

SOPHIA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
上智大学理工学部

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Autumn Semester 2017

2017年秋学期 募集要項

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE STUDENTS

Freshman/Transfer (Junior)

学部1年次入学／3年次編入学

Bachelor's Program in Green Science

Department of Materials and Life Sciences

物質生命理工学科グリーンサイエンスコース

Bachelor's Program in Green Engineering

Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences

機能創造理工学科グリーンエンジニアリングコース

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I. SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

Sophia University ("Jochi Daigaku" in Japanese) was founded in 1913 by the Jesuits, a Catholic order renowned for excellence in education. From the beginning, the university founders stressed an internationally oriented curriculum and rigorous training in foreign languages. Sophia soon established itself as a leading institution for scholarship on foreign languages and literature in Japan. Today Sophia University is a major teaching and research university in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences with 13,800 students and teaching staff of 1,400 members, encompassing dozens of nationalities. Sophia University has been selected as one of 37 universities to receive funding from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for internationalization effort called the "Top Global University Project."

II. OVERVIEW OF BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS IN GREEN SCIENCE AND GREEN ENGINEERING

These English-based programs have started in September 2012.

The "**Green Science**" program, offered by Department of Materials and Life Sciences, is designed to train the student on the fundamentals of chemistry and biology and to apply this knowledge to overcome environmental issues.

The "**Green Engineering**" program, offered by Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences, is designed to learn electrical and mechanical engineering skills to help develop energy conservation technology, efficient power generation and distribution and power transmission.

Class sizes will be kept small so that students can communicate closely with their instructors as they pursue their chosen fields in science and technology, beginning with basics such as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, and then continuing on to more advanced studies such as Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Biotechnology, Clean Energy and Environmental System Analyses. As the campus is also home to liberal arts programs, students can also participate in non-science courses that can help develop their cultural background so that they can pursue environmental issues in a broad perspective.

Academic Year

The program starts in September. There are two semesters, the Autumn semester (late September to early February) and the Spring semester (April to July). Each semester consists of 15 weeks of classes.

Residence Requirements

Residence requirements refer to the amount of time a student must be enrolled in the university. To graduate, a student, in principle, must be enrolled for a total of four years (eight semesters). The time spent on leave of absence or suspension from the university will not be counted as part of the residence requirement. A student's total period of residence at the university may not exceed eight years, excluding the period of time spent on leave of absence from the university.

Academic Degree

Green Science Program: The Bachelor of Science in Materials and Life Sciences is awarded to students who successfully complete the required number of credits according to the curriculum specified in the Bulletin of Information for the year in which they were admitted.

Green Engineering Program: The Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Applied Sciences is awarded to students who successfully complete the required number of credits according to the curriculum specified in the Bulletin of Information for the year in which they were admitted.

Both degrees are accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT).

III. APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Applicants for Autumn Semester 2017

Entry date for Sophia University: September 21, 2017

2. NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED

(1) Freshmen

Green Science Program: 25 students (totalled over the first and second applications)

Green Engineering Program: 25 students (totalled over the first and second applications)

(2) Transfer Students (Juniors)

Green Science Program (Second Application): Limited Number

Green Engineering Program (Second Application): Limited Number

Students entering as transfer students must meet the residence requirements for graduation. (See **TRANSFER OF CREDITS AND RESIDENCY TIME**)

3. QUALIFICATIONS

(1) Freshmen

Applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria may apply for entrance to the Faculty of Science and Technology.

- (1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years or more of formal education in Japanese schools accredited by MEXT
- (2) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years or more of formal education in foreign countries
- (3) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years or education at foreign schools in Japan recognized by MEXT, and will reach the age of 18 at the time of entrance to Sophia University
- (4) Those who hold, or are expected to hold, International Baccalaureate Diploma before entering Sophia University
- (5) Those who have been recognized individually by Sophia University as having qualifications equivalent to (1), (2), (3) or (4)

(2) Transfer Students (Juniors)

Applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria may apply for entrance to the Faculty of Science and Technology as a transfer student. Those who do not meet either of the following qualifications should apply as a freshman.

