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The Graduate School of Languages and Linguistics
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Faculty Position Announcement

The Graduate School of Languages and Linguistics, Sophia University, invites applications for a full-time faculty position as outlined below.

1. Position and Number of Openings

One full-time faculty position (Associate Professor or Professor)

2. Area of Specialization (Research Field)

Applied Linguistics. The position is intended for a researcher with strong expertise in quantitative data analysis, including statistical methods, and with broad knowledge of English language teaching and language education in general. However, applications will be evaluated flexibly and comprehensively based on the candidate's research profile.

3. Courses to be Taught (Tentative)

Introduction to TEFL in Japan (required), *Psycholinguistics*, and other courses offered in the TESOL program, as well as courses in the General Linguistics program (e.g., *Research Statistics, Language Testing*). The successful candidate will also be expected to teach courses offered in the Faculty of Foreign Studies (e.g., *Introduction to Applied Linguistics, Methods of Teaching English*, seminars), university-wide courses, and to supervise undergraduate theses, Master's theses, and Doctoral dissertations in the relevant field.

Scope of Change: The duties determined by the Sophia School Corporation

4. Work Location

Yotsuya Campus (Sophia University)

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5. Qualifications

Applicants must:

- a. Hold a doctoral degree in a relevant field.
- b. Be able to teach graduate-level courses in English.
- c. Have teaching experience at a university (in Japan or abroad).
- d. Have experience supervising Master's and/or Doctoral theses.
- e. Possess sufficient proficiency in Japanese to handle internal meetings and administrative procedures.

- f. Be willing and able to undertake duties required by the university, including education, research, faculty/graduate school administration, and admissions-related responsibilities.
- g. Demonstrate a willingness to participate actively in the planning and management of collaborative programs with other graduate schools.
- h. Understand and support the founding principles of the university, which are based on the Catholic tradition, and be willing to contribute to their realization.
- i. Have a record of obtaining external research funding, participation in academic conferences (domestic and international), publications in peer-reviewed international journals, and experience in a range of social and professional activities.

Note: Nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation will not be considered in the selection process.

6. Expected Starting Date

April 1, 2027

7. Terms of Employment

- **Salary:** In accordance with university regulations
- **Holidays:** Based on the university academic calendar
- **Benefits:** Social insurance, private school mutual aid system, employees' pension, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance
- **Other:** Private office provided
- **Note:** The successful candidate is expected to hold a joint appointment with an undergraduate faculty in the future.

8. Application Documents

- (1) Curriculum Vitae (using the designated format downloadable from the Sophia University WebPiloti)

Please include information on external funding (e.g., KAKENHI), if applicable.

- (2) Copies of three major publications (research articles and/or books)

If it is difficult to submit a full book in PDF format, selected chapters (including the introduction) are acceptable. If your work has been reviewed in academic journals, please include copies of such reviews.

- (3) Statement of teaching philosophy and aspirations regarding English language teaching (as a foreign language) and the applicant's area of specialization (approximately 1,500 words)

- (4) Two letters of recommendation

Application materials will not be returned.

9. Submission Method

- Documents (1), (2), and (3) should be submitted as PDF attachments via email to the address below. The subject line of the email should read: “**Application for the Graduate School of Languages and Linguistics (2027) Sophia University**”
Office of the Graduate School of Languages and Linguistics, Sophia University
Email: linguistics-co@sophia.ac.jp
- Letters of recommendation (4) must be sent directly by the referees as PDF files to the address above. The subject line of the email should read: “**Recommendation Letter for [Applicant’s Name] – Graduate School of Languages and Linguistics (2027) Sophia University**”
- Please note that applications that do not adhere to the specified format will not be considered for document screening.
- Applications submitted by postal mail or in person (by the applicant or a third party) will not be accepted.

10. Application Deadline

June 13, 2026 (Saturday), 23:59 (Japan Standard Time)

Please ensure that your recommender is aware that the deadline for letters of recommendation is the same.

11. Selection Process

- Applications will be reviewed based on the submitted documents.
- Applicants will be notified of the results of the document screening by early July 2026.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview to be held on July 25, 2026 (Saturday) at the Yotsuya Campus of Sophia University.
- Interviews will be conducted **in person only**; online interviews will not be available.

12. Inquiries

For inquiries, please contact:

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