

**Sophia University, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Tokyo, Japan**  
**Position in Film Studies/Visual Culture**

The Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University, invites applications for a position in film studies/visual culture at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor. Associate Professor rank is a tenured appointment whereas the Assistant Professor rank is a five-year tenure-track appointment. We are seeking candidates who are qualified to offer courses on film and/or related visual media as part of a liberal arts education and whose teaching can address the needs of our diverse international and multicultural student body. The regional and genre focus of the position is open. The candidate must have a Ph.D. in film studies or a related field at the time of application. Teaching experience is required.

The successful applicant will teach courses contributing to the curriculum of the Art History and Visual Culture (AHVC) field in the undergraduate Comparative Culture Area, as well as in the Graduate Program in Global Studies. AHVC courses approach art history and visual culture as part of a broader liberal arts curriculum. The ideal candidate should be able to teach a foundational course in film studies, history of cinema, and/or visual culture and media studies, in addition to courses that reflect the candidate's research focus. The successful candidate should also be prepared to teach a required writing-intensive undergraduate course in critical thinking. For the Graduate Program in Global Studies, the candidate should be prepared to teach a course in film or related visual media with an emphasis on its relevance to the Japanese context, broadly conceived. The language of instruction is English. Knowledge of Japanese is helpful but not essential. The normal teaching load is four courses the first year, and five courses the next year, on a two-year rotation. Classes meet twice a week for one hundred minutes each. Salary and benefits are based on Sophia School Corporation's rules and regulations. The appointment will be effective from April 1, 2024, and no later than September 21, 2024.

Sophia University, located in central Tokyo, was founded in 1913 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and is one of Japan's leading private universities. The Faculty of Liberal Arts offers a comprehensive program in humanities, international business and economics, and social studies. In addition to our degree students, we annually welcome exchange students from leading universities overseas. We also staff the Graduate Program in Global Studies, which offers M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Global Studies and Japanese Studies, and an M.A. degree in International Business and Development Studies.

The chosen candidate is expected to fulfill educational, research, and administrative duties in the operation of the department, the faculty, and the university. Our faculty is committed to promoting gender balance, and we have a strong preference to hire a female candidate (Positive Action).

Applications should include a cover letter (outlining academic background and research interests, teaching experience, and an explanation of your interest in being at Sophia University and living in Japan); a detailed curriculum vitae; one publication; the names and addresses of three referees; and a syllabus for a foundational course in film studies or visual media studies.

**Applications should be submitted online by January 10, 2023 (Japan Standard Time).**

To start the process, please create an applicant account by accessing the link here

[<https://forms.office.com/r/rNMK2s6kG4>].

For inquiries: email Prof. Angela Yiu, Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts (a-yiu@sophia.ac.jp)

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Graduate Program in Global Studies:

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