



Sophia University

Scholarship Information

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Center for Student Affairs

To students who wish to apply for scholarships

This brochure is intended to introduce and provide the details of scholarship programs to help you select the most appropriate scholarship for your needs. Please read the brochure thoroughly to use the scholarship system effectively.

At university, you will focus on academic studies and also take on challenges in extracurricular and volunteer activities and so on. We hope that all your efforts will help you in your personality development. However, you may face unexpected family circumstances or unforeseen financial and social situations that make it difficult for you to continue studying at university. The scholarship system is provided to support you at such times.

Sophia University offers many scholarship programs for various cases with different conditions. This brochure will help you find the most appropriate scholarship program for your needs. Please check My Sophia regularly as other updated information will be posted on the bulletin board. If you have difficulties selecting the appropriate program or any other inquiries, please feel free to visit or contact the Financial Support desk at the Center for Student Affairs (1F, Bldg.2).

We hope that the scholarship programs will be used to support as many students as possible and help them lead a productive and rewarding campus life.

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(1) Purpose of Scholarships

We offer financial assistance to students who are facing financial hardship that may make it difficult to continue their studies, even though they have a high academic performance. We provide partial donations or loans for the tuition fees to those students. Our goal is to help these students devote more time to their studies and enjoy their university life without worrying about financial constraints.

(2) Applying for Scholarships

Each scholarship has its own criteria for application and selection, and the numbers of recipients are limited, so there may be cases in which students are not accepted, despite meeting all the criteria. Before applying for a scholarship, please consider your living conditions carefully, discuss it thoroughly with your family and think carefully about which scholarship to apply for.

(3) Application Preparation

Students must apply for scholarships themselves, and the grants or loans will be awarded to the students him/herself too. Students must consider their financial situation before applying, and must prepare all necessary documents. Students may be asked detailed questions about their financial circumstances at the interview, so please talk to your family beforehand so that you can provide accurate information.

(4) If Your Family's Financial Situation Suddenly Changes

If the main earner in your family loses his/her job or passes away, or if a disaster or some other circumstance causes a sudden change in your family's finances, which makes it extremely difficult to continue your studies, you can ask us for help at any time.

(5) Selection Criteria

With the exception of Sophia University Academic Excellence Awards and some Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships, the criteria for selection are financial hardship and good academic performance, with a particular focus on financial hardship.

In terms of the level of financial hardship, students are unlikely to be selected for the Sophia Tuition Support Scholarships if their family's annual income exceeds ¥7 million or if their family has a business income exceeding ¥4 million (It depends on each family's situation).

In terms of academic performance, students whose grades do not meet a certain standard may not be selected regardless of the level of financial hardship. We hope that Sophia University's scholarships will lead to an improvement in recipients' grades.

II

Tuition Payment Schedule and Outline of Scholarship Program

1. Tuition Payment Deadlines
2. Outline of Scholarship Program

1. Tuition Payment Deadlines

◆ For undergraduate students and graduate students

	New Students (*1)	Except for new students
Spring Semester	-	May 31 (Sun)
Autumn Semester	November 10 (Tue)	

(*1) Including transfer students, students who graduated from another department of Sophia, and re-admitted students

For more information regarding tuition and fees, please refer to the following website:

<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/eng/tuition/>

2. Outline of Scholarship Program

Scholarships consist of an **Application-based** type and a **Recommendation-based** type. The former is the one students can apply for through the Center for Student Affairs. The latter is recipients are decided by the President of Sophia after a recommendation from each faculty or graduate school followed by deliberations with the Committee for Student Affairs.

Sophia University Scholarships | All grant-type scholarships

(1) Sophia University New Student Scholarship/Graduate School New Students Scholarship

This tuition reduction scholarship is the very first one students can apply for, which is awarded to students whose first choice of university is Sophia University.

Submission should be completed during the same period as the application for enrollment.

(2) Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship

This tuition reduction scholarship is for undergraduate/graduate students, which lasts for a year. Students can apply for this scholarship every year.

(3) Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships

This type of scholarship is awarded by benefactors within Japan and from overseas.

(4) Other Scholarships

External Scholarships |

(1) Kotokyoiku no Shugakushien Shinseido (高等教育の修学支援新制度)

See Sophia University Scholarship information (Japanese version only)

(2) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarships (Student Loans)

Type I (interest-free) and Type II (with interest)

(3) Scholarships/Student Loans from Public/Private Organizations

Provided by Local Governments or Foundations

〈Scholarships available at Sophia University〉

	Direct Application			Recommendation-Based	
	Tuition Reduction	Grants	Student Loans	Tuition Reduction	Grants
Sophia University Scholarships	Tuition Support Scholarship J →P.8 I →P.22	Benefactors' Scholarship J →P.9 I →P.23	—	Law School Student Scholarship J →P.13	Benefactors' Scholarship J →P.11 I →P.24
	Benefactors' (Adachi) Scholarship I →P.23				
	Scholarship for Graduate School Dual Degree Program J →P.13 I →P.25				
	Financial Support for Students in Urgent Financial Needs →P.14	Interest Subsidy Scholarship J →P.13			Graduate School Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in the Doctoral Program J →P.13 I →P.26
	Financial Support for Victims of major disasters →P.14				
External Scholarships	—	Public/Private Organizations J →P.17 I →P.26	—	Public/Private Organizations J →P.17 I →P.26	
	Kotokyoiku no Shugakushien Shinseido J → See P.13 for the Japanese version	JASSO (Type I / Type II) J →P.15			
Scholarships Selected before Entering Sophia University	New Student Scholarship →P.32	Benefactors' (Sophia Seibo Nursing Centennial) Scholarship →P.32	JASSO (Type I / Type II) 【Pre-Entrance Application】 J →P.15	Benefactors' (Francisco Suarez) Scholarship →P.12 Law School Legal Profession Course →P.13	Graduate School Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in the Doctoral Program J →P.13 I →P.26
	John Nissel Cups' Scholarship →P.32				
	Benefactors' (Adachi) Scholarship I →P.32	Benefactors' (Sophia University Alumni Association) Scholarship J →P.32			
	Kotokyoiku no Shugakushien Shinseido 【Pre-Entrance Application】 J →See Sophia University Scholarship information (Japanese version only)				

J: for Japanese students (including international students who don't have a "Student" visa)

I: for International students (who have a "Student" visa)

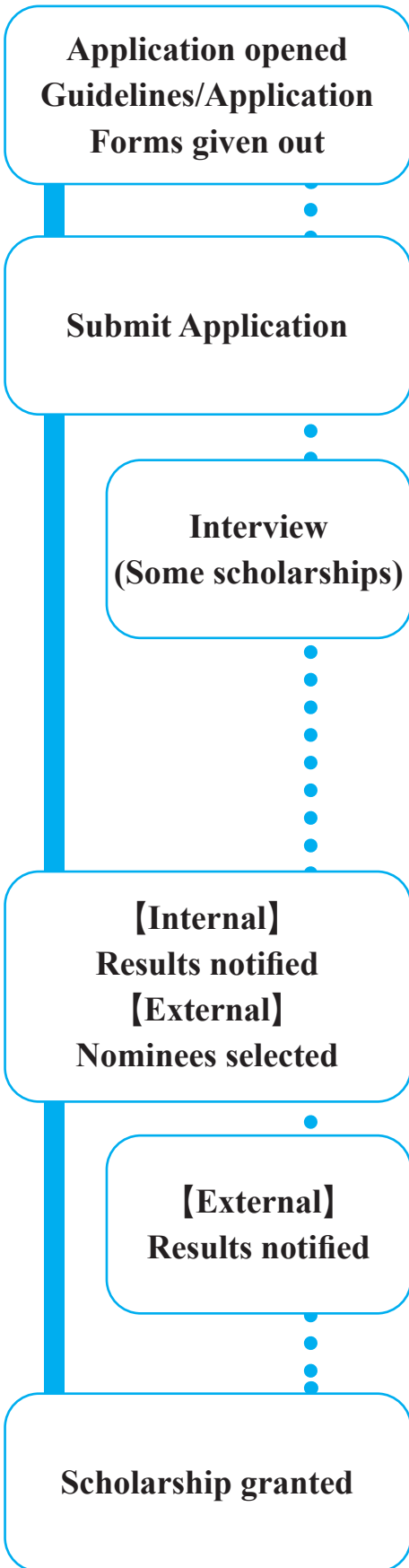
Scholarships without mark J or I are available for all students.

