Application Guidelines for Spring Selection in AY 2026
DoGS SPRING Program (Regular Category)
DoGS NEXT AI Program (Regular Category)
(AY2026 April Adoption)

1. Purpose

One of the most pressing challenges faced by graduate schools today is encouraging talented and motivated students to pursue doctoral studies. To address this challenge, it is essential to expand financial support for students, clarify future career paths, and provide educational opportunities and career development support aligned with those paths.

To coordinate and advance initiatives in this area, the Division of Graduate Studies operates a range of financial support measures for graduate students in a unified and effective manner and develops diverse career paths that enable doctoral degree holders to pursue a broad range of activities.

The Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies SPRING Program (hereinafter referred to as the "DoGS SPRING Program"), implemented with funding from the Japan Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JST"), aims to achieve the above objectives by selecting outstanding doctoral students beyond the existing framework of graduate schools and research laboratories, and providing them with research incentive grants and research grants (hereinafter referred to as "the support").

In addition, **the Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies NEXT Generation AI Program** (hereinafter referred to as "DoGS NEXT AI Program"), implemented with funding from JST, provides substantial support to doctoral students engaged in research and development in the next-generation AI field, a national strategic priority area. The program aims to strengthen the pool of researchers in this urgent field and to promote high-quality research outcomes. (In line with the conclusion of the JST project period, new appointments to the DoGS NEXT AI Program will end with the "Regular Category" in AY2026.) The selection process for the DoGS NEXT AI Program will be conducted jointly with the DoGS SPRING Program. Following the selection of candidates for the DoGS SPRING Program, additional screening will be conducted for those who wish to apply for the DoGS NEXT AI Program, and successful applicants will be determined accordingly.

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 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. Accordingly, certain aspects of the support details remain undecided. For further information, please refer to "10. Review of the DoGS SPRING Program."

2. Disciplinary Groupings

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Humanities and Social Sciences / Informatics and AI / Quantum Science and Technology / Materials Sciences / Health, Medical Sciences and Biostudies / Environment, Energy and Interdisciplinary Studies
- You may apply to any of the above disciplinary groupings.
- Applicants may select only one disciplinary grouping.

3. Program Types and Number of Recipients

DoGS SPRING Program: Approximately 110 students
DoGS NEXT AI Program: A small number of students will be selected.

4. Eligibility

\<DoGS SPRING Program\>
- Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following doctoral programs at Kyoto University as of April 2026:
    (1) The first-year of a doctoral program or the first-year of a four-year doctoral program in Medicine or Pharmaceutical Sciences.
    (2) The third-year of a five-year integrated doctoral program.
  * In principle, the Spring selection is open only to applicants enrolling in April, and the Autumn selection is open only to those enrolling in October.
    If your official enrollment date is other than April or October, please be sure to consult with the program office provided in Section 16 "Contact Information" before submitting your application.
  * If you have a history of leave of absence and are deemed effectively equivalent to the above cases, you may be eligible to apply. Please be sure to contact with the program office provided in Section 16 "Contact Information" to confirm before submitting your application.
- There are no age restrictions, and international students are also eligible.
- Working students may also apply, provided they do not fall under the categories listed in Section 5 "Ineligibility for Application and Support."

\<DoGS NEXT AI Program\>
- Applicants must be enrolled in April 2026 in the first year of a doctoral program or the first year of the four-year doctoral programs in Medicine, as listed in Appendix 1, and must meet all of the following conditions (i) to (iii):
  * In principle, the Spring selection is open only to applicants enrolling in April, and the Autumn selection is open only to those enrolling in October.
    If your official enrollment date is other than April or October, please be sure to consult with the program office provided in Section 16 "Contact Information" before submitting your application.
  * If you have a history of leave of absence and are deemed effectively equivalent to the above cases, you may be eligible to apply. Please be sure to contact with the program office provided in Section 16 "Contact Information" to confirm before submitting your application.
 (i) Applicants conducting research in the next-generation AI field (including AI and emerging or interdisciplinary fields within AI).
 (ii) Applicants who match the image of doctoral graduates envisioned by this program, as described below.
     (1) Becoming researchers in the next-generation AI field who contribute to innovation creation and the strengthening of Japan's industrial competitiveness after obtaining a doctoral degree.
     (2) Reaching a level where you not only utilize AI, but can also apply your skills as an AI engineer or data scientist to conduct your own research. These skills may include programming, machine learning, algorithms, databases, mathematics, and statistics.
     (3) Continuously keeping up with rapidly evolving AI technologies and reaching a level where the

most suitable AI techniques can be implemented in your own research.

