



上智大学
SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

Environmental adaptation support and infrastructure improvement for international students

留学生の受入支援・環境整備の事例について

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Significance of Internationalization at Home

For International Students

- ✓ Better environment for studying and living
- ✓ learning various culture besides study and research

For Home Students

- ✓ Experiences of exchange friendship and activities with foreign friends with different cultural backgrounds without going abroad
- ✓ Cultural awareness of home culture

For Institute and Programme

- ✓ Enriching academic environment
- ✓ Making qualitative programme considering various learners' cultural backgrounds

Sophia University: Identity and Mission

“Men and Women for Others, with Others”

◆ Sophia's heritage

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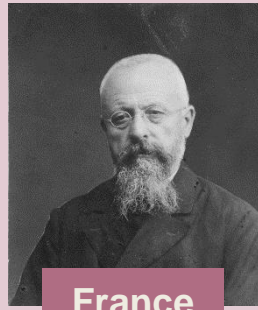
St. Francis Xavier's
visit to Japan



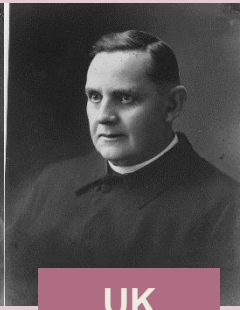
Spain

1908

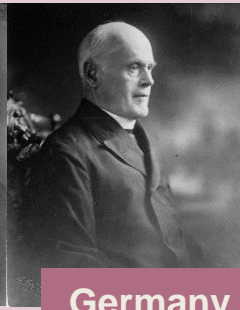
Three Jesuits came to get
ready for founding a university



France



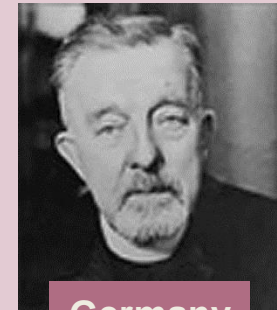
UK



Germany

1913

Sophia University
established



Germany

First President

2013

100th anniversary

2014

Selected “Top Global
University Project” by MEXT
received the highest grade “S”
at the 2017 midterm evaluation,
which was given to only 6
universities out of a total of 37.

■ Jesuit and Catholic identity

=Encouraging you to work with and for others.

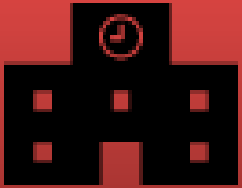
■ “SOPHIA”=“Wisdom” in Japanese

■ Japan's pioneer in global education

• First university that started an **English-medium degree program**

- Diversity on one campus in the fascinating city of Tokyo
- Wide variety of English-medium programs
- Renowned for offering high-quality language education in 22 languages

Overview of Sophia in numbers (As of May 2018)



9 Undergraduate
Faculties with 29
Departments



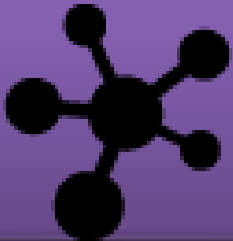
10 Graduate Schools
with 26 Programs,
Law school



Total Full-time Student
Enrollment: 13,932
• 12,568 Undergraduate
• 1,364 Graduate



Number of International Students
• 1,575(79 countries)
• 2,915 (total number of FY 2017)



Student and Academic
Exchange Agreements
with 328 institutions
(70 countries)



Sending 1,012 students
for study abroad in 36
countries



Faculty Staff : 1,499
• 543 Full Time
(85 international over 21 countries)
• Part Time 956