〈Regarding receiving multiple scholarships〉

It is possible to receive multiple Sophia scholarships as long as the total amount cannot exceed the tuition and fees for the academic year. However, it is not allowed to receive multiple tuition reduction scholarships such as the New Student Scholarship and Tuition Support Scholarship.

As for external scholarships offered by public or private organizations, they have different policies. Please check the application requirements before applying.

〈Processes from Application to Granting〉



All notifications on scholarship applications are announced on the **My Sophia**.

Please download the guidelines/application forms.

Be sure to check the announcements; the download period may differ by each scholarship.

The deadline must be met. Late applications will not be accepted. Read the guidelines thoroughly to prepare all documents required. If you cannot prepare all the documents for unavoidable reasons, please consult the Center for Student Affairs before the deadline for submitting the papers.

Some scholarships have interviews for selecting recipients/ nominees. Please be sure to check the date, time and place of the interview. If you miss the interview, you will be disqualified (nomination will be cancelled for external scholarships).

Results of screening will be notified (for external scholarships, the nomination will be notified) as an individual notice on My Sophia.

For external scholarships, the nominees will be selected, and the scholarship organizations will select recipients.

They will have their own selection process, application papers and may conduct interviews, so check the instructions given by the Center for Student Affairs and the scholarship organizations.

Benefit/loan-type scholarship payments will be made through bank transfer to the student's bank account. For recipients of the tuition reduction scholarship, the scholarship amount will be deducted at payment of tuition.

* Depending on the tuition payment status, we may transfer the scholarship directly to the recipients of the tuition reduction scholarship through your bank account.

〈Necessary Documents for Application〉

The required documents vary depending on the scholarship, so please refer to the application guidelines for more details. Generally, the following documents are required.

1) Scholarship Application Form

You must submit one for each scholarship you apply for. Please fill in the form, detailing the reason for your application.

2) Report on Living Conditions

Please fill out this form, detailing your family's current circumstances. If it is discovered that a scholarship student has purposely omitted any necessary information or provided fraudulent information, [scholarship payments will cease and the student will be required to return the money.](#) so ensure that the information provided is accurate.

3) Academic Transcript

You will need to provide a transcript of grades received at this university as well as prior grades if applicable.

4) Certificates of Income

You must provide proof of your income and that of any family members mentioned in the Report on Living Conditions, including your father, mother, spouse, siblings. However, providing proof of income is not required for financially independent family members. For details, please refer to the application guidelines. [If you or someone in your family is receiving income from overseas, you must provide an official statement from the country.](#) If another person is supporting your household in place of parents or other family members, you must provide proof of that person's income.

If you are receiving unemployment benefits, welfare benefits, a family pension, or disability benefits, please provide copies of the related documents. You may also need to provide other documents depending on the situation.

5) Others

In addition to the above documents, other documents may be needed depending on the individual status of the student or family members (rental agreement for students commuting from outside their home / Disability Certificate etc.). For detailed information, check the application guidelines for each scholarship program.

III

Scholarships Available for Japanese Students (Including International Students Who Don't Have a "Student" Status of Residence)

1. Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship
2. Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships
3. Other Scholarships
4. Financial Support for Sudden Change in Family's Financial Circumstances
5. Financial Support for Victims of Major Disasters
6. Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarships
7. External Scholarships for Japanese Students (Offered by Public/Private Organizations)
8. Scholarships for Study Abroad
9. Student Awards Program

1. Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship

〈Criteria〉

This scholarship is for undergraduate and graduate students experiencing financial hardship that makes it difficult to continue their studies despite tremendous motivation. Students are unlikely to be granted this scholarship if their household income exceeds 7 million yen (including tax) or their business income exceeds 4 million yen.

*If you study beyond the standard residence requirement and receive a tuition reduction for having less than 12 credits to graduate or thesis, you are not eligible for this scholarship.

*You cannot receive any other tuition reduction scholarships while receiving this scholarship.

〈Amount〉

One of the following: full, half, or one-third of the tuition

〈Application Period〉

Eligible students	Scholarship Period	Posting Period	Application Period	Notice of Results	Methods of Payment
① Spring Application (All current students, Spring new students)	Academic Year 2026	Late-March 2026	May 2026	Mid-September 2026	According to the tuition payment method, you will receive either a tuition reduction or refund in the Autumn 2026 Semester.
② Autumn Application (Autumn new students)	Autumn 2026 & Academic Year 2027	Early-September 2026	October 2026	Late-January 2027	Autumn 2026: Refund. AY 2027: You will receive a tuition reduction for the AY 2027.
③ Autumn Application (All current students)	Academic Year 2027			Late-January 2027	You will receive a tuition reduction for the AY 2027.

〈Notes〉

- It is recommended that you apply for the ③Autumn Application if you wish to receive the scholarship for the following academic year, although you can apply for the ①Spring Application.
- Regarding the ①Spring and ②Autumn Applications, you need to pay the original tuition fees for the first semester once.
- All current students include Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students, Course of Midwifery Students, and Transfer/Second-degree/Re-entry Students.
- Students who exceed the minimum required residence can apply for the scholarship after graduation is postponed.
- Students studying abroad (excluding a privately-financed study abroad program) can apply for the scholarship. Your scholarship status remains the same while studying abroad.

〈Regarding leave of absence〉

- Scholarships will be cancelled if a recipient requests a leave of absence during the term.
- Students are not allowed to apply for any scholarship during a leave of absence. Please apply for scholarships once you return to the university for the latest information.

〈Statistics〉 Academic Year 2025

As of January 2026

	Full Tuition	Half of Tuition	1/3 of Tuition	Total
Number of Recipients	12	234	200	446

You can check the information on the scholarship from the following website:
<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/scholarship1/tuitionsupport/>



2. Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships

These scholarships are offered by the benefactors in and outside of Japan for all degree students who meet the requirements. There are two types of scholarships : one is the scholarship that students can apply for through the Center for Student Affairs followed by the deliberations with the Sophia University Scholarship Committee (Application-based) . The other is which recipients are decided by the recommendation from each faculty or graduate school followed by the deliberations with the Sophia University Scholarship Committee (Recommendation-based).

Receipt of multiple internal scholarships is allowed up to a maximum amount equivalent to tuition and fees for the academic year in principle.

〈Information below is based on 2025 and subject to change in 2026.〉

〈Application-Based〉 Details will be posted on My Sophia.

Scholarships	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Application Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Masafumi MORI	Undergraduate Graduate	The Students in good standing and facing financial difficulties	May	July	¥300,000	10 *
Asuka MATSUMOTO Department of German Studies	Department of German Studies	Students who study abroad in German-speaking countries and are experiencing financial difficulties	June	August	¥130,000- ¥350,000	2
Alumni Association of Faculty of Science and Technology	Faculty of Science and Technology Undergraduate /Postgraduate	Students participating in the short-term program offered by the Faculty of Science and Technology during summer or spring vacation	May November	June December	¥80,000	10
Sophia Alumni Entrepreneurs Club Scholarship ※Offered on a biennial basis (Open in 2027)	1st year student from the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students who have excellent research achievements and are highly expected to show brilliant performance in the future with their distinctive research skill and knowledge	April	July	¥150,000/month *For the required residence term (there will be a re-examination)	1
Department of Education	Department of Education	Students with good grades who are experiencing financial difficulties *Application must be submitted to the Department of Education.	April	June	¥135,600	5
Hisako TAKESHIMA British Studies	Undergraduate (3rd - 4th year) Graduate	Students with financial difficulties to continue their study, and those who are majoring in British studies, such as literature including Shakespeare, politics, economics, diplomacy and history	June	July	¥300,000- ¥1,000,000	1
Nahoko KAWANAKA	Undergraduate Graduate	Students with financial difficulties to continue their study, and those who are majoring in J.H.Newman or theology (Priority will be given to a female student).	October	November	¥300,000	1
Frank & Jane Scolinos	Undergraduate	Students who show high academic performance and are experiencing financial difficulties. Priority will be given to students who suffered from the Great East Japan Earthquake, especially those who come from Fukushima and so on or other great natural disasters.	June	July	¥457,000	2 *

