

## **3rd SOKENDAI Scientist Award Guidelines for Applicants**

### **1 Purpose**

The purpose of SOKENDAI Scientist Award is to commend the research achievements of scientists who obtained their doctoral degree from SOKENDAI.

### **2 Candidates eligible to apply for the award**

All candidates who have obtained their doctoral degree from SOKENDAI at the time of application, except those candidates who have received their doctorate through the dissertation route (*Ronbun-Hakase*) and have not formally enrolled in any department of SOKENDAI. Candidates who have already been awarded the SOKENDAI Science Award are not eligible to apply again. Applicants are required to register their names with the SOKENDAI Anet (SOKENDAI Alumni network). Candidates who have applied for but not received the SOKENDAI Science Award previously may apply again. We will inform qualified individuals separately.

### **3 Number of recipients and details of the award**

After careful evaluation of all applications, one candidate will be awarded a certificate and a monetary prize in the amount of JPY 500,000.

### **4 Application procedure and deadline**

#### **(1) Deadline for submission of application at Hayama headquarters:**

Friday, December 9, 2016

#### **(2) Required documents:**

##### **① Application Form (Form 1): 1 copy**

Please note:

- (i) The application form must be printed on A4 size paper and should not exceed 4 pages.
- (ii) The description length for each item on the application form is entirely at the applicant's discretion, but overall length should not exceed 4 pages.
- (iii) There are no restrictions on font type, font size, letter spacing, or line spacing, as long as the text is legible.

##### **② Letter of Recommendation (Form 2): 3 Letters**

- (i) Each of the three letters of recommendation should be submitted by a person meeting the descriptions below (a person who is residing abroad should be included if possible):

- a. A person aware of the candidate's research
- b. A person who knows about the research and other activities conducted at SOKENDAI
- c. A person who is able to evaluate the candidate's research from a different perspective (such as a different field, different university, or different school or department of SOKENDAI)

(ii) Each letter must be sealed by the writer.

(3) Application documents must be submitted to the Research Coordination Section of the SOKENDAI Hayama headquarters before the stipulated deadline.

## 5 Criteria and process for judgment

All applications will be carefully screened and evaluated by the Committee of the SOKENDAI Scientist Award, and the President will decide the award recipient. In addition to the evaluation of the candidates' research content, candidates' internationality, interdisciplinarity, and views on science-society connections will be evaluated for reference.

- Internationality: Worldwide research activity and international recognition
- Interdisciplinarity: Research activity having a multidisciplinary method, subject, and impact
- Candidate's views on the relationship between science and society

## 6 Notification of the result and award ceremony

The selected award recipient will be notified via e-mail in mid-February 2017.

The award ceremony will be held in early April 2017, the same day as the Entrance ceremony. The award winner will have the honor of giving a lecture in the Freshman Course following the Entrance ceremony and participating in the Freshman Gathering.

## 7 Other

(1) Additional material may be required for the application.

(2) Contact details for any inquiry:

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