

Student and Young Researcher Exchange New Opportunities and Prospects

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Sophia University

Our educational philosophy:
“For Others, with Others”

- **Jesuit university** founded in **1913**
- Located in the center of **Tokyo**
- Undergraduate: **9** Faculties/**29** Departments
- Graduate: **11** Graduate Schools/**28** Programs

Facts and Figures: Global Campus

Undergraduate/Graduate students

12,352/1,500



International Students

1,839 From

Faculty members

545 International Faculty
members: 1/6

85 countries

1,114 courses taught in English



Partnership and Student Mobility

International Partners

409
Univ.

85
Regions

April 2023

345
Univ.

63
Regions

Exchange Partners *

* as of May 2025

Student Exchange

AY2024

348
Outbound

700
Inbound

Sophia Campus:
Fostering a sense of
Diversity and Coexistence



Exchange Program between partners in Taiwan

Partner Institutions

Fu Jen Catholic University

National Chengchi University

National Taiwan University

[Inbound / Outbound Ratio (total, semester basis)]

140 : 75 → receiving double than sending out

➤ Challenges and Opportunities

- to promote to **send more students** to Taiwan
- to encourage **the COIL** (Collaborative Online International Learning)
- to strengthen **research exchange**

GLP (Global Leadership Program)

- Hosted annually by Five **AJCU-AP*** member institutions on rotation

*Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in the Asia Pacific

Ateneo de Manila University (the Philippines), **Fu Jen Catholic University** (Taiwan) Sanata Dharma University (Indonesia), Sogang University (Korea), Sophia University

- **One-week** program with lectures, fieldwork, discussion, presentations and cultural events
- **30-40** students

- To provide opportunities for students to discuss **global issues**

ex) 2025: **Education and Cross-border Cooperation for Sustainable Development**



Research Environment at Sophia University

- All research fields are located on **one campus**.
- About **40% of researchers are women**, contributing to a diverse and inclusive culture.
- Active participation in global research consortia (SACRU, MIRAI, RENKEI).



Global Recognition for Climate Action

- Ranked **75th** globally in the “SDG 13: Climate Change” category of the **THE Impact Rankings 2025**
- Our pioneering efforts in addressing **climate change** and **advancing carbon neutrality** have received strong international recognition

Advancing Graduate Excellence at Sophia

Sophia SPRING Project (2024-) ➡ Advancing Global Engagement in Graduate Education

- Government-Funded Initiative to Encourage Doctoral Students' Global Research Activities
- Three Pillars of Support:
 - 1) Financial Assistance, 2) Skills Development, and 3) Career Support
- Enhancing International Exchange and Collaboration
- Supporting Global Research Experiences
- Developing Globally Competent Researchers



Sophia's International Research Collaboration Network

UNESCO Chair



- selected as **the UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Dignity, Peace, and Sustainability**
- to promote **international education** and research activities with overseas eight partner institutions

SACRU



- Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities
- dedicated to research and teaching excellence, engagement and global collaboration by **Catholic universities**

MIRAI



- **Japan-Sweden Research Collaboration Network** between 7 Japanese and 10 Swedish universities.
- to advance **long-term research collaborations** between Sweden and Japan to lead global large-scale research infrastructure

RENKEI



- **Japan-UK Research Collaboration Network**
- to promote knowledge exchange and research collaboration between institutions and individuals.
- to develop collaborations with **industries, governments and civil society** to tackle global research challenges.

Summary

Expanding international mobility of students and young researchers by utilizing two main networks:

- Global network
- External funding

Challenges:

- How to promote **actual mobilities to a wider range of students and researchers**
- How to **maintain** these international exchanges/collaborations



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