- (1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete, two full academic years at an undergraduate degree-conferring institution as a regular student.
- (2) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete an associate degree.

Note:

- Before submitting your application, transfer applicants are requested to send to Sophia Admissions Office your university transcript, a copy of course description and course schedule for all the courses which you have completed or are expected to earn credits.
- Even if you are accepted to junior year, you may need more than 2 years to complete your degree at Sophia University.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application is accepted through the following steps.

- ① Register for the on-line application system: <https://sophia.applyjapan.com>
- ② Make sure to include all your application information together with the required written essay in your on-line application
- ③ Pay the application fee and submit your application on-line
- ④ Mail the printed application forms and other application materials to the Sophia Admissions Office

5. APPLICATION SCHEDULE

① First application (Freshmen only)

Application period (on-line): November 21 through December 12, 2016, 23:59 (JST)

* Application materials must reach Sophia Admissions Office by December 19, 2016. Late applications may be refused.

Notice of Results on the Sophia website: February 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m.(JST)

Matriculation deadline for successful applicants: February 27, 2017

② Second application (Freshmen and Transfer students)

Application period (on-line): April 24 through May 15, 2017, 23:59 (JST)

* Application materials must reach Sophia Admissions Office by May 22, 2017. Late applications may be refused.

Notice of Results on the Sophia website: June 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m.(JST)

Matriculation deadline for successful applicants: July 18, 2017

Note:

- Applicants will receive a notice of reference number within three weeks after the application deadline.
- An applicant who has not been accepted in a past application may re-apply for the subsequent application periods.
- Transfer applications will be accepted ONLY during the second application period.

6. APPLICATION FEE

30,000 yen

Payment should be made by credit card or through Chinapay or PayPal services, during the last stage of online application during the application period. Payment must be completed by 23:59(JST) of each application deadline. After the deadline, application will not be accepted. The application fee is non-refundable once it is paid.

*On-line application usage fee of 500 yen will be charged in addition to the application fee.

7. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The following documents (A to G) except the official test scores should be enclosed in an envelope and sent to the following address by express registered mail or international courier service. They must reach Sophia Admissions Office by the deadline of submission. Late applications may be refused. Official test scores (TOEFL, SAT etc.) must be delivered directly to Sophia University from the testing service by the application deadline. On the envelope, please make sure to write:

**SOPHIA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE
7-1 KIOI-CHO, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 102-8554 JAPAN
GREEN SCIENCE (or ENGINEERING) APPLICATION**

or

102-8554 東京都千代田区紀尾井町7-1
上智大学入学センター
理工学部グリーンサイエンス(orグリーンエンジニアリング)出願書類在中

Note:

- Documents printed in languages other than English or Japanese should be translated into English and certified by a school official or an official agency, such as an embassy or consulate.
- If an original document cannot be reissued (e.g., a school report handwritten by a teacher), a copy certified by the school official (Principal or Registrar) or Sophia University Admissions Office is acceptable.
- The application documents once submitted are not returnable.

A. Application Forms & Essay (3 pages)

Application forms should be filled out through the web application system (<https://sophia.applyjapan.com/>) and printed out after the application fee payment. In the application essay, the applicant must give the reasons for wishing to study at the Faculty of Science and Technology of Sophia University. It should be approximately 500 words in length and written in English.

B. Official Transcripts

1. Freshmen

An official transcript showing all courses taken and grades received in high school(s) including the dates of graduation (or

expected graduation) must be submitted. Applicants who have graduated from high schools in Japan are required to submit official transcripts (chosasho “調査書”). The documents must be certified by a school official and be officially sealed in a school envelope.

Note:

- If a freshman applicant has attended university, submission of the official university transcript(s) is recommended.

2. Transfer students

An official transcript showing courses taken and grades received from all academic institutions attended (universities/colleges) must be submitted. The transcript must be certified by a school official and be officially sealed in a school envelope. The university/college transcript should clearly indicate that an applicant has completed/will have completed two full academic years as a regular student or has completed/will have completed an associate degree at university/college before the prospective date of entering Sophia University.