Scholarships	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Application Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Teilhard de Chardin	Undergraduate (3rd *4th year) Graduate *the student who will graduate early	Students submit outstanding essays on topics that suit the ideals of Teilhard de Chardin, and scholarships	July - December	January	¥50,000- ¥300,000	5
Yushin	Department of Psychology (Undergraduate)	Students with good grades who are experiencing financial difficulties, live away from home and graduated from high school in areas other than the Kanto area	October	December	¥200,000- ¥260,000	2
Department of Economics - Sophia Economyan Club (Keishu-kai)	Department of Economics	Students or groups who achieved high performance in study abroad, volunteer, seminar, student clubs activities *Application must be submitted to the Department of Economics.	November	January	¥20,000- ¥100,000	6
Student Dormitory	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who show good performance in academic work, extracurricular activities, and other activities contributing to society	October	January	¥183,000	2
UD TRUCKS GLOBAL CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP	Undergraduate Graduate (Master's Program)	Students with an interest in global issues and strong motivation for future goals to work in global organizations (English proficiency is required)	November	January	Upper limit is one million yen (amount to be determined depending on activity plan)	3
Sophia Campus Support	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who have difficulty keeping on studying due to an abrupt change of family circumstance (Only students who are not eligible for our scholarship for students with a sudden change in household can apply)	May/ October	June/ November	¥100,000- ¥200,000	17
Traffic accident orphans	Undergraduate	A student whose main financial sponsor passed away in a traffic accident.	-	-	¥400,000	-

*Including International Students

〈Recommendation-Based〉 These scholarships are decided based on the recommendation from each faculty or graduate school. (Students cannot apply.)

Scholarships	Recommended by	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Harbin University Award	Chairperson of the Department of Russian Studies	Undergraduate students of the Department of Russian Studies or postgraduate students who aim to undertake Russian or Soviet research and have results to prove this	May	¥155,000	3
Oizumi	Deans of the Faculties of Literature and Human Sciences	Undergraduate students from the Faculties of Literature or Human Sciences with excellent grades who are experiencing financial difficulties	June	¥105,000	4
Japanese Literature	Chairpersons of the Dep. of Japanese Literature and the Graduate Program in Japanese Literature	Undergraduate students from the Department of Japanese Literature in the Faculty of Literature or postgraduate students majoring in Japanese Literature in the Graduate School of Literature who show high academic performance	May	Undergraduate: ¥80,000 Graduate: ¥100,800	11
Saint Louis	The Chairpersons of the Department of French Literature and the Graduate Program in French Literature	Undergraduate students from the Department of French Literature in the Faculty of Literature and the postgraduate program in French Literature who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties	June	¥10,000-¥40,000	13
Russell Brines	Chairperson of the Department of Journalism	3rd and 4th year undergraduate students from the Department of Journalism who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties	May	¥78,000	1
Yuga SUZUKI Department of Journalism	Chairperson of the Department of Journalism and the Postgraduate Program in Journalism	Undergraduate students of the Department of Journalism and the Graduate students of Journalism with excellent grades	May	¥100,000	3
CNA Insurance	Deans of the Faculties of Literature, Human Sciences, Law, Economics, Foreign Studies, Global Studies and Liberal Arts	3rd and 4th year Undergraduate students doing international research in the fields of culture, politics, law or economics who are Japanese citizens with excellent grades	June	¥44,000	7
Nishimura	Chairperson of the Department of Hispanic Studies	Undergraduate students from the Department of Hispanic Studies who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties	June	¥55,000-¥56,000	3
Takumi NUMATA	Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology	Students of the Faculty of Science and Technology majoring in Chemistry who are in good academic standing and have financial hardship to continue studying	May	¥39,000	1
Association for Promoting Science and Technology	Dean of Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students with excellent grades in the Master's Program in Science and Technology	May	¥250,000	8
German Literature and Language	Chairpersons of the Department of German Literature and German Studies	Undergraduate students of the Department of German Literature and the Department of German Studies who are experiencing financial difficulties	May	¥57,000	2
Faculty of Theology	Dean of the Faculty of Theology	Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Theology who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties, and are expected to contribute to society according to the principle of the Faculty of Theology	June	¥40,000	11

Scholarships	Recommended by	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Kumagai	Dean of the Graduate School of Theology	Postgraduate students in the Graduate School of Theology who demonstrate a high level of academic performance	May	¥100,000	3
Centennial Sophia/Seibo Nursing	Dean of the Faculty of Nursing	Students of the Department of Nursing who are in good academic standing and have financial hardship to continue studying	May	¥136,000	19
Sophia University Aiwakai Palliative Care Nursing	Chairperson of Master's Program in Nursing	New students enrolled in the Master's Program in Nursing, majoring in cancer/palliative care nursing, who show excellence in academic work	May	¥333,000	-
English Literature	Chairperson of the Department of English Literature	Students of the Department of English Literature who participate in exchange programs	May	¥50,000	11
Lemos	Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts	Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Liberal Arts who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties	June December	¥152,000- ¥153,000	6
Sophia Law Fund	Dean of the Faculty of Law	Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Law or postgraduate students of the Law School who have excellent grades and a definite future plan after graduation	May January	¥10,000- ¥42,000	22
Sophia Economyan Club (Keishu-kai)	Dean of Faculty of Economics	Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Economics who show excellence in academic work and other activities	December	¥100,000	7
Sophia University Parent's Association Scholarship	Scholarship Selection Committee	Undergraduate students receiving Sophia Tuition Support Scholarship who are in good academic standing and have financial hardship	October	¥100,000	40 *
Sophia Plate	Scholarship Selection Committee	Students who are in good academic standing and have financial hardship	October	¥100,000	16
Department of English Studies Sentetsu	Chairperson of the Department of English Studies	Undergraduate students who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties	January	¥122,700	8 *
Alumni Association of Faculty of Science and Technology	Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology	3rd-year undergraduate students who have been approved for the university's early graduation system with outstanding academic performance and who plan to enter the Doctoral Program in Graduate School of Science and Technology	February	¥500,000	1
Mamoru Ito	Dean of the Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students majoring in the field of Mechanical Engineering in Master's Program in Science and Technology, Graduate School of Science and Technology who demonstrate a high level of academic performance	February	¥201,500	2
Nuclear Physics International Exchange	Dean of the Graduate School of Science and Technology	International students or Japanese students in the Graduate School of Science of Technology who are studying in the field of nuclear physics and need financial assistance to make presentations in academic conference held outside of Japan	TBD	A part of travelling and conference fee	A few students
Francisco Suarez	Dean of the Graduate School of Law	New law school students with excellent grades from their previous university or an excellent score on the entrance examination and who are expected to become outstanding legal professionals who will make a contribution to meeting society's various needs both within Japan and internationally	At the time of entrance exam	Full, half or one-third of the tuition (first year only)	10

*Including International Students

3. Other Scholarships

⟨Information such as the application and selection period, amount and the number of recipients is based on 2025 and subject to change in 2026.⟩

⟨**Application-Based**⟩ Details will be posted on My Sophia.

Scholarships	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Application Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Interest Subsidy Scholarship	Undergraduate Graduate	Undergraduate or graduate students who are taking education loan from affiliated financial institutions (Orient Corporation, JACCS, Dai-ichi Kangyo Credit Corporation). For details, please refer to P.28 in the Japanese version booklet, or consult the Center for Student Affairs.	January	February	The interest for the loan at the time of application (there is a limit)	A few students
Scholarship for Graduate School Dual Degree Program	Graduate	Students of the Master's Program in Global Studies who participate in its dual degree program with high academic performance	May	June	Full tuition and Education Enhancement Fee of Sophia University during study abroad	A few students

⟨**Recommendation-Based**⟩ These scholarships are decided based on the recommendation from each faculty or graduate school. (Students cannot apply.)

