

Application Guidelines
for
the Support Intended Students (additional recruitment) of
AY 2024 “Support Program for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation
Researchers in Doshisha University Doctoral Course”

Note: If there is any contradiction between what the Japanese version of this document says and what the English version says, then the Japanese version shall take precedence.

This is the new supporting program for students in the doctoral and consistent doctoral courses launched in the autumn, 2021. In this program, financial support of research stipend (equivalent to living expenses) and research expenses will be offered to the students adopted as the Support Intended Students.

The Support Intended Students are expected to continue their research and become leaders in creating science & technology, and innovation in future Japan. On the other hand, Doshisha University works on the creation of science & technology and innovation from an interdisciplinary approach with humanities and sciences. It promotes education and research activities focusing on social issues such as diversity, multicultural coexistence, and environment. We hope you, the adopted Support Intended Students, consider the point of contact between such social issues and your own research subject and broaden the prospective of your career paths.

The Support Intended Students are demanded to carry out overseas activities of their plan and proposal such as overseas internships, studying abroad, international research exchange, and international field research. This program will provide financial support regarding the travel expense and the other related expenses. (If there is any difficulty in traveling abroad, the alternative activities are assigned.)

The research expenses might be increased for open recruited pioneering and interdisciplinary research proposals called upon the Support Intended Students.

We are recruiting additional students eligible for the program due to the new vacancy.

Students of 2nd and 3rd grade of the doctoral course or 4th and 5th grade of the consistent doctoral course, on April 2023, can apply for the program, regardless of their discipline.

Application period:

January 26 (Fri.) – noon (JST) of February9 (Fri.), 2024 [Strict Deadline]

1. Purpose

Doshisha University, as executing institution of “Support Program for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation Researchers in Doshisha University Doctoral Course” (hereinafter “this Support Program”), upholds its fundamental principle to nurture genuine world citizens who can understand and collaborate with others of different values, worldview, and culture; and who can create new era with their profound knowledge and prominent practical skills obtained by excellent research skills. In order to realize this principle, we aim to cultivate researchers’ mutual understanding among humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, to foresee our future problems and solve them with global perspectives.

2. Outline

In this Support Program, which is implemented as a selected program of “Support for Pioneering

Research Initiated by the Next Generation” (SPRING) by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), we will offer the following support to the doctoral students of Doshisha University who wish to conduct pioneering and interdisciplinary research independently.

- Research circumstances (see the item 6 “Financial support”) to concentrate on their research activities and enhance their research competence.

- Career creating programs to secure their career paths.

This recruitment is to select the students to support with this Support Program beyond graduate schools, research units, or other existing frameworks. The students need to be doctoral students who wish eagerly to pioneer our future by tackling social issues, creating new science, and practicing globally.

The students selected for this Support Program (hereinafter the Support Intended Students) are demanded to enhance their research competence and actively create their future career by taking courses that the university provides to secure career paths.

3. Recruitment target

Regardless of affiliation or research field, doctoral or consistent doctoral (3rd grade or senior) students who meet the eligibility and are eager to go beyond the existing framework in tackling social issues, creating new science, and practicing worldwide can apply.

4. Number of the Support Intended Students

Two students from doctoral 2nd-grade or consistent-doctoral 4th-grade at AY2024.

Two students from doctoral 3rd-grade or consistent-doctoral 5th-grade at AY2024.

*When further vacancies arise in AY2024, we may recruit additional students using the results of this selection. In this case, students taking a leave of absence at the start of the support is out of scope.

5. Period of the adoption

Up to the standard number of years required for graduation, which is up to consecutive 2 years from April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2026.

*The duration of the support under this recruitment is the duration of the standard period minus the period already enrolled. Support duration of the students using the long-term course system cannot exceed the standard period.

6. Financial support

The following amount will be issued to each Support Intended Student during the period of adoption.

- Research stipend: 1,800 thousand yen/year

- Research expense: Annual budget of 400 thousand yen

*Research stipend is taxable as miscellaneous income, so procedures such as final income tax declaration should be made.

*Research stipend will be paid monthly (evenly divided amount of the above yearly amount) until the month in which the end of adoption period is.

*Research expenses will be managed by Doshisha University.

*Research expenses might be increased for open recruited research inside this Support Program or

overseas activities.

7. Eligibility

Those who meet the following requirements can apply.

Those students in the doctoral program of the graduate school as of April 1, 2024, and meeting the condition of the following (including overseas students)

[Application requirements for filling vacancies for second year students]

- ① Students enroll in the 2nd grade of separate doctoral course (enrolled from 12 to 24 months)
- ② Student enroll in the 4th grade of consistent doctoral course (enrolled from 36 to 48 months)

[Application requirements for filling vacancies for third year students]

- ③ Students enroll in the 3rd grade of separate doctoral course (enrolled from 24 to 36 months)
- ④ Student enroll in the 5th grade of consistent doctoral course (enrolled from 48 to 60 months)

*If you are on leave of absence at the start of support, you will not be eligible for vacancies.

Whoever is in any of the following positions after April 1, 2024 is NOT eligible.