(iii) Applicants possessing a strong commitment to advancing the future of science, technology, and innovation in Japan, and being capable of producing research outcomes annually through conference presentations, publications, industry-academia collaborations, and international joint research.

- Applicants who have already been provisionally selected in the Early-offer category of the DoGS SPRING Program conducted in the previous academic year are also eligible to apply.
- Applicants who are selected DC1 for the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (hereinafter referred to as "JSPS Fellows") at the time of application are also eligible to apply.
  * As dual funding is not permitted, please note that you must withdraw from the JSPS Fellows after the acceptance of DoGS NEXT AI Program. The start month of support from DoGS NEXT AI Program will be the next month of withdrawal date from the JSPS Fellows.
- There are no age restrictions, and international students are also eligible.
  * International students will be required to explain how their research contributes to innovation creation and the enhancement of Japan's industrial competitiveness.
- Working students may also apply, provided they do not fall under the categories listed in Section 5 "Ineligibility for Application and Support."

5. Ineligibility for Application and Support

(1) Ineligibility for Application
- The following students are not eligible to apply for the DoGS SPRING Program and the DoGS NEXT AI Program (hereinafter referred to as "those programs").
- If you become subject to any of the following conditions during the selection process, please promptly notify the contact provided in "16. Contact Information" by email and submit the "Notice of Withdrawal." Please note that submission of the Notice of Withdrawal is required even if you choose to withdraw for reasons other than those listed below.

  (i) If you withdraw from the university before the selection results are notified.
  (ii) If a leave of absence has been decided as of the start date of support period in Section 6.
  (iii) If it is confirmed that you fall under any of the categories listed in "(2) Ineligible for Support" as of the start date of the support period in Section 6.

(2) Ineligibility for Support
- The following students are not eligible for the support under those programs and will have their support cancelled or suspended.
- If you fall under any of the following conditions, please promptly notify the program office provided in Section 16 by email with a completed "Notice of Withdrawal." Even if you wish to withdraw from those programs for reasons other than those listed below, submission of the "Notice of Withdrawal" is still required.

  (1) Students selected for the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC).
    * If you are provisionally selected as a JSPS Fellow (DC1), you will be required to choose either the JSPS Fellows or the DoGS SPRING Program / DoGS NEXT AI Program, as duplicate funding is not permitted.

* If you are selected for the JSPS Fellows, please respond to the inquiry from the program office regarding your program selection around January or February. In this case, submission of the "Notice of Withdrawal" form is not required.

(2) Students who receive government-funded research support of a similar nature to those programs, intended to enable students to devote themselves to independent, ambitious, and interdisciplinary research.

Examples:

* JICA scholars receiving support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
* Young researchers receiving support from the "Networked Exchange, United Strength for Stronger Partnerships between Japan and ASEAN (NEXUS)" of JST

(3) Students who have received a scholarship (excluding loan-type) from a private-sector scholarship foundation or other provider that covers living expenses at a sufficient level (2.4 million yen or more per year).

* If the support is provided for research expenses rather than living expenses, you may still be eligible for support under those programs.
* <u>If you are currently receiving or have been provisionally awarded a scholarship from a private scholarship foundation or similar organization, please be sure to confirm with your funding source whether you are allowed to apply for those programs regardless of whether concurrent funding is permitted.</u> If you fail to confirm, either the scholarship or the support from those programs may be revoked.

(4) Students who are deemed to be receiving a stable income equivalent to living expenses (2.4 million yen or more per year) from their affiliated university, company, or other organization, such as salary or executive compensation.

* Paid internships, RA/TA/TAS/OA/RF positions, and part-time jobs are not considered stable sources of income and are therefore not subject to income-based restrictions. However, if such work interferes with your research activities or participation in career development and training programs, support under these programs may be discontinued.
* Students holding temporary or commissioned posts with a total annual salary of 2.4 million yen or more are not eligible for the support. This also applies to self-employed individuals.
* Even if you are not currently receiving such income, you will be considered ineligible for support if you are eligible for a position or system that could provide an annual income of 2.4 million yen or more.

