

Saitama University Diversity Declaration

At Saitama University, all academic departments and graduate schools are located on a single campus, conducting wide-ranging education and academic research. With our vision of "SU, All-in-One Campus at Metropolitan Area Saitama – Diversity, Synergy and Integration", SU has been sending many talented graduates into the global world.

In 2010, we announced the "Saitama University Gender Equality Declaration" and have since then been reforming the institutional system, improving the environment, and raising awareness to ensure that all faculty, students and staff can play an active role regardless of gender. However, due to the further globalization of society and heightened awareness of human rights, we feel the need for further enhancing equality in a wide range of fields. Therefore, we have decided to address the issues of diversity and inclusion more extensively and proactively.

By proactively creating an environment that is sensitive to discrimination and harassment based on age, nationality, social origin, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, language, disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, SU will be able to work with confidence and pride in higher quality education and research, which will eventually enrich our contribution to society. Furthermore, as a university where diverse academic fields, as well as diverse faculty, staff and students, gather, we can promote the development of the individual ability and proficiency of our members.

Therefore, Saitama University hereby declares its new leading principles as "Diversity and Inclusion." Diversity is defined as the respect of the human rights of all people, and the term inclusion guarantees the opportunity for everyone to learn, work and perform actively and equally. These two principles will be the cornerstones of all university efforts.

Based on the above principles, Saitama University shall

- 1. Share the recognition that diverse academic fields and diverse faculty, staff and students constitute a common place for education, research and work. We will strive to raise awareness of the importance of diversity issues by educating all faculty, staff and students.
- 2. Take positive actions to allocate diverse human resources for education, research and work.
- 3. Collect opinions on institutional systems, practices and facilities for education, research and work, and review them with a view to respecting diversity.
- 4. Resist all forms of discrimination, in order to create an environment which values diversity for education, research and employment.