- (1) JSPS research fellow (funded by JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists)
- (2) The government-financed overseas student (funded by the National Scholarship System for International Students)
- (3) Overseas student who receives a scholarship or other financial support from the home country
- (4) Recipient of scholarship, which imposes the engagement in the funded research full-time.
- (5) Whoever earn more than 2,400 thousand yen as salary, executive compensation, or other stable income from the institution they belong.
- (6) Whoever does not correspond to the condition of the support target of the SPRING.

*To confirm the eligibility, we might ask for some certificates of income.

8. Obligations

The Support Intended Students are obliged to do all of the following.

- (1) Observe the norm of research ethics of Doshisha University
- (2) Comply with the regulations for the treatment of misconduct concerning research activities.
- (3) Take research ethics education assigned by Doshisha University and JST.
- (4) Participate in career creating programs assigned by the program officer, such as career creating guidance, company exchange meetings, etc.
- (5) Take courses assigned by the program officer from career-creating systems of Advanced Liberal Arts offered by the Institute for Advanced Education and Research.
- (6) Carry out overseas activities of their own plan which the program officer approves.
- (7) Participate in events such as student exchange meetings held for this Support Program by the JST.
- (8) Respond to surveys conducted by the JST and Doshisha University.
- (9) Actively commit such activities as participating in academic conferences, submitting papers, and self-archiving oral presentation and research theses.
- (10) Submit the report of research activities to the program officer every academic year.
- (11) Register for the Japan Graduates Database (JGRAD) of the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP), MEXT.

The Support Intended Students have to do the following after the adoption period.

- (1) Respond to follow-up surveys conducted by the JST and Doshisha University after finishing

their doctoral courses.

(2) Occasionally update the information of JGRAD.

9. Combined payment with other scholarships

Combined payment with the following benefit scholarships is accepted.

- (1) Doshisha University Graduate School Scholarships for Young Doctoral Students/Researchers
- (2) Doshisha University Graduate School Scholarships
- (3) Doshisha University Scholarships by Endowments
- (4) Doshisha University Graduate School of Brain Science Special Scholarship
- (5) Doshisha University Graduate School Reduced Tuition Special Scholarships for Self-Funded International Students
- (6) Doshisha University Reduced Tuition Scholarships for Self-Funded International Students
- (7) Doshisha University Merit Scholarships for Self-Funded International Students
- (8) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarships
- (9) Other benefit scholarships issued to pay for tuition

10. Cancellation of adoption

- (1) If Support Intended Students are adopted to JSPS Research Fellow, they should decline the adoption of this Support Program.
- (2) Payment of research stipend and research expenses would be suspended during the period of leave of absence.
- (3) If recipients are determined, from conditions of research progress or fulfillment of the above item 8, to be inappropriate as Support Intended Students, payment of research stipend and research expenses might be suspended, and the adoption of the Support Intended Students might be canceled.
- (4) If recipients are punished for reprimand according to Doshisha University regulations regarding reprimand of students, or in similar occasions, the adoption of the Support Intended Students might be cancelled and the Support Intended Students might be ordered to return all or part of research stipends and research expenses.
- (5) If recipients are subject to Article 34 of the regulations for the treatment of misconduct concerning research activities, the Support Intended Students might be ordered to return all or part of research stipends and research expenses.
- (6) If a Support Intended Student leaves the university and loses the student enrollment, payment of research stipend and research expenses will be terminated.

11. Application Procedures

(1) Application period: from Friday, January 26, 2024
until noon (JST) of Friday, February 9, 2024. [Strict Deadline]

(2) Application materials

○Application form (fill in the prescribed form of Microsoft Forms)

○Reasons for the Application and Research Plan (prescribed)

*The body of the text should be written in the font size of 10.5.

What to fill in:

[Reasons for the application]

This program aims to support pioneering and interdisciplinary research free from existing frameworks. Defining your vision of a researcher you aim for, write concisely your reasons

for the application, including how you take advantage of this program in realizing your vision.

[Plan of overseas activities]

To nurture a pioneering and independent spirit as a researcher, we ask you to suggest your plan of overseas activities in which to develop your research subject. Explain where your research is in international trends, write your plan to develop your research through international activities.

[Research plan]

- (1) Your research history, the position of your research, overall circumstances of the research field, and your subject's background..
- (2) Aim, method, and detail of this research plan, including how to utilize the research expenses in order to develop the research.
- (3) Characteristics and originality of the research, including comparison with the prior research, expected impact brought by the completed research, future prospect, and so on.
- (4) How to apply your research to solve social issues.

12. Selection criteria

- (1) Possessing capability and distinct vision as a researcher.
- (2) Concrete, valid, and promising research plan.
- (3) Career path plan (including overseas activities) as a researcher

13. Selection

Applicants will be screened with the application documents.

The selected Support Intended Students will be released on the university website.

14. Notification of decision of the adoption

The selection result will be notified to the applicants in late February 2024, via e-mail.

15. Submission

Submit your application online through a prescribed format (Microsoft Forms.)