Scholarships	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Graduate School Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in Doctoral Program	Dean of the Graduate School	Currently enrolled regular students who are within the required residence term and students that are judged by the Graduate School as students have concrete research plans, dedicate efforts on research, and will attain satisfactory achievements for obtaining a degree	April	Other than Graduate School of Science and Technology: 300,000 yen, Graduate School of Science and Technology: 400,000 yen *For the required residence term (there will be a re-examination)	169
Law School Legal Profession Course	Dean of the Graduate School of Law	Students who are enrolled in the Legal Profession Course of the Faculty of Law and approved by the Dean to enter the Law school Legal Profession Course with their excellent performance. In addition, students who aim to pass the bar exam while still in school	Notified when the results of entrance examinations are announced.	Full tuition *For the required residence term (there will be a re-examination)	12
Law School Student	Dean of the Graduate School of Law	Current Law school students with excellent performance including grades and who are expected to become outstanding legal professionals who will make a contribution to meeting society's various needs both within Japan and internationally	FY March	Full, half of the tuition	12

4. Financial Support for a Sudden Change in Family's Financial Circumstances

We offer financial support for students facing a sudden change in a family's financial circumstances caused by job loss, bankruptcy, business bankruptcy, illness, death, separation of household supporter (father/mother) or natural disasters such as fire, storm and flood damages. Please contact the Center for Student Affairs when such an event occurs.

For more information, please refer to the following website:

<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/scholarship1/kakei/> (Japanese version only)

5. Financial Support for Victims of Major Disasters

We offer special financial support for students who have been affected by natural disasters.

For more information, please refer to the following website:

<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/scholarship1/hisai/> (Japanese version only)

6. Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarships

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) is an independent organization that provides general support for Japanese national students and some foreign nationals with a specific visa status. The organization provides scholarship loans for students with excellent grades who are experiencing financial difficulties that make it difficult for them to continue their studies, in order to contribute to the growth of individuals who have the potential to make a valuable contribution to the government or society, and to help provide equal opportunities for education.

This scholarship loan is given by JASSO, and comes in two forms, Type I (interest-free) and Type II (with interest.) Those selected will receive monthly stipend until they graduate or leave the university. They must repay it after graduation by a pre-determined method.

(1) General Information on JASSO Scholarships

《Undergraduate Students / Students in Course of Midwifery》

	Type I		Type II
Interest	Interest-free		With the maximum annual interest rate of 3% * Choose either variable or fixed interest rate system. * The latest rate of interest -Variable Interest Rate: 2.312% -Fixed Interest Rate: 1.600%
Amount given per month	Living at parents' home: Choice from ¥20,000 to ¥54,000 Living away from parents' home: Choice from ¥20,000 to ¥64,000		Choice from ¥20,000 to ¥120,000
Academic Criteria	Year 1	High school grades 3.5 or higher *Students in Course of Midwifery: undergraduate grades within the top one-third	Above class average
	Year 2-4	Grades up to previous year within the top one-third	
Application Period	Regular Application: April (See My Sophia for the details.) Emergency Loans: Students who have experienced a sudden change in financial situation, such as the death or unemployment of the household income earner, or a natural disaster which makes it difficult for students to continue their studies, may apply for a loan. In this case, consult the Center for Student Affairs immediately.		

※ The above information is as of December 2025. The schedule and the criteria may be subject to change.

《Graduate Students》

	Type I		Type II
Interest	Interest-free		With the maximum annual interest rate of 3% * Choose either variable or fixed interest rate system. * The latest rate of interest -Variable Interest Rate: 2.312% -Fixed Interest Rate: 1.600%
Amount given per month	Master's Program	Choice of ¥50,000 or ¥88,000	"Choice of ¥50,000; ¥80,000; ¥100,000; ¥130,000 or ¥150,000"
	Ph.D. Program	Choice of ¥80,000 or ¥122,000	
	Law School	Choice of ¥50,000 or ¥88,000	"Choice of ¥50,000; ¥80,000; ¥100,000; ¥130,000; ¥150,000; ¥190,000 or ¥220,000"

	Type I	Type II
Application Period	Regular Application: April, May or October (See My Sophia for details.) Pre-Entrance Application: October of the year before entering the university Emergency Loans: Students who have experienced a sudden change in financial situation, such as the death or unemployment of the household income earner, or a natural disaster which makes it difficult for students to continue their studies, may apply for a loan. In this case, consult the Center for Student Affairs immediately.	

* The above information is as of December 2025. The schedule and the criteria may be subject to change.

(2) Procedure after Selection

Students selected as recipients of the JASSO Loan Scholarship Program, excluding recipients of emergency loans, will receive scholarship loan payments from the time they are selected until graduation. The following procedures are necessary.

Time	Procedure	Details
Selection	Post- selection procedure	1. Guidance for scholarship recipients and receive a certification. 2. It is obligatory to submit the Loan Repayment Consent Form right after the selection. : Must submit signature and seal of co-signers and guarantor, as well as income certificate. * Income certificate must be a different one from the one you submitted at the time of application.
Every year Autumn Semester	Eligibility check	Submit (online) application for renewal of scholarship loan. If no application is submitted, scholarship loan payments will be terminated.
End of every academic year	Grades reported	The university will report the student's grades to JASSO. If the student's grades are inadequate, payments will be terminated.
Last year of payments (Autumn Semester)	Repayment briefing session	1. Guidance on how to return loan funds. 2. Register Relay bank account.

Notes: 1. These procedures may change. They will be announced on My Sophia, so be sure to check it regularly.

2. Special procedures are necessary for studying abroad, taking leave or changing the amount of monthly payment.

(3) Repayment

JASSO scholarships are loans and must be repaid after graduating or leaving the university. There is a repayment briefing session held in the Autumn Semester of the student's final scholarship year. The repayment process begins after graduation or after the student leaves the university.

JASSO website provides you with examples of repayment. On the JASSO simulation page, you also can learn how to calculate interest rates for each type of scholarship loans or how to make plans for loan repayment.

- JASSO website: https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/henkan/houhou/henkan_hoshiki/kappu/sample/index.html

(In Japanese only)

- Simulation for borrowing and repaying scholarship loan: <https://simulation.sas.jasso.go.jp/simulation/> (In Japanese only)

(4) Repayment Exemption for Graduate Students with Excellent Achievements

Graduate students who received a JASSO Type I (interest-free) scholarship and have excellent academic achievements may apply for the Repayment Exemption Award. Application details will be announced on My Sophia in December.

7. External Scholarships for Japanese Students (Offered by Public/Private Organizations)

Outside Sophia University, there are a number of external scholarships provided by local governments and private organizations, foundations and corporations. Students can apply for these scholarships through the Center for Student Affairs. Conditions such as application procedures, target students, selection criteria, number of recipients and amounts vary depending on the organization.

- For some scholarships, students need to be nominated by the university. However, it doesn't guarantee the acceptance of the scholarship, as the nominated students also need to pass the selection by the provider of the scholarship.
- Students selected for external scholarships are expected to consider themselves representatives of Sophia University and behave in a suitable manner for a scholarship recipient and work even harder at their studies.
- Students who are already nominated by the university for one of the external scholarships cannot be nominated for another.

〈Application Process〉

University-Recommended – The university takes applications and selects candidates to nominate to the organization.

University-Coordinated – Students submit applications to the organization through the university.

Direct Application – Students submit applications directly to the organization.

〈Eligibility〉

Eligibility and conditions differ according to the organization, so for details please check the information on My Sophia.

* The list of external scholarships provided by local government and private organizations is in the scholarship information booklet of Japanese version. Please refer to p.17 of the Japanese version for more details.

