



## Japan-Latin America Student Mobility Program :

### Human Dignity and Harmonization in Migration and Coexistence

#### (Sophia-Nanzan Latin America Program)

Supported by the Japanese Government's "Re-Inventing Japan Project"

"Sophia-Nanzan LAP Program" is an exchange study-abroad opportunity for undergraduate/graduate students provided by a joint initiative of Sophia University, Nanzan University and Sophia University Junior College Division, with support by the Japanese government. Under the theme of "Migration and Co-existence", the program aims at educating and developing human resources with expertise in their field of study, ability to view problems from multilateral perspectives, and readiness to cooperate in finding solutions. Multi-layered educational and research activities provide opportunities not only for acquisition of knowledge of the language and culture of the host country, but also for internships, service learning, field trips, and educational practices for the society of people of Japanese descent.

#### **Program Outline**

Latin American students will be offered a multi-campus education in Japan. The basic model course includes (1) taking an intensive Japanese language course and internship programs at Nanzan \*(Nagoya) and (2) enrolling in Undergraduate or Graduate Program appropriate to their field of study to take course work at Sophia (Tokyo). Students will then participate in joint programs offered for both inbound and outbound students; "Seminar on Comparative Study of Japan and Latin-America" held in Spanish or Portuguese to be attended by both students of Latin-America and Japan; active learning course "Migration and Coexistence" in which issues will be presented by researchers of industry, government and academia from diverse perspectives; service learning programs and internships at companies and schools.

\*Intensive Japanese language course at Nanzan: The selection might be conducted in case of receiving applications that exceed the receiving capacity.

#### **Required Course and Activity(\*required to take one course at least)**

**All LAP program students are required to take at least one required course and one internship program**, in addition to academic courses in the host faculty/graduate school.

##### ■ **Seminar on Comparative Study of Japan and Latin-America (2 credits)**

The course is designated to encourage Latin-American and Japanese students to understand Japan and Latin-America through comparison between two countries/regions from different perspectives such as economics, culture, society, etc. The course is conducted in Spanish or Portuguese.

##### ■ **Migration and Coexistence (2 credits)**

The course is designed to expose students to major global issues and concerns in the global trends in migration, economy, environment and human coexistence. Active learning methods will be promoted and various didactic methods will be used to activate communication and learning. This is not meant to provide in-depth analysis but rather to give students an ability to view the issues from different angles.

##### ■ **Internship program at a Japanese company/organization (no credit)**

Internship opportunities will be provided at a Japanese company/organization in the Tokyo or Nagoya area, specially arranged for LAP program students.

#### **Elective Courses (specially opened for this program)**

- Intensive Japanese in Nanzan(no credit) \*including internship program
- Japanese Popular Culture (2 credits)

**Elective Courses (provided by each host faculty/graduate school)**

- Choose from the course list in host faculty/graduate school bulletin  
\*Please refer to “Exchange Programs at Sophia” brochure for details.

**Other activities**

- Field trip / Service learning \*optional

**Academic Calendar**

	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020
Application deadline	April 10 <sup>th</sup> 2019	October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019
Arrival date for students <b>with</b> Intensive Japanese course at Nanzan	late August 2019 (August 23 <sup>rd</sup> in 2018)	early March 2020 (March 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 2019)
Arrival date for students <b>without</b> Intensive Japanese course at Nanzan	late September 2019 (Sep.19 <sup>th</sup> + 20 <sup>th</sup> in 2018)	early April 2020 (April 1 <sup>st</sup> in 2019)
Final Exams at Sophia	late January 2020 (January 23 <sup>rd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> in 2019)	late July 2020 (July 27 <sup>th</sup> -August 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 2019) *Aug 3 is extra day
Transcript Issuance	late March 2020	mid September 2020

**Accommodation and Approximate Living Expenses in Tokyo**

<Housing Fees> \*Subject to change without prior notice

Type of Housing	1 semester (4 months)	1 year (10 months)
Sophia Soshigaya International House (*Bedding set rental fee is excluded)	Free of charge for LAP students	1 semester for free + 42,000yen/month for another semester

**<Other Expenses>**

Meals : 30,000-60,000 yen per month / Public Transportation : 5,000 -10,000 yen per month

Books : 30,000-50,000 yen per month / University Insurance(Mandatory) : 800 yen per year

Personal Expenses : 20,000 yen/month (depends on the student's lifestyle)

**Financial Support**

Tuition at Nanzan and Sophia is waived based on the exchange agreement between the home university and the host university. [LAP program covers \(1\) Accommodation fee for Sophia Soshigaya International House in Tokyo for 1 semester during the exchange period at Sophia University \(2\) Accommodation fee during the Intensive Japanese course at Nanzan University in Nagoya.](#) Apart from LAP program, one student per university has a chance to receive a “JASSO(Japan Student Services Organization) scholarship” (80,000JPY/month) as his/her living cost in Japan. However, JASSO scholarship is not guaranteed yet, since the student must be approved by JASSO.

**Application Process**

To apply for the Sophia-Nanzan LAP Program, please contact the office in charge of exchange programs (the International Office, in most case) at your home university. The exchange program coordinator at your university will have more details about the application procedure. Once the application documents are submitted, the home university selects the students to nominate for Sophia University, which in turn will review the applications of its selected students. The results will be notified through the coordinator at your university.

**Contact** Sophia University, Center for Global Education and Discovery

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