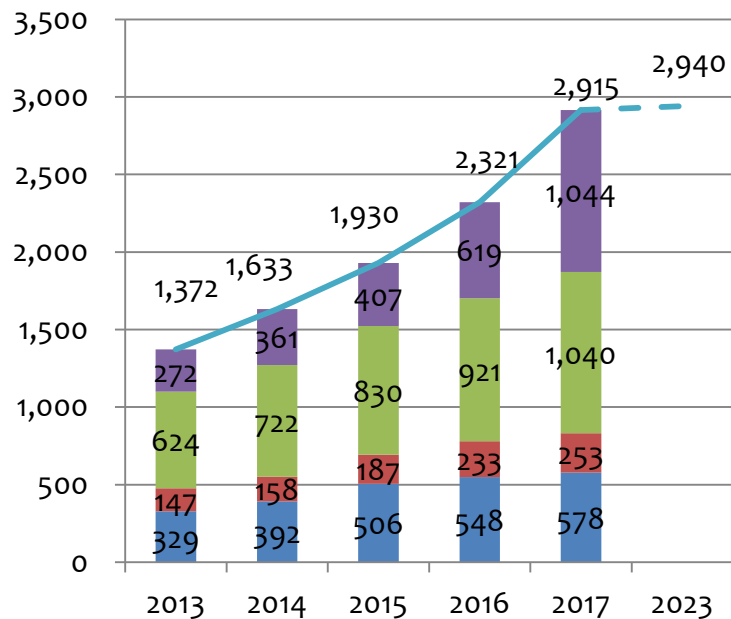
Administrative Staff: 247

Sophia from above

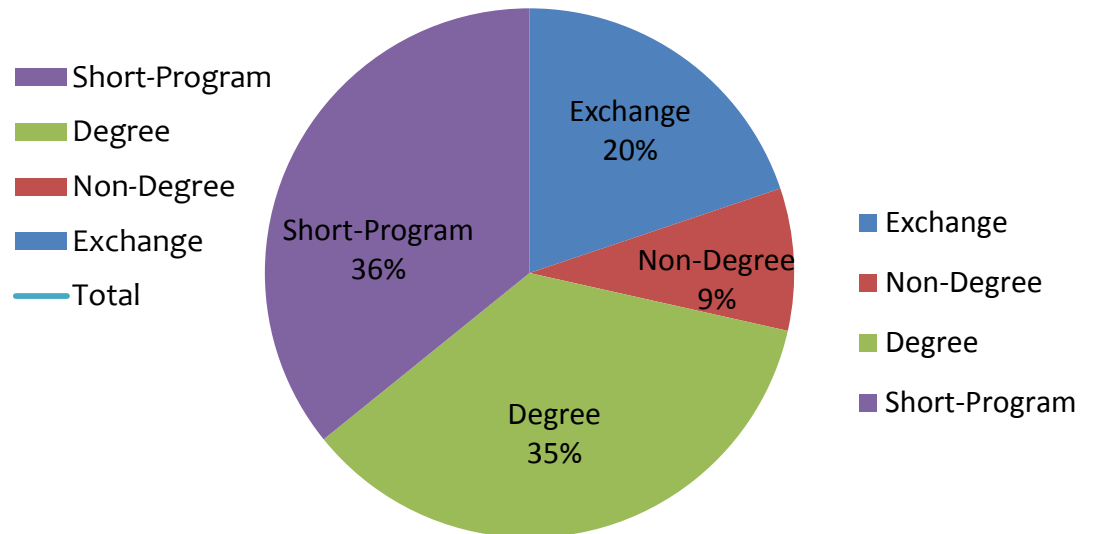


Number of International Students (Total of Fiscal year)

Transition of the number of international students (2013-2017)