8. Scholarships for Study Abroad

The University requires the Overseas Travel Alert issued by the Foreign Ministry of Japan (MOFA) to be lower than Level 1 for all students to join on-site study abroad including privately-funded study abroad. The conditions and acceptance of applications for the study abroad scholarships could change depending on the situation. Information will be announced on My Sophia or informed to the participants by the Center for Global Education and Discovery before the application period of each scholarship. (For inquiries: Center for Global Education and Discovery, IF Building No.2)

Awarded To	Organization/ Scholarship	Apply to	Amount (Period)	Other Conditions	Recipients of Other Scholarships	Number of Recipients
Exchange students from Sophia*	Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program	University	¥80,000 - ¥120,000 per month (subject to the region)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates are selected among exchange students and nominated to JASSO • Students who are in need of financial support • Japanese citizens or those who have permanent residency in Japan • submission of reports in Japanese needed 	applicable with some conditions	Depends on year
Exchange students from Sophia	Yoshiya-Eileen Scholarship	University	¥150,000	Awarded to students who have been accepted to a university in Ireland. (Selected among exchange students by Sophia University)	applicable	1
Exchange students from Sophia	Cologne Scholarship	University	900 Euros per month	Awarded to students studying as exchange students at the University of Cologne. The application and selection process take place after students have been selected to study at the university.	applicable with some conditions	1
Exchange students from Sophia	Osaka Scholarship	University	¥100,000	Awarded to students who have been accepted to a University in Germany.	applicable	3
Exchange students from Sophia	Scholarship for SAIMS/LAP program	University	¥50,000	Awarded to students studying in the frame of SAIMS/LAP program	applicable	1 student per institution
Exchange students from Sophia	Global Leader Scholarship	University	¥100,000 - ¥150,000 (subject to the program)	Awarded to exchange students or students participating in short-term study abroad program designated by the university. (depends on year)	applicable	A few students
Internship program* (overseas placement)	Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program (Short-term Study Abroad)	University	¥60,000 - ¥100,000 per month (subject to the region)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students participating in internship programs adopted by JASSO • Students who are in need of financial support • Japanese citizens or those who have permanent residency in Japan • submission of reports in Japanese needed 	applicable with some conditions	Internship: 3 (in 2025)
Participants of short-term language programs designated short-term study abroad programs and social engagement programs	Sophia-Bringing the world together Study Abroad Scholarships	University	Varies subject to program (In 2025, ¥50,000-¥180,000)	Awarded to students for designated program	applicable with some conditions	Short-term study abroad & social engagement programs: 73 Internship programs: 5 (in 2025)
5-year Concurrent BA-MA Programme with overseas graduate schools	Sophia Campus Support (SCS) Study Abroad Scholarship	University	¥500,000 per student	Provided to the students who pass the internal screening and apply	applicable with some conditions	A few students
Participants of short-term study abroad programs and social engagement programs	Sophia Campus Support (SCS) Study Abroad Scholarship	University	subject to the program (In 2025, ¥100,000)	On the basis of students' aim of gaining the scholarship and attending the program, and their future goals in their study and research	applicable with some conditions	60 (in 2025)
General study abroad students	Scholarship for General Study Abroad	University	¥150,000 for 1 quarter If tuition is less than the above, the student will receive the actual cost	Not available: 1) For the second year of study abroad and after 2) If tuition of the receiving university is free Application Deadline Spring semester: March 31 Fall semester: September 30	applicable	A few students

Awarded To	Organization/ Scholarship	Apply to	Amount (Period)	Other Conditions	Recipients of Other Scholarships	Number of Recipients
Graduating students and Sophia Alumni who wish to study abroad to earn a graduate degree*	Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program (Graduate Scholarship for Degree-Seeking Students)	University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly scholarship: ¥154,000 ~ ¥356,000 (subject to the region) Duration: 2 years for Master's program 3 years for PhD program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPA converted into JASSO's standards of 3.0 or higher Language proficiency of TOEFL iBT95 / IELTS6.5 or higher Depending on the receiving university, students must meet other conditions Japanese citizen or those who have a permanent residency in Japan Age limit 	applicable with some conditions	6 from Sophia (in 2025)
Exchange students from Sophia Participants of designated short-term study abroad programs and social engagement programs	SUAA* Studying Abroad Scholarships ※SUAA: Sophia University Alumni Association	University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange: ¥80,000-¥120,000 per month (subject to the region) Short-term: ¥250,000-¥400,000 (subject to the program) 	Awarded to exchange students and students participating in short-term study abroad or social engagement program who have met conditions for applying.	applicable with some conditions	Exchange: 5 (in 2025) Short-term study abroad & social engagement programs: 7 (in 2025)

Scholarships sponsored by foreign governments are also available. For details and announcements, please refer to Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) : <https://ryugaku.jasso.go.jp/scholarship/>

<Scholarships for International Students>

Please note that scholarships with “*” are only for international students who have the 永住許可 (permanent residency) or 特別永住許可 (special permanent residency).

9. Student Awards Program

Sophia University Academic Excellence Awards

〈Awarded to〉 2nd to 4th year students showing extremely high academic performance

〈Amount〉 ¥100,000 (¥30,000 is donated by Sophia Campus Support Co., Ltd.)

〈Selection〉 Decided by recommendations from each faculty
168 recipients overall (in 2025)

〈Selection period〉 July (A granting ceremony will be held.)

IV

Scholarships for International Students (Student Visa Holders)

1. Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (Overview)
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“International Students” refer to non-Japanese degree students with a “Student” (ryugaku) status of residence. Students are required to submit the copy of their valid residence card of “Student” status to Sophia University. Students who have not completed this procedure are not eligible for Sophia scholarships and external scholarships.

1. Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (Overview)

All scholarship information will be posted on “My Sophia” (Scholarship [International student with Student visa]).

Types of Scholarships

The scholarships that privately financed international students can apply for are listed below (as of February 2026).

[Sophia]

- 1) Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship
- 2) Sophia University Benefactors’ Scholarships
- 3) Other Sophia University Scholarships

[External]

- 1) Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students
- 2) External Scholarships (Offered by Private Organizations)

2. Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship (for Privately Financed International Students)

This is a scholarship (repayment is not required) covering the full or partial Tuition Fee for students who are experiencing financial hardship that makes it difficult to continue their studies despite their tremendous motivation.

〈Eligible Students〉

Privately financed international degree students (undergraduate / graduate) who have “Student” status of residence (*1) of valid period.

※ Please note that following students are not eligible:

- When a student has fulfilled the required residence requirements and is paying the reduced Tuition Fee for having 12 credits or less remaining.
- When a student has fulfilled the required residence requirements and is paying the reduced Tuition Fee for doing thesis work only.
- Students who are not proven to be experiencing financial hardship.
- Students with inadequate grades.

Students can not receive other tuition support scholarship.

(*1) If students are unable to acquire “Student” status of residence in time to apply for the scholarship, please consult the Center for Student Affairs in advance.

〈Amount〉

One of the following: The amount equivalent to the full, one-half or one-third of the Tuition Fee

Application Period	Eligible Students	Scholarship Period	Posting Period
Spring Application	Current students	Spring / Autumn 2026	April 2026
	Extended students	Spring 2026	
Autumn Application	Autumn new students Extended students	Autumn 2026	October 2026
	Current students	Spring / Autumn 2027	December 2026

Notes: * The posting period is subject to change. For details, please check “My Sophia” Scholarship [International student with Student visa].

* The “Extended students” indicates those who have fulfilled their required residence requirements in their program and postpone their graduation to acquire required credits.

3. Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships

These scholarships are offered by the benefactors in and outside of Japan for all degree students who meet the requirements. There are two types of scholarships : one is the scholarship that students can apply for through the Center for Student Affairs followed by the deliberations with the Sophia University Scholarship Committee (Application-based) . The other is which recipients are decided by the recommendation from each faculty or graduate school followed by the deliberations with the Sophia University Scholarship Committee (Recommendation-based).

Receipt of multiple Sophia University scholarships is allowed up to a maximum amount equivalent to Tuition and Fees for the academic year in principle.