C. Certificate of Graduation (or expected graduation/early graduation) from High School (only for freshmen applicants)

Applicants whose transcripts do not show the dates of graduation (or expected graduation) are required to submit an official Certificate of Graduation (or expected graduation). Those who have graduated early, or have skipped a grade, should submit an official document issued by the school indicating this fact.

D. Standardized Test Scores for Freshmen/Transfer Students

All freshmen and transfer applicants are required to submit one or more of the following:

- 1) SAT Scores with Math II, and Physics or Chemistry or Biology-E or Biology-M scores
- 2) ACT Scores
- 3) IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma with Math HL, and Physics HL or Chemistry HL or Biology HL
- 4) EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students) Scores (As for subjects, please see below.)

1) SAT Scores: Reading, Writing, Math, Mathematics II, and Physics or Chemistry or Biology-E or Biology-M *Essay score is not necessary

SAT scores must be taken not more than two years before the time of application, and delivered directly to Sophia University from the College Board by the application deadline. If the official scores have not been submitted by the application deadline, the application will be considered incomplete. Be sure to indicate our institution code number, **0819**, when registering for the test, to ensure that your official score is sent to Sophia University. The scores can be sent to Sophia prior to the application period. For Information about SAT and test registration, please refer to the College Board official website.

Note:

- Sophia University will accept both the new SAT scores and the pre-March 2016 SAT scores.
- Applicants can report the highest scores of each component (Reading, Writing, and Math) taken from multiple SAT test dates. However, a combination of the new SAT scores and the pre-March 2016 SAT scores cannot be accepted.
- Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete, two full academic years as regular students at an undergraduate degree / associate degree-conferring institution may submit scores which were taken more than two years before.

2) ACT Scores (English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science)

ACT scores must be taken not more than two years before the time of application, and delivered directly to Sophia University from the ACT by the application deadline. If the official scores have not been submitted by the application deadline, the application will be considered incomplete. Be sure to indicate our institution code number, **5575**, when registering for the test, to ensure that your official score is sent to Sophia University. The scores can be sent to Sophia prior to the application period. For Information about ACT and test registration, please refer to the ACT website: <http://www.actstudent.org/>

Note:

- ACT Writing score is not necessary.

- Applicants can report the highest individual subscores taken from multiple ACT test dates.
- Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete, two full academic years at an undergraduate degree/associate degree -conferring institution as regular students may submit scores which were taken more than two years before.

3) International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Sophia University requires a FULL IB Diploma (six subjects). An IB Certificate is not acceptable.

Subjects have to include the following two:

HL of Mathematics

HL of Physics or Chemistry or Biology

IB Diploma holders:

A "Transcript of Results" must be sent directly to Sophia University from the International Baccalaureate Organization(IBO) by the application deadline. For further information on how to request IBO to send a transcript to Sophia University, please visit:

<http://www.ibo.org/informationfor/alumni/transcripts/>

IB Diploma candidates:

Applicants whose IB Diploma has not been issued by the application deadline are required to submit predicted grades. Request your IB Diploma programme coordinator to issue predicted IB grades by using the designated form (International Baccalaureate Predicted Grades Report Form). The document must be certified by a school official and be officially sealed in a school envelope. Such applicants must also make prior arrangements through their IB Diploma programme coordinator for a "Transcript of Results" to be sent to Sophia University from IBO. For further information on how to request IBO to send a transcript to Sophia University, please visit: <http://www.ibo.org/informationfor/alumni/transcripts/>

Note:

- Even though an applicant may have been accepted to Sophia University on the basis of his/her IB predicted grades, the applicant's acceptance will be cancelled in the following situations.
- If he/she is not able to obtain a full IB diploma or does not submit the IB diploma results by the designated deadline
- If final IB diploma total score is more than 2 points lower than the predicted scores.

4) EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students) Scores

Applicants who have taken EJU in 2015 and 2016 can apply with the test results. Subjects have to include:

Mathematics Course 2 and 2 subjects from Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) total three subjects.

To apply using EJU, the applicants are required to submit a photocopy of the EJU admission ticket along with other application materials. Sophia will inquire the results to the testing institution directly.

Note:

- The examination language of EJU can be either English or Japanese.

E. Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS)

Applicants must prove their English proficiency by taking the TOEFL or the IELTS (Academic). It should be taken not more than two years before the time of application. The official test score must be delivered directly to Sophia from each testing institution.

When registering for these tests, be sure to indicate Sophia University to ensure that your official scores is sent to Sophia University. For TOEFL, Sophia's institution code is **0819**.

For information about TOEFL and IELTS and test registration, please refer to the following websites.

TOEFL: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

IELTS: <http://www.ielts.org>

Note:

- TOEFL or IELTS can be waived if a student has studied at least five years out of the last six years in an institution where English is the primary medium of instruction.

- If the official score has not been delivered by the application deadline, the application will be considered incomplete. Applicants are advised to order the delivery of the official scores in advance as it may take more than 4 weeks for the scores to be delivered to Sophia University. The scores can be sent to Sophia prior to the application period.
- Other English proficiency scores will not be accepted, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

F. Two Letters of Recommendation (use forms provided)

Letters of recommendation from two teachers and/or officials of the most recent school(s) attended by the applicant must be submitted. Each letter must be sealed in a separate envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal.

G. Application Materials Checklist (use the form provided)

Check the items you enclose in your application.

***Medical attention**

While medical certification is not required at this time, any applicant with physical conditions that might require special attention when undertaking university work should notify the Sophia Admissions Office in writing before the application period.

8. SCREENING

Decision on acceptance or rejection will be made based on screening of documents submitted by the applicant.

9. NOTICE OF RESULTS

Applicants can confirm their acceptance/rejection through the Sophia official website below from 10:00 a.m. (JST) on the results-notice date (See **APPLICATION SCHEDULE**).

<https://www.go-hi.jp/sophia/>

For the accepted applicants, an acceptance letter and documents for matriculation will be sent out on the results-notice date.

Note:

- Sophia University will not disclose the results of an application by telephone, fax or e-mail.
- Acceptance is valid only for the semester specified in the letter of acceptance.
- If the acceptance letter has not reached you within one week after the results-notice date, successful applicants are requested to inquire at the Sophia Admissions Office.

10. ENTRANCE PROCEDURES FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

A. Payment of Fees Due Prior to University Entrance and Submission of Necessary Forms

To secure admission, a newly admitted student must pay the fees listed below prior to University entrance and submit the necessary forms to the Sophia Admissions Office by the matriculation deadline (See **APPLICATION SCHEDULE**).

The fees due prior to University entrance include some items paid only once at the time of matriculation, tuition for the first semester, and other items which are the first installment of fees due each semester or year.

The exact amount of the fees will be decided in July 2016 and notified to accepted students with a letter of acceptance. For your reference, the fees due prior to University entrance in the academic year 2016 are as follows:

The fees due prior to University entrance 2016

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| Entrance Fee | 270,000 yen (once at matriculation) |
| Semester Enrollment Fee | 30,000 yen (per semester) |
| Tuition Fee | 514,000 yen (per semester, see note a.) |
| Education Enhancement Fee | 159,800 yen (per semester, see note b.) |
| Laboratory Fee | 37,750 yen (per semester, see note c.) |
| Alumni Association Fee | 5,000 yen (per year) (10,000 yen for transfer students) |
| Premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research | 2,650 yen (once at matriculation, for freshmen: 4 year period) 1,400 yen (once at matriculation, for transfer students: 2 year period) |
| Total fees for freshmen | 1,019,200 yen |
| Total fees for transfer students | 1,022,950 yen |

Note:

- Tuition fee is revised annually based on the rate of inflation.
- Education Enhancement Fee for the second semester on is 140,000 yen.
- Laboratory Fee is revised annually based on the rate of inflation.
- The fees due prior to University entrance are not refundable. However, if a student notifies Sophia University of his/her intention not to attend by the appointed deadline, these fees, with the exception of the Entrance Fee and a handling charge, may be refunded. For details, please refer to the "Entrance Procedures" leaflet.

B. Tuition Fee Payment for the Subsequent Semesters

From the second semester on, a bill is sent to each student (in April for the Spring semester and in September for the Autumn semester).

The following expenses will be included in the tuition bill.

