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# Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation presented by the Division of Graduate Studies (SPRING)

Amount of Support:

Research incentive grant:

JPY 2.2 million per year

Provided as JPY 150,000 per month living expenses + JPY 400,000 per year research expenses

With support from the SPRING (Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation) program of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), the Division of Graduate Studies provides research incentive grants to selected outstanding doctoral students whose work pushes beyond the conventional frameworks of graduate schools and research labs.

An "early-offer category" has also been established for master's students as an early reservation quota that guarantees them support after advancing to the doctoral program.

(Note: application for the "early-offer category" is contingent on the student applying for a JSPS research fellowship.)

Number of awards:

515 students (across all year-levels)

Period of Support:

3 years (4 years for the 4-year doctoral program in medicine and pharmaceutical sciences)

Eligible

graduate schools/ departments: All graduate schools/departments

Disciplinary categories:

- Humanities and social sciences
- Quantum science and technology
- Health, medical sciences, and biostudies
- Environment, energy, and interdisciplinary fields
- Informatics and AI
- Materials sciences

Applicants can apply for any disciplinary category, regardless of their graduate school/department of affiliation.

\* The application guidelines will be posted on the Division of Graduate Studies website. Please be sure to confirm the eligibility requirements and other details in the guidelines.



## Financial Support Projects for PhD Students

To ensure that talented and motivated students are not deterred from doctoral studies due to financial circumstances, the Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies provides two financial support projects for doctoral students.



## 2 Science and Technology Innovation Creation Fellowship

Amount of Support:

Research incentive grant:

JPY 2.1 million per year

Provided as JPY 150,000 per month living expenses\* + JPY 300,000 per year research expenses

\* A total of JPY 1,800,000 per year. Monthly payments may vary slightly. A portion of the research incentive grant may be provided as a research assistant (RA) or research fellow (RF) salary.

The JST's Science and Technology Innovation Creation Fellowship aims to provide the doctoral students responsible for the future of science, technology, and innovation in Japan with an environment in which they can devote themselves to research by improving their financial circumstances and ensuring a stable career path after completion of their doctoral studies.

Number of awards:

97 students in each year-level (291 students in total across all three year-levels)

Period of Support:

3 years (3 years from the 2nd year to the 4th year for 4-year doctoral program in medicine and pharmaceutical sciences)

Eligible

graduate schools/ departments:

Participating departments within the following graduate schools (for details, please refer to the application guidelines):

- Graduate School of Science
- Graduate School of Medicine
- Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Graduate School of Engineering
- Graduate School of Agriculture
- Graduate School of Energy Science
- Graduate School of Informatics
- Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability

Disciplinary categories:

- Informatics and AI
- Materials sciences
- Quantum science and technology
- Health, medical sciences, and environment

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### Career development support

In view of the increasingly diverse career paths available to doctoral students, the Division of Graduate Studies provides various forms of career development support to aid students in navigating their chosen career path without anxiety, such as the Industry-Academia Collaboration Course and Academic Performance Enhancement Course.

