <b>Top 10%</b>           | <b>Inadequate<br/>Opportunity<br/>to<br/>Observe</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Research Aptitude              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Intellectual Ability           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Ability to work with others    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Creativity and imagination     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Maturity                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Self-confidence                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Communication skills - Oral    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Communication skills - Written | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Analytic Ability               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Motivation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| Potential in Career Field      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of the applicant for graduate work:

**Highly  
Recommend**

**Recommend**

**Do not  
recommend**

**Unable to  
Observe**

**PART C: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER**

Recommendation Letter:

In addition to the specific ratings above, please write an assessment of the applicant's scholarship, personality, character and professional promise. Please use the space below or attach a letter on clearly identified, official academic or business letterhead paper, signed by you.

Please discuss topics such as:

- performance in independent study or in research groups
- intellectual independence
- research interests
- capacity for analytical thinking
- ability to work with others
- ability to organize and express ideas clearly, and
- drive and motivation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Thank you very much for taking the time to write this recommendation for the applicant.*