

# Saga University Strategic Partnership Project (Strategic PS Project)

## Background of Proposal

- During the 3rd Mid-term Target Plan period (FY 2008 - FY 2021), partnerships with overseas partner institutions, mainly in Asia, had been established, and efforts to strengthen the support system for researcher exchange had been made. (e.g., International Exchange Support Program for Researchers, etc.)
- In 2020, the “Vision 2030: The Future of Saga University” was formulated, setting forth the image of the university that Saga University aspires to become.
  - < Excerpts from relevant sections >
  - Vision Education**  
「To develop human resources capable of building a sustainable society through collaboration with diverse people, based on flexible intellect and the ability to take action in unknown areas」  
Action 1-4 Create a place where diverse students can inspire and learn from each other with a background of diversity  
...To create a place where people of diverse personalities and backgrounds can collaborate and learn from each other, it is necessary to accept students with diverse personalities and backgrounds...  
**Internationalization of education and students is an important component of diversity.** Above all, **internationalization of education and students is an important component of diversity** ...  
**In addition to sending Japanese students abroad, we are strategically developing the acceptance of international students.**
  - Vision Research**  
「... Promote the development of researchers, create knowledge assets, and strongly promote research and innovation that contribute to the development of local communities」  
Action 2-1 Enhancement of basic and applied research based on the free ideas of individual researchers and promotion of cross-disciplinary research  
...**Globalization of research activities through active exchange with overseas academic institutions is also necessary** to promote the creation of innovation...  
... In today's society, where globalization is progressing remarkably, **globalization of research activities is also necessary.** Further invigorate **research activities through various exchanges between Saga University researchers and overseas researchers, strengthen cooperation with overseas centers of academic exchange, and demonstrate our role as a center for academic exchange with overseas countries** ...  
Aiming to create innovation
- In FY2021 (January 2022), the Center for Promotion of International Exchange formulated \* the "**International Action Guidelines**" in light of major changes in internal and external circumstances, including various issues related to the internationalization of the university and the impact of the spread of the new coronavirus infection that began in FY2020, which greatly affected the university's international exchange efforts.
- In the 4th Mid-term Objectives Plan period (FY2022 - FY2027), **collaboration with diverse people and creation of innovation** are set as goals. **In international exchange, it is necessary to take a leading role in supporting the base of international exchange (regular expenses).**

\* In FY2022, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) announced the importance of promoting the globalization of universities in its "Direction of Global Policy Centered on Higher Education: Toward Recovery of Student Exchange that Dramatically Declined due to the Corona Disaster" (dated July 26, 2022).

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~To improve research and education capabilities, create innovations, and develop human resources capable of building a sustainable society through collaboration and cooperation with overseas universities~

reference  
materials

## Project Overview (Period 6 years FY2022~FY2027) Budget request for additional applications for Saga University Vision Project (planned)

### ● Project Objectives :

- 1) To activate research activities and learning by enhancing the two-way international mobility of university's faculty, staff and students as a **leading** collaborative and cooperative project, while building on existing research and educational exchanges.
- 2) Strengthen sustainable and synergistic relationships with overseas universities by building a new foundation for research and educational exchange that leverages **each other's strengths**.

In addition, aiming to establish a "strategic partnership system" and to obtain external funding through this project.

### ● Initiative Requirements :

- ✓ International joint research plan that takes advantage of each other's strengths through cooperation and collaboration with overseas universities
- ✓ Well-balanced two-way international exchange plan for staff and students
- ✓ Plan advanced international joint education programs, etc. with guaranteed quality in cooperation and collaboration with overseas universities
  - Plan to establish international joint degree program (DD and JD ※)
  - Plan to establish international joint education program (Sandwich Program)
  - Plan to implement a program to address problem solving beyond the boundaries of the humanities and sciences
  - Plan to implement international education programs to deepen mutual understanding through project-based learning (e.g., International Co-education Program), etc. ※ Double Degree or Joint Degree

- Project size: Approx. 10 strategic PS schools ※  
(5 research-oriented schools and 5 education-oriented schools)

※For the time being, initiatives will be initiated with overseas universities that are willing and able to establish equal relationships on a trial basis. In the future, intentions from each faculty and graduate school will be taken into account.

### Strategic PS School (image)

Inter-University  
Exchange Agreements  
75 institutions  
(20 countries/regions)

About 6 strategic  
PS schools

Normal Inter-University  
Exchange Agreements

### All projects (cases)

< Phase 1 PS Project Implementation Period >						< Phase 2 System Operation Period >					
<input type="checkbox"/> Trial implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Verify initiatives, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Selection of Strategic Regions and Strategic PS Universities <input type="checkbox"/> Sign "Strategic Partnership Agreement (Strategic PS Agreement)" with selected universities						<input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen relationship through strategic PS agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Deepening and developing international exchange					
R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12			
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030			
< 4th Mid-term Target Plan Period >											

### Example of outputs

- ☑ Selection of 6 strategic PS schools  
(5 research-oriented and 5 education-oriented)
- ☑ Increase in the number of staff and students sent and received
- ☑ Increase in the number of reviewed international coauthored papers by sponsored and host researchers

- ☑ Increase in international research meetings organized by university researchers
- ☑ Increase joint research and joint education through strategic PS university partnerships and collaborations

### Expected Outcomes

- ☑ Strengthening the diversity of research and education, etc., leading to university's strengths and globalization
- ☑ Improvement of international qualifications and abilities of staff and Japanese students

### Impact on the local and international community

- ☑ Strengthen research & education and increase international presence
- ☑ Research and innovation that contributes to development of local communities
- ☑ Develop human resources capable of building a sustainable society