(5) International students who are receiving support through the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship or any scholarship from their home country, including those offering less than 2.4 million yen per year.

(6) If the Director of the Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies (hereinafter referred to as "the Director") determines that the student's fulfillment of responsibilities as a supported student is insufficient.

(7) If a request for withdrawal is submitted.

(8) If false information is found in the application documents.

(9) If you are expelled.

(10) If you are subject to disciplinary action under Article 32 of the General Regulations of Kyoto University (Order No. 3, 1953).

(11) If you withdraw from the doctoral program or take a leave of absence (support will be suspended during the leave of absence).

(12) If an international student is absent from Japan for the entire month due to a temporary return to their home country (support will be suspended during that month).

(13) If the Director determines that there are other reasons to cancel support or temporarily suspend the payment of research incentive grants.

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(14) If the research topic is shifted away from the next-generation AI field.

6. Support Period

From April 1, 2026, until the end of the standard period of the doctoral program.

- The support will not be provided beyond the standard period of the doctoral program.
- The support will be temporarily suspended during any leave of absence. In principle, the period of leave will be counted toward the standard period of the doctoral program.
  * If the leave is due to childbirth, childcare, injury/illness, study abroad, or similar reasons, the support period may, only if approved by the Director, be extended by the duration of the leave (up to a maximum of two years), and such leave period will not be counted toward the standard duration of the doctoral program.

7. Support Details

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* Details of support of DoGS SPRING Program from AY 2027 onward have not yet been determined.

[AY 2026: Support under the current system or support at a scale equivalent to the current level (details to be determined)]

(Current System)

(1) 2.56 million yen per year (2.16 million yen for research incentive grant + 0.4 million yen for research grant)

(2) Half tuition fee exemption during the support period (No application required.)

* Since AY2024, the research incentive grant has been increased by an amount equivalent to half of the tuition fee. Combined with item (2), this is considered to cover the full tuition fees effectively. Therefore, applications for full tuition fee exemption due to financial reasons, etc., are not eligible to apply for those programs.

[AY2027 onward: To be determined]

Selected applicants will be notified once the details are finalized. (Please refer to "10. Review of the DoGS SPRING Program.")

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(1) 3.9 million yen per year (3.0 million yen for research incentive grant + 0.9 million yen for research grant)

(2) Full tuition fee exemption during the support period (No application required.)

NOTE: If the support period for the applicable year is six months or less, the research grant in (1) above will be allocated at half the amount.

(1) Research Incentive Grant

- The research incentive grant will be provided monthly as an amount equivalent to living expenses.
- Although the selection notification will be issued after June, the support will be retroactively applied from the start month of the support period.

(2) Research Grant

- The research grant will be allocated in accordance with the university's accounting regulations, with the supervisor or equivalent faculty member serving as the budget manager.
- Unlike the research incentive grant, the research grant may be used for expenses incurred on or after the date of notification of selection (scheduled for June or later).
- The research grant may be used for the following purposes:
    (1) Equipment and Supplies: Expenses for purchasing apparatus, equipment, consumables, and other items essential for your research
    (2) Travel Expenses: Travel costs (transportation, accommodation, daily allowances) for the recipient's domestic and international travel (for data collection, field surveys, meetings, research presentations, etc.), and for temporary participants in the recipient's research (such as test subjects or fieldwork collaborators)
    (3) Honoraria: Payments for individuals who assist in research activities such as organizing data, assisting experiments, translation/editing, providing expert knowledge, distributing/collecting surveys, or gathering research materials
    (4) Others: Other expenses necessary for conducting your research project (E.g.: Printing costs, photocopying, film development, postage/phone charges, transportation, rental fees for specialized facilities, meeting-related expenses (venue, refreshments excluding alcohol), rental of equipment (computers, vehicles, experimental instruments), software license fees, repair costs, academic publication fees (journal submission, website creation, research publicity pamphlets), etc.)

(3) Other Notes

- For international students, both the research incentive grant and the research grant will be provided only after confirmation of arrival in Japan (on the 1st of each month).
- Submission of the application for those programs will be treated as a request for tuition payment deferral, and the payment deadline will be extended. The tuition fees will be automatically deducted in mid-August, following the announcement of the selection results. Please refer to notices or instructions from the Student Affairs Division for details.
- Recipients of those programs may receive support through the "Discretionary Expenses Allocated by the Director of the Division of Graduate Studies," which provides an additional grant beyond the standard research grant, if the Director deems it beneficial for the student's research or career development. Further details information will be provided to selected recipients.

