

Application Guidelines for
“Support Project for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation
in Doshisha University Doctoral Course”

Note: If there are any contradictions between Japanese and English version of this document, then the Japanese version shall take precedence.

This is the new supporting project “Support Project for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation in Doshisha University Doctoral Course(hereinafter “The Project”)” for students in the doctoral and consistent doctoral courses.

Under the project, students selected by the Project (hereinafter, “The Project Students”) will receive research incentive (equivalent to living expenses) and research expenses.

The Project Students are expected to keep their passion on research and to become leaders of advanced science & technology which will create innovation in future Japan with ethically and conscientiously respect for individual dignity and human value.

Furthermore, Doshisha University emphasize on interdisciplinary approach for creation of science and technological innovation. The University also promotes education and research activities which focuses on social issues such as diversity, multicultural coexistence, environment and so on. As the Project Students, we expect you to consider the relationship between such social issues and your own researches, and broaden the perspective of your career paths.

The Project Students are demanded to carry out overseas activities, such as overseas internships, studying abroad, international research exchanges, and international field researches, based on their own plans and proposals. The Project will provide financial support regarding the travel expenses and the other related expenses. (If there is any difficulty in traveling abroad, the alternative activities are assigned.)

The research expenses might be increased by the competitive funds for pioneering and interdisciplinary research proposals submitted by the Project Students.

Students who are going to enroll in the doctoral course in April, 2024 and those who have already enrolled in September, 2023 or to become (or move into) third-grade in the consistent doctoral course can apply, regardless of their discipline.

Application period:

March 1 (Fri.) – 15:00:00 (JST) of March 14 (Thu.), 2024 [Strict Deadline]

1. Purpose

Doshisha University, as a executing institution of “Support Project for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation in Doshisha University Doctoral Course” (hereinafter “The Project”) aims to develop the students who equip with not only the ability to create the most advanced technology for the innovation for the future, but also who ethically and conscientiously respect for individual dignity and human value.

As a Principle of Doshisha University, we aim to develop genuine global citizen who can create the new era by profound learnings and outstanding practical abilities, and who can understand and collaborate with diverse people with different values, views and culture. Moreover, we aim to promote mutual understanding among humanities, social sciences, and natural science in order to develop outstanding researchers who foresee future problems and find out the solutions with global perspectives.

2. Outline

In the Project, 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 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 development programs to secure their career paths.

The students selected for the Project (hereinafter the Project 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

This recruitment is to select the students who go beyond their graduate schools, research units, or the other existing frameworks. The students need to be doctoral students who eagerly aim to pioneer the future by tackling social issues, developing new science, and practicing globally. Regardless of affiliation or research field, doctoral or consistent doctoral (3rd grade or senior) students who meet the eligibility can apply.

4. Number of recruitment

We will recruit 16 students

*When vacancies arise in AY2024, we may recruit additional students using the results of this selection. In this case, students who are on leave from the school at the start of the support are out of scope.

5. Support period

Up to the standard number of years required for graduation, which is up to consecutive 3 years from April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2027.

* Consecutive three years means that the first to third-grade of doctoral courses or third to fifth-grade of consistent doctoral courses. 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 the Project Student during the period of adoption.

- Research incentive: 1,800,000 yen/year
- Research expenses : 400,000 yen/year

*Research incentive is taxable as a miscellaneous income, so the income-tax return should be made.

*Research incentive will be paid monthly (evenly divided amount of the above yearly amount) until the end of the adoption period.

*Research support will be managed by Doshisha University.

*Research support expense might be increased for competitive research funds or overseas activities.

7. Eligibility

Applicants need to meet the following requirements:

Applicants must be enrolled in the doctoral courses in spring-semester 2024 or have already enrolled in fall-semester 2023, or in (or moved into) the 3rd grade of consistent doctoral course on April 1, 2024.

Applicants who are in any of the following positions after April 1, 2024 are 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) Those who earn more than 2,400,000 yen as salary, executive compensation, or other stable income from the institution they belong to.
- (6) Those who 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 Project Students are obliged to do all of the following:

- (1) Observe Doshisha University research ethics code.
- (2) Comply with the regulations for the treatment of misconduct concerning research activities.
- (3) Take research ethics education classes assigned by Doshisha University and JST.
- (4) Participate in career development programs, such as career development guidance, networking events with companies, etc., assigned by the program supervisor.
- (5) Take interviews (two times/year) by the doctoral career coordinator.
- (6) Take courses assigned by the program supervisor from career-creating systems of Advanced Liberal Arts (ALA) offered by the Institute for Advanced Research and Education.
- (7) Submit a research plan which develop your research and a effective usage of budget plan at the beginning of academic year.
- (8) Submitt 3 years overseas activities plan at the first year of the support. The overseas activities plan should include a plan which leads to develop your reseach or leads you as a researcher. The Project provide a financial support sequentaly for the more feisble and effective plans which will be selected by the project supervisor. The Project Students must conduct the overseas activities at least one time during the Project supporting period regardless of financial support.
- (9) Register to the "Cooperative Education through Research Internship".
- (10) Participate in events such as student networking events by the JST.
- (11) Respond to surveys conducted by the JST and Doshisha University.
- (12) Actively participate in academic conference, and archive your academic papers submitted to journals and oral presentation provided at academic societies.
- (13) Submit the report of research activities to the program supervisor every academic year.
- (14) Register for the Japan Graduates Database (JGRAD) of the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP), MEXT.