Each semester: Semester Enrollment Fee, Tuition Fee, Education Enhancement Fee, Laboratory Fee

Each year: Alumni Association Fee

Approximate Annual Rate of Tuition & Fees - First year (2016-2017)

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| Entrance Fee | 270,000 yen |
| Semester Enrollment Fee | 60,000 yen |
| Tuition Fee* | 1,028,000 yen |
| Education Enhancement Fee | 299,800 yen |
| Laboratory Fee* | 75,500 yen |
| Alumni Association Fee | 5,000 yen |
| | (10,000 yen for transfer students) |
| Premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research | 2,650 yen (for freshmen) 1,400 yen (for transfer students) |
| Total fees for freshmen | 1,740,950 yen |
| Total fees for transfer students | 1,744,700 yen |

*Note: Tuition Fee and Laboratory Fee are subject to change every year.

Approximate Annual Rate of Tuition & Fees – second year on

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Semester Enrollment Fee | 60,000 yen |
| Tuition Fee* | 1,028,000 yen |
| Education Enhancement Fee | 280,000 yen |
| Laboratory Fee* | 75,500 yen |
| Alumni Association Fee (Autumn semester only) | 5,000 yen |
| | (10,000 yen for transfer students) |
| Total estimate for second year on for freshmen | 1,448,500 yen |
| Total estimate for second year on for transfer students | 1,453,500 yen |

*Note: Tuition Fee and Laboratory Fee are subject to change every year.

11. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING TO JAPAN

Students coming from abroad to study at Sophia University must have a college student status of residence or any other appropriate status of residence such as a diplomatic, official, or dependent. A temporary visitor status is not acceptable. To qualify for a college student status of residence, a student is required to register for at least 4 regular courses (i.e., at least 10 hours of class time per week). Additional information concerning college student status of residence will be sent to each student after acceptance.

IV. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. TRANSFER OF CREDITS AND RESIDENCY TIME

Students who have studied at other universities before entering Sophia University may be eligible to transfer credits and residency time with an approval from the department/university. There are two categories for transferring credits and residency.

A. Transfer of Credits and Residency Time for Students Admitted as Transfer Students:

As a general rule, a transfer student must have completed at least two years of university/college work as a regular student at another institution before entering Sophia. A transfer student may transfer a two-year period of time in residence at his/her previous university/college. The number of credits to be transferred should not exceed half of the required number of credits for graduation. Application for transfer of credits should be made within three months of entering Sophia University. The syllabus of each subject must be attached with the application.

B. Transfer of Credits Earned before Entering as a Freshman:

Students who have earned credits at another university before entering as a freshman may transfer up to 30 credits. Students using this system may transfer credits, but not residency time. Application for transfer of credits should be made within three months of entering Sophia University. The syllabus of each subject must be attached with the application.

2. EARLY GRADUATION (not applicable for transfer students)

To qualify for early graduation a student must complete at least three years (six semesters) of study, complete all credits required for graduation, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.65 or above. The faculty meeting will review and decide upon applications for early graduation, which will be forwarded to the president for the final approval.

V. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Various types of scholarships and financial aid are available. There are some scholarships that the applicants can apply for at the time of admission application. Other scholarship applications are accepted after entrance to the University. For more information and the application forms, please refer to the following website.

<http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/financial/scholarships/>

VI. HOUSING

Sophia University has several off-campus dormitories and offers affiliated housing options. For more information, please refer to the following website.

<http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/studentlife/housinginfo/>

VII. OTHER INFORMATION

1. NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

International students who will stay in Japan for more than three months are required to join this insurance system. The procedures are carried out at the local ward/city office. The premium must be paid. However, by declaring you have no income, it will be reduced. Please ask directly about the details to the local ward/city office.

Subscribers to the National Health Insurance system have only to bear 30% of medical expenses for any treatment covered by the insurance at clinics or hospitals (expenses for medical treatment not covered by the insurance must be paid in full).

2. PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS PURSUING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

All degree students and exchange students must be affiliated with this insurance plan. This will cover physical injuries a student suffers during educational and research activities at the university (during the regular curriculum, school events, extracurricular activities reported to the university, and while the insured is within the school facilities for reasons other than the above-mentioned) and during commuting to the school.