

## SOPHIA LECTURING - RESEARCH GRANT

Sophia University has established the Science and Technology Exchange Committee (STEC), the objective of which is to promote science and technology interchange with academic institutions in Asia.

Since the inception of STEC, a number of faculty exchanges have been realized.

One of the programs geared toward promoting such academic exchanges includes the “**SOPHIA LECTURING - RESEARCH GRANT**,” which is offered to outstanding applicants every year.



Miki Sugimura  
President  
Sophia University

### Application Period:

For Academic Year 2027(April 1, 2027 - March 31, 2028)

<b>May 31, 2026</b>	Deadline for submission of application
<b>September 2026</b>	Notification of results

### Requirements:

1. The applicant must hold the rank of full-time Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer or Researcher at a four-year university.
2. The applicant must specialize in one of the following fields: engineering, mathematics, or natural sciences.
3. The applicant must present a detailed plan of research at Sophia University.  
(Please refer to the booklet “**FACULTY MEMBERS AND FIELDS OF RESEARCH**.”)

### ※Remarks:

The same person may be invited no more than twice.

The second invitation must be made at least three years after the previous invitation.

### Terms and Conditions of Grant:

1. The grant is for a consecutive period of no longer than 90 days in the academic year (April 1 to March 31 of the following year).
2. Stipend (with tax) :  
5,000 yen per day for Visiting Professor , Visiting Associate Professor, Visiting Assistant Professor or Visiting Lecturer  
4,000 yen per day for Visiting Researcher
3. Free housing is provided at the University’s guest house.   \*Free housing is available only to the grantee.
4. Expenses for travel to and from Japan, as well as for travel within Japan, shall not be paid by Sophia University.

\*We have enclosed an application form. Please make a copy and use it for your application.

**Application Details:****1. Application Documents.:**

- A) STEC 2027 Application Form
- B) Detailed plan of research at Sophia University
- C) Curriculum vitae and list of principal publications
- D) Recommendation letter from your institution's department head
- E) Letter of acceptance from contact professor at Sophia University (a copy of email correspondence is valid)

\*We ask the applicants to contact our professors before applying

**2. Please send all of the above Application Documents to the address below by email.**

**email address: f-scitec@sophia.ac.jp**

\*Email submission deadline: May 31, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (JST\*)

\* Date and time are based on Japan Standard Time.

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