The Project Students have to do the following activities 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 are 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 recruitment

- (1) If Project Students are recruited to JSPS Research Fellow, they should decline the recruitment of the Program.
- (2) Payment of research incentive and research support 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 The Students, payment of research incentive and research support might be suspended, and the recruitment of the Project might be canceled.
- (4) If the Project Students are punished for reprimand according to Doshisha University regulations regarding reprimand of students, or in similar occasions, the recruitment of the Project Students might be cancelled and might be ordered to return all or part of research incentive and research support.
- (5) If the Project Student are subject to Article 34 of the regulations for the treatment of misconduct concerning research activities, they might be ordered to return all or part of research incentive and research support.
- (6) If the Project Student leaves from the university, payment of research incentive and research support will be terminated.

11. Application Procedures

- (1) Application period: from Friday, March 1, 2024
until 15:00:00 (JST) of Thursday, March 14, 2024. [Strict Deadline]
- (2) Application materials
 - Application form (fill in the prescribed form of Microsoft Forms)
If you are not a English native speaker, write down an official score such as TOIEC, IELTS and so on.
 - Statement of Purpose and Research Plan (prescribed)
*The body of the text should be written in the font size of 10.5 or larger.
What to fill in:
[Reasons for applying to the program]
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 applying to the program including how you take advantage of this program in realizing

your vision.

[Plan of overseas activities]

To nurture pioneering and independent spirit as researcher, we ask the Project Member to suggest your plan of overseas activities in which to develop your research subject. Then explaining where your research is situated 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.

○Recommendation Letter (prescribed)

If you are selected as the Project Students, you will not only concentrate on your research but also you commit to develop your career. Explain the situation and make your supervisor to understand.

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

We will select the Project Students by your application documents and interview. Application documents will be initially screened. The interview will be provided to those who passed the application screening. We will inform the details of interview to those who are targeted to the interview by e-mail not later than 17:00, March 29th, 2024.

【Interview Schedule】

Date: April 3rd, 2024, 9:00-15:00

Place: Imadegawa Campus

Duration of interview: 10 minutes/person (3 min: presentation, 7 min: Questions and Answers)

【The details of Interview】

- We will evaluate how you analyze yourself, and how you plan to develop yourself as a researcher from three points of views such as abilities to conduct research, expanding global views, and obtaining transferable skills, which we consider.
- Using the presentation material you submitted in advance, you will provide three minutes presentation, following questions and answers from the interviewers.
- The interviewers may not be a specialist of your research areas, therefore, we recommend you to prepare a presentation easy and kind way.
- If you fail to attend the interview, the interview points will not add to your evaluation. You must inform your absence to the SPRING office.

【Presentation Materials】

- The format is free but basically use the Power Point and include plans for ①abilities to conduct research, ②expanding global views, and③obtaining transferable skills.

(Example)

- ① the researcher you aim for, and how you plan to be.
 - ② Visions and plans to become a globally active researcher.
 - ③ Besides research skills, what do you think is needed and how you develop its abilities.
- The presentation file must not exceed 10MB. You need to submit the presentation file through the webform by 12:00, April 1st, 2024. Whatever the reasons you have, we will not allow you to revise the presentation.
 - You may not have enough time after the announcement of interview, therefore, we recommend you to start preparing the presentation as soon as possible.
 - If you fail to submit the presentation material by the deadline, your interview will be not counted.
 - We will send you an e-mail for accepting presentation materials. If you do not receive any reply from the SPRING office, contact to the office.

14. Notification of selection

The selection result will be notified to the applicants on 15th April, 2024, via e-mail. Even if you are not selected as the Project Students, we will inform you your position among all the applicants. If you do not receive any mail by 17th April, 2024, contact to the SPRING office.

15. Submission

Submission should be done by online application form through Microsoft Forms.

- (1) Fill out the prescribed form of “Statement of Purpose and Research Plan” and “Recommendation Letter” then convert the complete form into PDF.

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

*Name the file as [“Name of the graduate school” _ “applicant’s name”.pdf], [“Name of the graduate school” _ “applicant’s name”.reco.pdf]

e.g., Theology_Dwight Whitney Learned.pdf/ Tecnology_Dwight Whitney Learned. reco.pdf

- (2) Fill out the prescribed application form with Microsoft Forms.

- (3) Upload the PDF files of (1) to the application form (2) and submit.

URL to the application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/DH11mBi9zR>

*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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Phone: 0774-65-8257 Fax: 0774-65-7757 E-mail: dfs-spring@mail.doshisha.ac.jp

18. Others

The selected Support Intended Students will be released of their name, research field, and so on.

A correction was made on February 29th, 2024

They are also expected to actively cooperate in the publicity of research achievements and activity progress.

19. Important Notification

This call is contingent upon the University's application being accepted for the number of research slots available under the “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (FY2024)” of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), which is currently being applied for.

【Information】

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

Mar. 1, (Fri.) – 15:00, Mar. 14 (Fri.)	Application period
March 15 to March 28	Document Screening
Apr. 3, (Wed.) 9:00 – 16:00	Interview
April 15, 2024	Notification of the results

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**“Support Project for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation
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Obligation and Highly Recommend Activities for
Career Development Courses and Overseas Activities**

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The students selected for the “Support Project for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation in Doshisha University Doctoral Course” (hereinafter “The Project”) 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 Schools 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 Project, 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

【Obligation】

“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

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acquiring outside funds; business exchange meetings, research presentation conferences; and 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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