〈Information below is based on 2025. Information such as posting period is subject to change, so please check the latest information posted on “My Sophia”.〉

〈Application-Based〉

Scholarship	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Posting Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Adachi	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from South-East Asia and Africa, who are expected to contribute to the global society, with excellent academic performance and are facing financial hardship to continue their studies.	Same as the Tuition Support Scholarship application period	Same as the Tuition Support Scholarship application period	The amount equivalent to Full Tuition Fee and Education Enhancement Fees	25
Kinshuku Encouragement Award	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who are expected to contribute to the global society with excellent academic performance and are facing financial hardship.	April	July	¥50,000	15
CHJeru Co., Ltd. Memorial	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from Africa and South-East Asia with excellent academic performance.	April	June	¥122,000	5
Sophia Alumni Entrepreneurs Club Scholarship ※ Offered on a biennial basis (Open in 2027)	1st year student from Doctoral program of the Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students who have excellent research achievements and are highly expected to show brilliant performance in the future with their distinctive research skill and knowledge.	April	July	¥150,000/month ※For the required residence term (there will be re-examination)	1 ※
International Students from Asia	Undergraduate Graduate (excluding 1st year students)	Students from East and South-East Asia who are expected to contribute to the global society with good academic performance.	May	July	¥121,000	5
Odaka	Undergraduate	Students with good academic performance and who are facing financial hardship to continue their studies.	May	July	¥308,000	3
Century	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from Asia who submitted the essay related to the theme.	May	July	¥172,000	3
Daiichikoshō	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from East and South-East Asia who are expected to contribute to the global society with excellent academic performance.	May	July	¥152,000	4
Daikin	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who submitted the outstanding essay on the topic.	May	July	¥300,000	1

Scholarship	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Posting Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Frank & Jane Scolinos	Undergraduate	Students with excellent academic performance and who are facing financial hardship.	May	July	¥457,000	2 ※
Masafumi Mori	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who are facing financial hardship to continue their studies.	May	July	¥300,000	10 ※
Alumni Association of Faculty of Science and Technology	Faculty of Science and Technology Undergraduate /Graduate	Students participating in the short-term program offered by Faculty of Science and Technology during summer or spring vacation.	May or November	June or December	¥80,000	10 ※
International Student Essay Contest for Dream Support	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who have a “dream” and will intend to realize a bridge between their home country and Japan after graduation and submit an essay.	May	November	¥200,000	1
Teilhard de Chardin	Undergraduate (3rd ※ .4th year) ※ the student who will graduate early Graduate	Students who submit outstanding essays on topics that suit the ideals of Teilhard de Chardin, and scholarships.	July - December	January	¥50,000 ~ ¥300,000	5 ※
Student Dormitory	Undergraduate Graduate	Students who show good performance in academic work, extracurricular activities, and other activities contributing to society.	October	January	¥183,000	2 ※
Sumitomo-Corporation	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from Vietnam who are expected to contribute to the global society with good academic performance.	October	November	¥153,000	1
Chinese Association	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from China who are expected to contribute to the global society with good academic performance.	October	December	¥230,000	2
NIKOH SANGYO Co., Ltd., Memorial	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from South Asia, South-East Asia and Africa with excellent academic performance.	October	November	¥215,000	2
Gustav VOSS S.J., Robert DEITERS S.J. and Setsuji KIMURA Memorial	Undergraduate Graduate	Students from Africa with excellent academic performance.	October	November	¥335,000	3
UD TRUCKS GLOBAL CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP	Undergraduate Graduate (Master’s program)	Students with interest in global issues and strong motivation for future goals to work in global organizations. (English proficiency is required)	November	January	Upper limit is ¥1,000,000 (amount to be determined depending on activity plan)	3 ※

※ Including Japanese students

〈Recommendation-Based〉

These scholarships are decided based on the recommendation from each faculty or graduate school. (Students cannot apply.)

Scholarship	Recommended by	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Yuga SUZUKI Department of Journalism	Chairperson of the Department of Journalism and the Postgraduate Program in Journalism	Undergraduate students of the Department of Journalism and the Graduate students of Journalism with excellent grades.	May	¥100,000	3 ※

Scholarship	Recommended by	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Association For Promoting Science and Technology	Dean of Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students with excellent grades in the Master's Program in Science and Technology.	May	¥250,000	8 ※
Lemos	Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts	Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Liberal Arts who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial difficulties.	June December	¥152,000 ~ ¥153,000	6 ※
Vaccari	Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts	2nd to 4th-year students of the Department of Liberal Arts in the Faculty of Liberal Arts who demonstrate an extremely high level of academic performance.	June November	¥151,000	2 in Spring Semester and 2 in Autumn Semester
Robert J. Ballon	Chairperson of the Graduate School of Global Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts	Students majoring in International Business Studies in the Graduate School of Global Studies or students undertaking research in the field of global business in the Faculty of Liberal Arts.	June November	-	3 in Spring Semester and 2 in Autumn Semester
Sophia University Parent's Association Scholarship	Scholarship Selection Committee	Undergraduate students receiving Sophia Tuition Support Scholarship who are in good academic standing and have financial hardship.	October	¥100,000	40 ※
Department of English Studies Sentetsu	Chairperson of the Department of English Studies	Degree students who have excellent grades and are experiencing financial hardship.	January	¥122,700	8 ※
Alumni Association of Faculty of Science and Technology	Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology	3rd-year undergraduate students who have been approved for the university's early graduation system with outstanding academic performance and who plan to enter the Doctoral program in Graduate School of Science and Technology.	February	¥500,000	1 ※
Mamoru Ito	Dean of Graduate School of Science and Technology	Students majoring in the field of Mechanical Engineering in Master's Program of Science and Technology, Graduate School of Science and Technology who demonstrate a high level of academic performance.	February	¥201,500	2 ※
Nuclear Physics International Exchange	Dean of Graduate School of Science and Technology	International students or Japanese students in the Graduate School of Science and Technology who are studying in the field of nuclear physics and need financial assistance to make presentations in academic conference held outside of Japan.	TBD	A part of traveling and conference fee	-

※ Including Japanese students

4. Other Sophia University Scholarships

〈Application-Based〉

Scholarship	Applicable Courses	Other Conditions	Application Period	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Scholarship for Graduate School Dual Degree Program	Graduate	Students of Master's Program in Global Studies who participate in its dual degree program with high academic performance.	May	June	Full Tuition and Education Enhancement Fee of Sophia University during study abroad	-

〈Recommendation-Based〉

Scholarship	Recommended by	Other Conditions	Selection Period	Amount	Number of Recipients
Graduate School Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in Doctoral Program	Dean of Graduate School	Currently enrolled regular students who are within required residence term and students that are judged by the Graduate School as students have concrete research plans, dedicate efforts on research, and will attain satisfactory achievements for obtaining a degree.	April	Other than Graduate School of Science and Technology: ¥300,000, Graduate School of Science and Technology: ¥400,000 ※ For the required residence term (there will be re-examination)	169 ※
Life Support Scholarship	Scholarship Committee	Students with excellent academic performance who are facing financial hardship.	December	¥300,000	Approx. 46

※ Including Japanese students

5. Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students

This is awarded to privately financed international students with excellent grades and character who need financial assistance to continue their studies as international students.

- 〈Eligible Students〉 Degree students (undergraduate and graduate) with “Student” status of residence.
- 〈Amount〉 ¥48,000 per month (as of 2025)
- 〈Procedure〉 Expected to be April - May and September - October.
※ **Procedures cannot be made before enrollment.**
- 〈Selection criteria〉 JASSO selects students recommended by the University after an evaluation of all aspects, including grades, financial situation, and character.

6. External Scholarships (Offered by Private Organizations)

- Applications for scholarships from private organizations such as foundations and corporations are handled by the Center for Student Affairs.
- Conditions such as eligibility, selection criteria, the numbers of recipients and amounts vary depending on the organization.
- Students selected for external scholarships are expected to consider themselves as representatives of Sophia University and behave in a suitable manner and work even harder on their studies.

〈Application Types〉

- ① University Recommended – University takes applications and selects candidates to nominate to the organization.
For AY2026, it has been changed from individual application to one-time application (excluding certain scholarships). Students who wish to apply for University Recommended external scholarships must apply to the one-time application posted on “My Sophia”.
Applicants to the one-time application will be registered as “University Recommended external scholarship prospective candidates”. When the university receives a scholarship announcement from the organization, the Center for Student Affairs will select the nominees from the candidates. There may be cases where nominees are not selected as a recipient after the organization’s selection.
- ② University Coordinated – Students submit applications to the organization through the university.
- ③ Direct Application – Students submit applications directly to the organization.