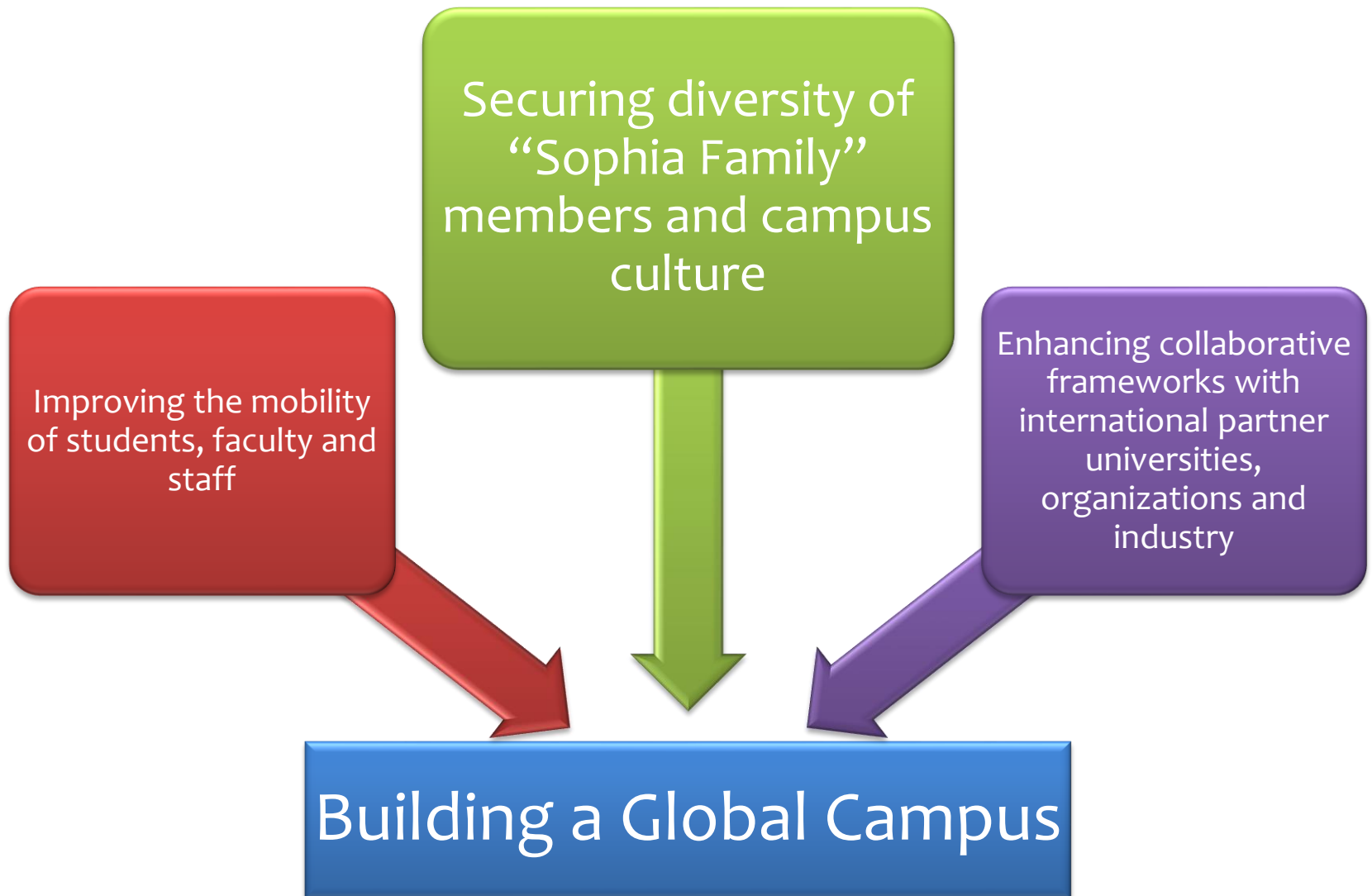


Percentage of each status (2017)



Importance of diversity and integration in our strategy

(Conceptual chart from our strategy of “Top Global University Project”)



Recent Initiatives for the support of international students:

Student Integration Programs

Supports through student dormitory



Student Integration Programs

Established in Dec 2017, SSIC has been implementing various exchange events so that International and Japanese students can meet, and share the opportunities to know different cultures and various values. SSIC plans to organize events focusing on different regions of the world and themed field trips. The events are also utilized as the opportunities of presentation by the club or circle activities.

SSIC

Sophia Student Integration Commons

◆遠足 ～Field Trip～ Shinagawa and Asakusa◆



Asakusa:
left : making sweet
cracker “kaminari-
okoshi”
bottom : Japanese dancing

Shinagawa :
27 Participants
over 10 countries



International Exchange Events:

◆SSIC Exhibition◆



“Russian Week”



“Indian/Filipino Week”



“Belorussian Week”



Top: Language lesson

Right :
Belorussian
Dance
workshop



Japanese
Calligraphy

New Year Pounding Rice
(Mochi-tsuki)



Talk Cafe



Spring Exhibition
of Calligraphy Club

【International Student Support Wristband】

The wristband was designed to be worn by students who actively want to support international students, in hope to enable international students to ask questions to their peers and to feel comfortable on campus.



Supports through student dormitory

Sophia Soshigaya International House(SSIH)

- One of the 4 dormitories and the main one run by Sophia
- Live 300 students in a multinational, multi-religious, multi-cultural environment (100 Japanese, 200 International over 41 countries as of October 2018)

◆Vision of the House◆



Help each other,
as a family with
unity and
responsibility



Live together
understanding
and accepting
all differences



Become leading
agents of creating
the culture,
atmosphere
and order of the
House

Supports through student dormitory

◆Workshop for international students who seek internship opportunities in Japan◆

Organize a seminar on internship in Japan at Soshigaya for international students collaborating with the Career Center and a consultancy company. In June 2018, more than 20 students participated.



FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN SOSHIGAYA

日本で働きたい留学生のための
インターンシップセミナー

Do you want to do internship in Japan?

留学生のキャリア支援を行うFuture Design Labが開催！

セミナー内容 contents

- インターンシップとは？
What is internship?
- インターンシップに参加した先輩のコメント
What did senpai get from internship?
- インターンシップとアルバイトの違いとは
The difference between internship and part time jobs.
- インターンシップを就活に活用しよう！
Make the most of internship for job hunting in Japan!

7:30 pm – 9 pm, June 19th (Tues)
@Soshigaya International House, Seminar Room (2F)
使用言語：英語 / 申し込み不要
Language : English / No reservation is necessary
Japanese students are also welcomed !

【contact : Center for Student Affairs 03-3238-4621】

**For Your
Job Hunting
in Japan !**

Supports through student dormitory

◆Excursion to neighboring cities◆

Organize excursion of international and Japanese students for various activities such as visiting local shrines, experimenting traditional arts, and participating exchange program with local high school students



Supports through student dormitory

◆Global Kitchen◆

Cooking exchange between international and Japanese students using the kitchen of the dormitory.



New student dormitory

“Sophia-Arrupe International Residence”

(Scheduled to open in April 2019)

- Assign Living Leaders engaged in exchange programs and activities for environmental issues
- Implement education programs to bring up persons of global competency (Program content is under consideration)



Sophia Bringing the World Together

叡智が世界をつなぐ



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