



Sophia University

The origin of Sophia University can be traced back over 470 years ago, with the visit of Jesuit missionary St. Francis Xavier to Japan in 1549. In 1913, with the mission to fulfill St. Francis Xavier's hopes to build a university in Japan, Sophia University was founded based on the belief that all people, no matter what one's religion, ethnicity, or nationality may be, should be brought together in harmonized unity and equity. Sophia University leads the drive toward internationalization in Japan, providing innovative educational opportunities in 9 undergraduate faculties with 29 departments, and 10 graduate schools with 27 programs. Our university community consists of a student body of 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students as well as 1,500 teaching staff and 400 administrative staff members.

Over the years, Sophia University has developed a strong global network that attracts researchers and students from all over the world.

Sophia has academic exchange agreements with over 380 institutions in 81 countries, including 9 student exchange partner institutions in Russia: Moscow State University, Moscow State Linguistic University, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, Saint-Petersburg State University of Culture, Far Eastern Federal University, Petrozavodsk State University, Saint Petersburg State University, Ryazan State University and Voronezh State University.



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