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To Tenured Faculty Members,

Office for the Promotion of Diversity

Sophia School Corporation

Child-care Grants for those Attending Academic Conferences

(Academic years 2017 & 2018)

From April, 2017, the Sophia School Corporation has started a new grant system to help scholars with small children attend academic conferences.

1. Purpose

Child care can complicate research activities. This grant aims to assist attendance at academic conferences by covering part of the child care costs, thereby promoting research careers.

2. Eligible Academic Conferences

The academic conference or research meeting, must be planned and managed by a tenured Sophia faculty member and must be held on a Sophia campus. The nursery facility must belong to the campus.

3. Children eligible for nursery care

In principle, healthy children from 57 days old up to third grade, of researchers, including those from outside Sophia University, attending an eligible academic conference are eligible.

4. Type of assistance

The total assistance to attend conferences may not exceed 50,000 yen in one year.

5. Applicants

Tenured faculty members of Sophia University in charge of the academic meeting and those who are directly involved in planning and managing the meeting.

Since this system aims to assist as many academic societies as possible, each academic society will be limited to one grant for each academic year.

6. Application period

Application deadlines will be in late April and in late October. (See 9.)

7. Application method

To apply for the grant, please contact the Office for the Promotion of Diversity.

8. Selection criteria

① Order of selection priority will be (1) to (3).

(1) International academic conference

(2) National academic conference

(3) Sophia University research meeting

　　② The grant will go to 1 academic society in each field favoring female researchers.

　　③ If too many applications equally meet criteria ① and ②, lots will be drawn under the supervision of the Chair of the Committee for the Promotion of Diversity, the Director of the Office for the Promotion of Diversity and multiple members of the Committee for the Promotion of Diversity.

9. Application schedule for 2017 academic year

① Spring semester for meetings in 2017 (application period is expired)

Application period: Thursday, April 20 ~ Thursday, April 27

Notification of results: Thursday, May 11

② Autumn semester for meetings in academic years 2017 and 2018

　 Application period: Friday, October 20 ~ Friday, October 27

Notification of results: Thursday, November 9

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