URL for the submission: <https://forms.office.com/r/p7uFneYhi5>

In the online application format, attach your converted pdf of "Reasons for the Application and Research Plan (prescribed)."

*The size of each PDF document should be less than 10 MB.

*Name the file as ["Name of the graduate school" _ "applicant's name" .pdf]. e.g., Theology_ John Lennon.pdf

*Applicants should log in with the e-mail address issued by the university.

* please get in touch with us (17. Contact) if you don't have the user ID of Doshisha University.

16. Detailed explanation document of the program

https://kikou.doshisha.ac.jp/inside/wakate/sprig/spring_members.html

17. Contact

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18. Others

The selected Support Intended Students will be released of their name, research field, and so on. They are also expected to actively cooperate in the publicity of research achievements and activity progress.

Doshisha University is applying to the new SPRING program provided by JST starting in FY 2024. Please understand that this Support Program will move to the new program when approved.

Message from the Program Officer

Our society's problems are currently diversified, with various factors and backgrounds entangled together, and are growing more and more complex. Therefore, such social issues cannot be solved by knowledge of single specialization, but by an interdisciplinary approach with integrated knowledge of various fields.

In this program, we promise to support doctoral students who wish to be pioneers of the next generation by conquering these social issues, originating new disciplines of science, and practicing globally.

If you find any ambitions in your future, we will respond to them with this program.

Knock the door, Doshisha University doctoral students!

Program officer: Prof. TSUKAGOSHI Kazuhiko, professor at Faculty/Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Vice President, Executive Dean of Organization for Research Initiatives and Development, Dean of Graduate School of Brain Science

【Information】

AY 2024 “Support Program for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation Researchers in Doshisha University Doctoral Course” Schedule of Selection

Jan. 26, (Fri.) – noon, Feb. 9 (Fri.)	Application period
Mid-February to Late February, 2024	Document Screening
Late February, 2024	Notification of the results

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Career Creating Courses and Overseas Activities
Obligatory for the Selected Students of the “Support Program for Pioneering Research
Initiated by the Next Generation Researchers in Doshisha University Doctoral Course”
and Other Activities Which Are Highly Recommended

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The students selected for the “Support Program for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation Researchers in Doshisha University Doctoral Course” (hereinafter “Next Generation Program”) are demanded, as a member of the society, to consider the point of contact between their research and the society, and to acquire high competence of conducting pioneering and interdisciplinary research to pass the research achievements back to the society.

The Graduate School of Doshisha University offers several educational programs regarding essential issues common to humankind, such as multicultural coexistence (offered by GRM), Society 5.0 (by Comm 5.0), and environmental issues (“Next Environment” Co-creation Courses). Furthermore, from AY2021, the Advanced Liberal Arts (ALA) courses have been established as common education for graduate schools to promote interdisciplinary education with humanities and sciences. There are wide variety of topics such as body & life, geography, geopolitics, history, culture, religion, literature, and advanced science & technology, social policy, and economic policy.

We hope you, the students selected for the Next Generation Program, will widen their knowledge and technique to apply your research to varying societies and cultures. And we hope you will create your career as researcher who can co-create with others globally and bring about the ideas for solving social issues.

1. Courses of co-creating with others

【Obligatory】

“Future Design Seminar” of ALA courses offered by the Institute for Advanced Education and Research

【Recommended】

Enrollment in the following courses is recommended.

- Capacity Development for Coexistence and Cooperative Works
- Group Work Practice I (Multi-perspective approach on complex problems)
- Self-awareness (Introduction to coaching)

2. Courses for widening the knowledge and technique

Enrollment of the following courses is recommended.

- ALA courses by the Institute for Advanced Education and Research, including “Next Environment” co-creating courses
- GRM courses
- Comm. 5.0 courses

We recommend you to enroll in courses of each program systematically and aim to complete each program.

3. Participation in other career creating programs apart from the above courses

Active participation in career-creating programs offered by the Organization for Research Initiatives and Development (seminars about thesis writing, presentation skills, and acquiring outside funds; business exchange meetings, research presentation conferences; and

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so on) is recommended.

Active commitment to career support for master's students and the administration of graduate school common courses are recommended to clarify your career paths.

4. Obligation of overseas activities (cultivating internationality)

Carry out overseas activities of your own plan and suggestion such as overseas internships, studying abroad, international research exchange, international field research, and so on, in order to enhance your internationality.

5. Cultivating practicing skills and co-creation skills

Participation in research internships to cultivate co-creating skills and pragmatically enhance your research skills is recommended.

6. Participation in the events held by the JST

An inter-university exchange program (an overnight) for the doctoral students adopted to the SPRING is under planning, aiming at mutual inspiring and creating networks with other university students.

7. Others

For more information about the courses settled by the Institute for Advanced Education and Research, such as ALA courses, GRM courses, and Comm 5.0 courses, please confirm on the syllabi and the website below.

<https://next.doshisha.ac.jp/>

We will separately inform recruits about procedures such as course registration.

You have to bear expenses related to taking courses such as transportation expenses.

(Regarding the courses offered by the Institute for Advanced Education and Research)

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