

Regarding the DoGS SPRING Program from AY 2026 Onward

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Regarding the DoGS SPRING Program, a review of the “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING)” scheme is currently being conducted by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), which is the current funding agency. In addition, in light of Kyoto University being selected as a candidate “University for International Research Excellence”, Kyoto University is reviewing institution-wide support frameworks and related systems. Although some aspects remain undecided at this time, we hereby inform you of the future policy and schedule as outlined below.

【Details of Support from AY 2026 Onward】

Students who are currently receiving support under the DoGS SPRING Program at Kyoto University, as well as students who have already received a conditional offer of acceptance under the “Early-offer Category” of the DoGS SPRING Program in the Spring and Autumn Selections for AY 2025, are expected to continue to receive support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details, including the program name and content, have yet to be determined).

In addition, the support to be provided to students who are selected through selections conducted from the Spring Selection for AY 2026 onward is, at present, as described below. Please note that details of the support for AY 2027 and beyond, which are currently undecided, will be announced separately on the website of Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies (DoGS) once they have been determined.

(Website : <https://www.kugd.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>)

Selection Category	Start of support (Doctoral enrollment)	Support details	
		AY2026	AY2027 onward
AY2024 and earlier	AY2024 and earlier	support under the current system or support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details to be determined) (*)	support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details to be determined) until the scheduled end date of support (*)
AY2025 Spring Selection (Regular Category) (Special Category)	From April 2025		
AY2025 Spring Selection (Early-offer Category)	From April 2026		
AY2025 Autumn Selection (Regular Category)	From October 2025		
AY2025 Autumn Selection (Early-offer Category)	From October 2026		

Selection Category	Start of support (Doctoral enrollment)	Support details	
		AY2026	AY2027 onward
AY2026 Spring Selection (Regular Category)	From April 2026	support under the current system or support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details to be determined) (*)	To be determined
AY2026 Spring Selection (Early-offer Category)	From April 2027	/	To be determined
AY2026 Autumn Selection (Regular Category)	From October 2026	support under the current system or support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details to be determined) (*)	To be determined
AY2026 Autumn Selection (Early-offer Category)	From October 2027	/	To be determined

(*) Support for Research Incentive Grant for international students will also continue.

[Schedule for the AY 2026 Selection]

As the DoGS SPRING Program is currently under review, the schedule for the Spring Selection for AY 2026 will be as outlined below. The schedule of the “Early-offer Category” of the Spring Selection for AY 2026 and the Autumn Selection for AY 2026 will be announced separately on the website of DoGS once they have been finalized.

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Selection Category	Selection period (tentative)	Decision period (tentative)	Start of support (Doctoral enrollment)
AY2026 Spring Selection (Regular Category)	Late February to mid-March 2026	Late June 2026	From April 2026
AY2026 Spring Selection (Early-offer Category)	To be determined	To be determined	From April 2027

[Eligibility to Apply]

For the Spring Selection for AY 2026, eligibility requirements are planned to remain the same as under the current system (including international students). However, please note that the details of support for AY 2027 and beyond have not yet been determined. Eligibility requirements and details of support for selections conducted from the Autumn Selection for AY 2026 onward

have not yet been determined.

【Regarding Concurrent Receipt with Other Scholarships or Funding】

From AY 2027 onward, the DoGS SPRING Program may change, including its name and content. In such cases, students who were selected prior to the AY 2025 Selection and those selected in the AY 2026 Selection will also transition to the new support system from AY 2027 onward. For other scholarships or funding sources that state that concurrent receipt with the “DoGS SPRING Program” is not allowed, it is highly likely that such restrictions will continue even after transitioning to the new support system. Therefore, please be sure to confirm with the respective funding organizations.

Details regarding restrictions on concurrent receipt with other scholarships under the new support system will be announced on the website of DoGS once they have been determined.

【Application Guidelines and Notices】

Updates on the application guidelines and the notice about the review of the DoGS SPRING Program will be posted on the website of DoGS. Please check the latest information there (<https://www.kugd.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>). Updates on the review of the DoGS SPRING Program are scheduled to be announced again on the website of DoGS around the end of May 2026.