〈List of External (Private Organization) Scholarships - Based on 2025 Results〉

- This table shows the results of University Recommended scholarships in 2025. [Availability, requirements or application periods are subject to change for 2026 scholarships.](#) Students who have interest in specific University Recommended external scholarships must inform the Center for Student Affairs at the time of the one-time application.
- There are no lists for “University Coordinated” and “Direct Application” scholarships. The latest information for these scholarships will be posted on “My Sophia”.

External (Private Organization) Scholarships 《2025 scholarship results》 University Recommended

★ If you wish to apply for University Recommended external scholarships for AY2026, please apply to the one-time application posted on “My Sophia”.

Posted in	Organization	Eligible Students ※ as of April 2025	Nationality Region	Amount (Period)	Entered in Spring	Entered in Autumn	Japanese Language Requirement	Age Limit	Receiving multiple scholarships	Other Conditions	Applicants	Number of Recipients
2024 May	KDDI Foundation	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	Asia, Middle East, Pacific, Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean (country specified)	¥100,000/month (up to 1 year)	○	○	×	○	△	Students majoring in information and communications related fields	0	0
Jul	Takase Scholarship Foundation (Spring 2025)	UG 1st・2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥100,000/month (1 year)	○	×	×	×	△	Graduate students conducting research that contributes to international cooperation or students enrolled in degree programs taught in English	2	0
Aug	Teijin Scholarship Foundation	PhD 1st		¥100,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	×	×	○	Students majoring in Science and Technology	0	0
Aug	Heiwa Nakajima Foundation	UG 1st・2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		UG ¥120,000/month MA/PhD ¥150,000/ month (1 year)	○	○	○	×	×		11	0
Aug	Park Yong Koo Scholarship Foundation	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥70,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	△		-	-
Aug	Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation	UG 3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 2nd・3rd		UG ¥100,000/month MA/PhD ¥140,000/ month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	△		7	3
Sep	Sakaguchi International Scholarship Foundation	UG 3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥100,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	×	Students majoring in Science and Technology are not eligible	1	0
Sep	Watanuki International Scholarship Foundation	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	Asia-Pacific (country specified)	¥150,000/month (1 year)	○	○	△	×	×	Students whose family member is a diplomat, a resident employee or a Japanese citizen are not eligible	8	0
Oct	JEES・T. Banaji Indian Students Scholarship	UG 1st・2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	India	¥100,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	△	×	△		2	0
Oct	JEES・Aoki Kensetsu Scholarship	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥100,000/month (1 year)	○	○	○	×	△		5	1
Oct	Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥1,000,000/year ¥1,500,000/year ¥2,000,000/year (1 year) ※ amount determined by the Foundation	○	○	△	○	×	Students majoring in business administration, international relations or health related engineering	2	1
Oct	Kawashima Shoji Memorial Scholarship	UG 3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥120,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	△		0	0
Oct	SEIHO Scholarship	UG 3rd MA 1st	Asia (country specified)	¥100,000/month (2 years)	○	×	○	×	△	Students who have interest in life insurance and financial industry (Faculty not specified)	0	0
Oct	Hasegawa International Scholarship Foundation	UG 2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	Asia	UG ¥100,000/month MA ¥120,000/month PhD ¥150,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	○	Students who live in Tokyo	7	2
Nov	JEES・Toyota Tsusho Scholarship	UG 3rd MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥100,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	△	×	△		4	0
Nov	Kamenori Foundation	MA 1st PhD 1st	Asia (country specified)	¥200,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	×	○	×	×	Students whose research is in the field of social sciences	-	-
Nov	Kyoritsu International Foundation	UG 1st・2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	Asia (country specified)	¥60,000/month ¥100,000/month (1 year) ※ amount determined by the Foundation	○	○	○	×	△		2	1
Nov	The Seiwa International Foundation	UG 1st・2nd・3rd・4th MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd	Asia, Oceania	UG ¥80,000/month MA/PhD ¥100,000/ month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	×		5	1
Nov	Japan Association of Catholic Universities and Junior Colleges	MA 1st・2nd PhD 1st・2nd・3rd		¥100,000/month (1 year)	○	○	×	×	○	Students must be members of the Catholic Church	5	2

Posted in	Organization	Eligible Students ※ as of April 2025	Nationality Region	Amount (Period)	Entered in Spring	Entered in Autumn	Japanese Language Requirement	Age Limit	Receiving multiple scholarships	Other Conditions	Applicants	Number of Recipients
Nov	Mitsui Bussan Trade Promotion Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥100,000/month (1 year)	○	○	△	×	○	Students who are studying trade and international economics	3	1
Dec	Inner Trip Foundation	UG 3rd MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Asia and Latin America (country specified)	¥50,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	△		0	0
Dec	Yasuda Scholarship Foundation	UG 2nd		¥100,000/month (up to 3 years)	○	×	○	×	△	Students enrolled in Faculty of Law or Faculty of Economics	2	0
2025 Jan	SGH Foundation	UG 3rd MA 1st PhD 2nd	Southeast Asia (country specified)	UG/MA ¥120,000/ month PhD ¥180,000/month (2 years)	○	×	○	○	×		0	0
Jan	Tokio Marine Kagami Memorial Foundation	MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	ASEAN countries	¥180,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	△	○	△		1	0
Jan	Furuno Scholarship	UG 3rd MA 1st		UG ¥40,000/month MA ¥60,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	×	○	×	○	Students who aspire to be a journalist or a researcher in Journalism	0	0
Feb	The Asahi Glass Foundation	MA 1st PhD 1st	China, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam	¥150,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	△	×	△		0	0
Feb	Tsuzuki International Scholarship Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th		¥60,000/month (1 year)	○	○	○	○	△		3	0
Feb	Fuji Seal Foundation	UG 3rd		¥100,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	△	Students who major in a field related to packaging	5	0
Mar	JEES Japanese Language Proficiency Test Scholarship	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥50,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	△	Students who took JLPT N1 or N2 in 2024 in Japan and passed	5	1
Mar	Ando Memorial Scholarship	MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥30,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	○		-	-
Mar	AEON Scholarship	UG 1st·2nd·3rd MA 1st	Asia (country specified)	Amount equivalent to annual tuition and ¥100,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	△	○	×	Students who are willing to contribute to the retail trade, service, finance, real estate, agriculture, IT or environment industry	5	2
Mar	Idea Environment and Art Foundation	UG 2nd · 3rd · 4th MA 1st · 2nd PhD 1st · 2nd · 3rd		¥200,000/year	○	○	○	×	○	Students majoring in Environmental studies	3	0
Mar	F-Tech Scholarship Foundation	UG 2nd · 3rd · 4th MA 1st PhD 1st		¥30,000/month (1 year)	○	○	○	○	△		0	0
Mar	Kokudo Scholarship Foundation	UG 1st · 2nd · 3rd · 4th MA 1st · 2nd PhD 1st · 2nd · 3rd		¥100,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	×	×	○		-	-
Mar	Sojitz Foundation	UG 3rd · 4th MA 1st · 2nd PhD 1st · 2nd · 3rd		UG ¥70,000/month MA/PhD ¥100,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	○	△		12	0
Mar	The Korean Scholarship Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Korea (ROK/DPRK)	UG ¥25,000/month MA ¥40,000/month PhD ¥70,000/month (1 year)	○	○	○	○	○		4	1
Mar	Mizuho International Foundation	UG 1st · 2nd · 3rd MA 1st PhD 1st·2nd		¥120,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	×	○	△	Students majoring in Social Science or Humanities	14	2
Mar	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Foundation for International Cooperation	MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Asia (country specified)	¥150,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	×	×	×		-	-
Mar	Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation Scholarship Foundation	UG 2nd MA 1st PhD 1st		UG ¥85,000/month MA/PhD ¥115,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	△	○	○	Students in Faculty of Law · Economics · Foreign Studies · Global Studies · Liberal Arts · Science and Technology Graduate Students majoring in Law · Economics · Linguistics · Global Studies · Science and Technology · Global Environmental Studies	21	2
Mar	Moriya Foundation	MA 1st PhD 1st·2nd	Asia	¥100,000/month (2 years)	○	○	○	○	×	Students majoring in Geography, History, Education and Sociology related fields	3	2

