

3 Graduate School Education

KEK is one of the core organizations of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI) with the Departments of Materials Structure Science, Accelerator Science, and Particle and Nuclear Physics. Some of the PF staff members are in charge of giving lectures and supervising graduate students. There is also a system of Joint PhD (JPHD) students, who are accepted by the PF to pursue advanced studies under the supervision of PF staff members towards their PhD degrees in collaboration with their home universities. The number of graduate students who entered SOKENDAI during the past fifteen years is shown in Table 1.

SOKENDAI has been offering a flexible five-year PhD course: the five-year PhD course for undergraduate students and a three-year course for master's degree holders.

SOKENDAI-KEK held its "open campus day" for young researchers and college students at the Tsukuba campus on July 7, 2011 and half-day guidance meetings for potential young candidates in early summer 2011 in Osaka, Tokyo and Kyushu.

In addition to the SOKENDAI and JPHD graduate students, a number of doctoral theses have been written based on research carried out at the PF. Figure 1 shows the number of graduate students who obtained a PhD degree related to scientific activities at the PF.

Table 1 Number of SOKENDAI and JPHD students at the PF over the period 1997-2011.

FY	SOKENDAI	JPHD
1997	10	5
1998	9	14
1999	6	11
2000	8	12
2001	10	8
2002	12	13
2003	12	7
2004	14	5
2005	14	6
2006	9	10
2007	6	13
2008	6	10
2009	6	9
2010	5	10
2011	4	5

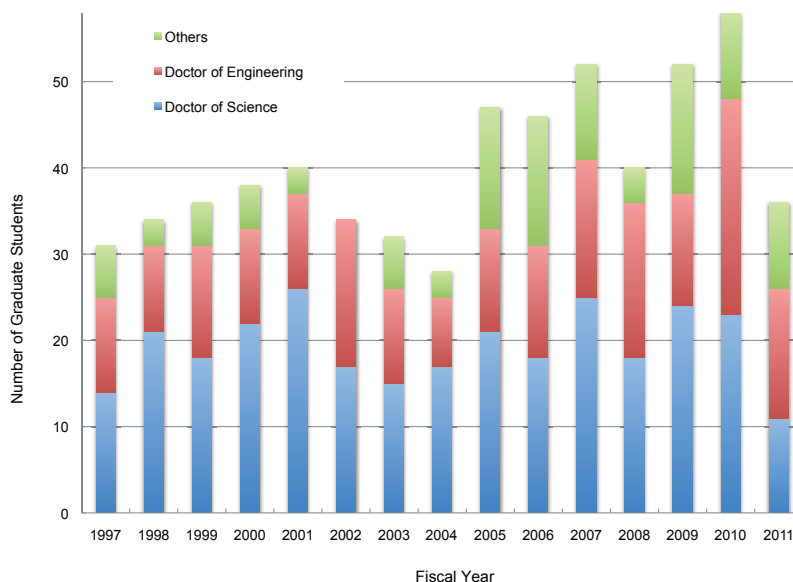


Figure 1
Number of students who obtained doctoral degrees based on scientific activities at the PF.