

Call for Applications for Postdoctoral Fellow of Faculty of Science and Technology, Sophia University

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Sophia University is inviting applications for the position of Postdoctoral Fellows for academic year 2027. Interested individuals are invited to apply for an application by following the procedures outlined below. Postdoctoral Fellows that are currently holding appointments and intending to apply for their continuation in 2027 will receive detailed instructions separately.

1. Job description

The postdoctoral fellow will carry out original research based on knowledge and experience accumulated while working as a research assistant. Under the supervision of his/her immediate supervisor, the postdoctoral fellow will engage in the following tasks. Working hours are 30 hours per week.

- (1) Assist in course work and laboratory classes of the faculty (undergraduate) and the Graduate School of Science and Technology
- (2) Assist in advising and educating students of the Faculty and the Graduate School of Science and Technology
- (3) Manage general affairs related to course work and educational activities of the Faculty and the Graduate School of Science and Technology
- (4) Supervise examinations of the Faculty of Science and Technology (including the entrance examination)
- (5) Assist in research activities of the Faculty and the Graduate School of Science and Technology and Sophia Research Organization
- (6) Manage general affairs related to research activities of the Faculty and the Graduate School of Science and Technology and Sophia Research Organization

2. Responsibilities

The postdoctoral fellow should abide by the spirit of the University's founding, exert every effort for the development of the University in cooperation with colleagues, strictly observe regulations, and fully devote him/herself to the assigned duties. At the end of each academic year, the postdoctoral fellow should report research achievements to the president through his/her immediate supervisor.

3. Contract Term

The term is up to two years with one academic year as a unit. The continuation of the position for the next year will be determined based on an annual screening

4. Starting date of employment

April 1, 2027

5. Compensation and research funding

Salary: 260,000 yen per month *Based on prior-year actual results

Working Hours: 30 hours per week

Seasonal bonus, Individual education / research funds, Subsidies for academic conference travel

6. Qualifications

Applicants must satisfy ONE of the following conditions:

- (1) Those who have completed the doctoral program (including those who expect to complete the program by April 2027).
- (2) Those who are enrolled in the doctoral course and have left without completing the doctoral course (including those who expect to leave by March 2027).

In addition, the applicant must satisfy all the following requirements:

- (1) Those who have no other principal occupation.
- (2) Those who have not the status of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellow at the date of acceptance.
- (3) Those who are expected to become excellent researchers in the field of relevant research in the future.

The applicant is required to select a supervisor according to his/her research subject and obtain the supervisor's approval before applying for the position.

Note that a postdoctoral fellow is required to apply for external funding, such as a Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research. Please make sure that when applying for the position of postdoctoral fellow, the current state of research funding (e.g., plan to apply, or already applied) is described under research achievements in the application form.

7. Application Documents

- ① Application Form for PD 2027 ※ Specified Form
- ② Resume ※ Specified Form
- ③ Application and adoption status of research grants/fellowships ※ Specified Form

Forms may be obtained from your supervisor or requested by emailing f-scitec@sophia.ac.jp.

8. Application deadline

September 18, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (JST)

9. Place to Submit

Send electronic data to f-scitec@sophia.ac.jp

Title of the email must be "APPLICATION (PD for 2027)"

*Accepted **only by e-mail**

9. Screening method

The selection of candidates will be conducted through a document review by the screening committee within the Faculty of Science and Technology. After deliberations by the relevant committees, the final decision on the appointment will be made around early February 2027.

10. Others (Working "off" Sophia University)

If you wish to hold a concurrent position (TA/part-time lecturer at the University, part-time lecturer at another university, etc.) due to special circumstances, you must comply with the guidelines for concurrent positions set by the Institute and obtain the Institute's permission in advance. Classes due to teaching at another university are expected within four hours (two classes) per week in each semester.

Work away from his/her main duties at Sophia University (such as working abroad or staying at another domestic institution) while employed as a postdoctoral fellow may be permitted depending on the time and duration of his/her stay. In such cases, please consult with us in advance.