Posted in	Organization	Eligible Students ※ as of April 2025	Nationality Region	Amount (Period)	Entered in Spring	Entered in Autumn	Japanese Language Requirement	Age Limit	Receiving multiple scholarships	Other Conditions	Applicants	Number of Recipients
Apr	JEES Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test Scholarship	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥50,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	○	×	△	Students who passed the Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test held in 2024 and are studying to be a Japanese language teacher	0	0
Apr	JEES International Student Scholarship	UG 2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥40,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	△	×	△		10	1
Apr	JEES International Student (Minority Countries) Scholarship	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Middle East, Africa, Asia, Oceania, Latin America, Europe (country specified)	¥50,000/month (up to 2 years)	○	○	△	×	△		0	0
Apr	Kaneko Foundation for International Cultural Communication	MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Asia	¥70,000/month (1 year)	○	○	○	×	△		6	1
Apr	Shunju Scholarship Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	East/Southeast Asia, India	¥30,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	○	○	○		5	1
May	Asian Students Scholarship Foundation	UG 3rd	Asia	¥50,000/month (2 years)	○	×	○	×	△	Students enrolled in the Faculty of Science and Technology are not eligible	2	1
May	Western Union Foundation Global Scholarship Program	UG 3rd·4th		Up to 10,000 USD/ year (lump sum payment) *amount determined by the Foundation	○	○	×	×	○		0	0
May	The Yoshiko Shinohara Memorial Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th		¥15,000/month (1 year)	○	×	○	×	○	Students enrolled in the Department of Social Services in the Faculty of Human Science	0	0
May	Nikki Saneyoshi Scholarship Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥300,000/year (lump sum payment)	○	○	○	○	○	Students enrolled in Faculty of Science and Technology or Graduate School of Science and Technology	3	1
Jun	Iuchi Foundation	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd	Myanmar	¥30,000/month (until the completion of the residence requirement)	○	○	△	○	△	Students with a full tuition-reduction are not eligible	0	0
Jul	Takase Scholarship Foundation (Autumn 2025)	UG 1st·2nd·3rd·4th MA 1st·2nd PhD 1st·2nd·3rd		¥100,000/month (1 year)	×	○	×	×	△	Graduate students conducting research that contributes to international cooperation or students enrolled in degree programs taught in English	1	1

7. Others

(1) Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho : MEXT) Scholarship

As for the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho : MEXT) Scholarship, please consult the Center for Global Education and Discovery (1st floor, Building No.2) or refer to the website (<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/eng/studyabroad/mext/>)

(2) Scholarships for Study Abroad

For details, please refer to p.18.

(3) Student Awards Program

For details, please refer to p.19.



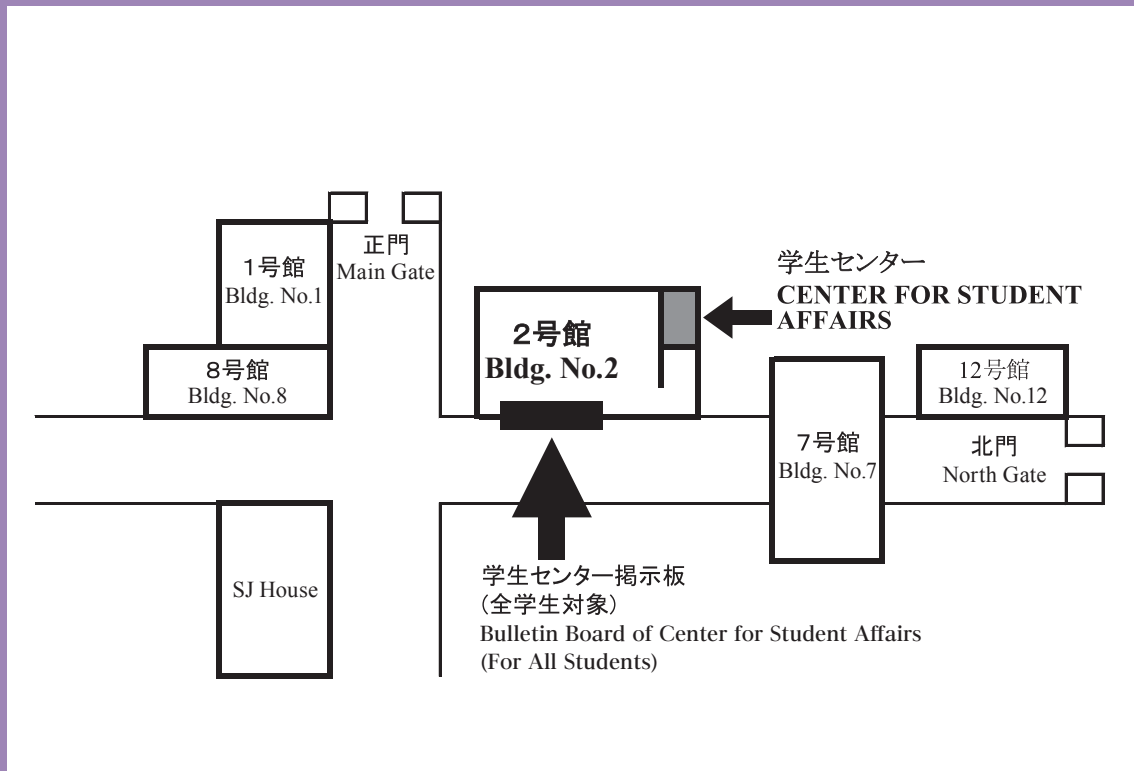
Scholarships that Students may apply for before entering Sophia University

Applications for the following scholarships are accepted at the same time as the admission application period and selected before entering Sophia. **Applications after enrollment will not be accepted.** As a rule, recipients of these scholarships, cannot apply for other tuition support scholarships.

Scholarship	Conditions	Amount	Selection
Sophia University New Student Scholarship	Students with excellent grades whose first choice university is our university experiencing financial difficulties that affect their studies.	Full, one-half or one-third of the Tuition Fee for the student's first year	Selections are made based on a general evaluation including grades and financial situation.
Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships (Sophia University Alumni Association)	Students whose first choice of university is Sophia and take an exam of “公募推薦入試” but who would find it difficult to study here due to financial hardship and have excellent grades at their school of origin, and who are from high schools in Japan other than the Metropolitan area (Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba) and who plan to live away from home.	¥500,000 ※Can be renewable for the required residence term (There will be a screening for renewal)	Selections are made based on a general evaluation including grades and financial situation.
Sophia University Graduate School New Student Scholarship	Students with excellent grades whose first choice university is our university experiencing financial difficulties that affect their studies.	Full, one-half or one-third of the Tuition Fee for the student's first year	Selections are made based on a general evaluation including grades and financial situation.
John Nissel Cup's Scholarships	Students who have passed the entrance exam of Sophia University, and ranked Champion to 6th place in the John Nissel Cup's at their previous school.	Champion: Full Tuition 2nd and 3rd Place: Half of the Tuition 4th, 5th, and 6th Place: One-third of the Tuition *Up to four years (There will be a re-examination.)	Selections are decided by the Director of the Center for Student Affairs by deliberations with the Sophia University Scholarship Committee.
Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarships (Sophia Seibo Nursing Centennial)	Students who applied as first choice to the Faculty of Human Sciences, Department of Nursing, ranked among the top students in the general entrance examination and applied for this scholarship.	¥250,000	Selections are made based on a general evaluation including grades and financial situation.
Sophia University Benefactors' Scholarship (Adachi)	Privately financed international students (undergraduate and graduate) from South-East Asia and Africa, who are expecting to contribute to international society, show high academic performance and are experiencing financial difficulties.	Full Tuition Fee and Education Enhancement Fee for the student's first year.	Selections are made based on a general evaluation including grades and financial situation.

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Long breaks : **Mon-Fri 12:30 - 15:30**

*Closed during university recess. *Hours change will be noticed on My Sophia.

"Sophia University Scholarship Information" is also available on the following websites:



日本語 : Japanese

https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/scholarship1/scholarship_0001/



英語 : English

https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/eng/scholarships1/scholarship_e0001/

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