

To whom it may concern

Call for New Faculty Applications (Middle East and Islamic Africa Studies)

The Faculty of Global Studies at Sophia University (Jochi Daigaku) seeks a scholar who is interested in becoming a faculty member in the Japanese academic year 2027. We will accept applications from those who satisfy and are willing to comply with the requirements mentioned below.

1. Proposed position: Professor, associate professor or assistant professor

The position of Assistant Professor is offered under an annual salary system and is a fixed-term appointment not exceeding five years. Promotion to the position of associate professor is possible before or at the end of the term.

2. Area of research and discipline

We seek candidates whose primary specialization is the Middle East and Islamic Africa, with expertise in religious studies, Islamic studies, anthropology, history, political science, sociology, or development studies.

3. Subjects to teach

The successful candidate will teach four or five courses per semester (typically eight or nine courses per year) from the categories listed below, may also teach portions of omnibus courses, and will supervise undergraduate theses.

- (1) Two basic courses at the 200–299 level (4 credits) and two specialized courses at the 300–399 or 400–499 level (4 credits) in Middle Eastern and African Area Studies. One course will be taught in English as an SPSF* course; the remaining courses will be taught in Japanese.
- (2) Freshman Seminar (in Japanese, 2 credits, autumn semester).
- (3) Seminar on Area Studies of the Middle East and Africa (in Japanese, 2 credits each in the spring and autumn semesters).
- (4) Portions of omnibus courses at the 100–199 level (e.g., Introduction to Global Studies, 2 credits), offered in Japanese and in English, as needed.
- (5) For appointment at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor: a seminar in the Graduate Program in Area Studies, Graduate School of Global Studies (in Japanese, 2 credits each in the spring and autumn semesters).
- (6) An SPSF course (200–299, 2 credits) on Academic Skills, or an SPSF seminar (2 credits), both taught in English, if required.
- (7) An elective general studies course (100–399, 2 credits) open to all undergraduate students, if required.

* The Sophia Program for Sustainable Futures (SPSF) is an English-medium degree program launched in September 2020, and all courses are taught in English.

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4. Address of Work Location

Yotsuya Campus, Sophia University, Kioicho 7-1, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554, JAPAN

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5. Salary and Other Employment Conditions:

Salary and other employment conditions will be determined in accordance with the regulations of the Sophia School Corporation.

6. Application Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Completion of a doctoral program and receipt of a doctoral degree, or expected completion of the degree by April 1, 2027.
- (2) Willingness to support the basic educational philosophy of Sophia University, grounded in Christian humanism (“For Others, with Others.”).
- (3) Ability to conduct educational and administrative duties in both English and Japanese.
- (4) Applicants must demonstrate a willingness to contribute actively to teaching, research, faculty and graduate school administration, admissions-related duties, and other responsibilities required by the University.
- (5) Sophia University is committed to promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEI&B) and encourages applications from women.

7. Date of Employment: April 1, 2027

8. Application Deadline: May 11, 2026

9. Application Forms

- (1) Curriculum Vitae (The designated form must be completed and submitted in PDF format)
- (2) List of attainments in research and education (The designated form must be completed and submitted in PDF format)
- (3) Description of career in research and education (No form will be provided, but the description must be on a letter-sized or A4-sized sheet with 25 lines and 80 letters in every line. Submission should be made in PDF format)
- (4) Summary of three major works (No form will be provided, but the description must be on a letter-sized or A4-sized sheet with 25 lines and 80 letters in every line. Submission should be made in PDF format)
- (5) Applicant information sheet (Form available as an MS Excel file. The submitted file should also be an Excel file)

In the statement of research and teaching, describe your past experience and future research plans in no more than 800 words (2,400 Japanese characters), and your teaching experience and plans in no more than 550 words (1,600 Japanese characters).

In the summary of your three major publications, describe each work in no more than 400 words (1,200 Japanese characters).

All submitted documents will be kept strictly confidential by the Faculty and will be

securely disposed of after the selection process.

10. Submission and Inquiry

fgs-recruit-cc@sophia.ac.jp

All application documents must be attached to an email sent to the above address, with “Application for Middle East and Islamic Africa Studies” in the subject line. Please do not password-protect or otherwise restrict access to the files, as the Faculty office must be able to open and process them.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your application. As we assume no responsibility for delayed or undelivered submissions, applicants are advised to ensure that their materials are submitted before the deadline.

Inquiries regarding the application process may also be sent to the above email address.

11. Interviews

After reviewing the application materials, we may request copies of selected publications. Interviews and teaching demonstrations in Japanese and English may also be required.

12. Notification of the result

The Dean will notify applicants of the results of the Faculty’s selection process by the end of October 2026, by letter or email sent to the address indicated in the CV.

The candidate selected at this stage will be required to attend interviews with the Chancellor and the Trustee for Personnel Affairs of the Sophia School Corporation, as well as with the President of Sophia University.



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