8. Application Procedures

(1) Application Documents

- Please use the prescribed application forms.
  * Applications not using the prescribed forms will not be accepted (except for applicants to the DoGS NEXT AI Program who were provisionally selected under the Early-offer category of the DoGS SPRING Program in the previous year).
- The application must be written in either Japanese or English.
- Please indicate your affiliation and year as of April 2026.
- If you know your student number for the period after April, please indicate it.
  If you are currently enrolled at Kyoto University and do not yet know your student number for April, enter your master's program student number as of March.
  If you are entering Kyoto University from another university and do not know your student number, enter "0000000000."

NOTE: If any false information is found in your application documents, your selection may be revoked retroactively even after selection.

[Form 1]
(i) Application Form (Required for all applicants)
- Must include your research plan and related details.
- Applicants to the DoGS NEXT AI Program who were provisionally selected in the previous year's Early-offer category of the DoGS SPRING Program may submit the research plan from the time of selection in lieu of a new one.

(ii) Supplementary Document 1 for NEXT AI Program (International Students)
- <u>Required only for international students applying to the DoGS NEXT AI Program.</u>
- Explain how your research will contribute to innovation in Japan and the enhancement of Japan's industrial competitiveness.

(iii) Supplementary Document 2 for NEXT AI Program (if applicable)
- Submit only if you were provisionally selected under the previous year's Early-offer category of the SPRING Program and wish to apply for the NEXT AI Program.
- Describe the progress of your research since the time of your provisional selection.
- If your previous research plan did not fall within the next-generation AI field, explain the modifications and your current research direction.

[Form 2: Confirmation Form]
- Applicants must ask their supervisor or equivalent faculty member, who has a clear understanding of their research and will manage their research budget after selection, to prepare the confirmation form.
- Applicants for the NEXT AI Program must ask a supervisor listed in Appendix 1 to complete the form.
- If a supervisor has not yet been assigned or may change, the current supervisor who is familiar with your research may prepare the form. However, if your supervisor changes after selection, you must submit a "Confirmation Form (change of the supervisor)."

[Master's Program Academic Record (Most Recent)]
- Submit the most recent available academic transcript or certificate.
- For students in five-year integrated doctoral programs, submit your doctoral program transcript.
- For students in four-year doctoral programs in Medicine or Pharmaceutical Sciences, submit your undergraduate transcript instead.

(2) Application Submission
- Please submit your application through the application system at the following website:
  https://kugd.kyoto-u.online/applicant/senkos/28/top
  * Applications submitted by any method other than the application system will not be accepted.
- Please complete the following steps in the application system (refer to the manual for details):
    (1) Register an email address that will remain valid until the date of notification of the selection results.
    (2) Enter your basic information and upload all required documents except for Form 2 (Confirmation Form).
       In this section, there is a field to confirm whether you wish to be considered for the DoGS NEXT AI Program. If you are eligible and wish to apply, make sure to check this box.
    (3) Enter your supervisor's email address to request the upload of Form 2 (Confirmation Form).
       The system will send a link to the supervisor's email address for uploading the form.
    (4) After completing all of the above steps, including the upload of the Confirmation Form by your supervisor, be sure to click the "Submit" button to finalize your application.
- Your application will be considered complete only after clicking the "Submit" button in the system.

NOTE: After clicking "Submit" on the application system, applications cannot be withdrawn under any circumstances, and no changes or additions will be accepted.

(3) Application Period
  Wednesday, February 25 – Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 17:00 (JST) *** Strict Deadline**

- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Please note that access to the application system may become congested shortly before the deadline. We take no responsibility for any delays or problems caused by this.
- Please make sure to allow sufficient time to request the confirmation form from your supervisor or equivalent faculty member and complete the application process well in advance.

(4) Other Notes
- Only one application per person is allowed. If multiple applications are submitted, all of them will be invalidated.
- This call for applications covers only the Regular Category (D1). The application period for the Early-offer Category (M2) has not yet been determined. For details, please refer to "10. Review of the DoGS SPRING Program."

9. Screening and Results
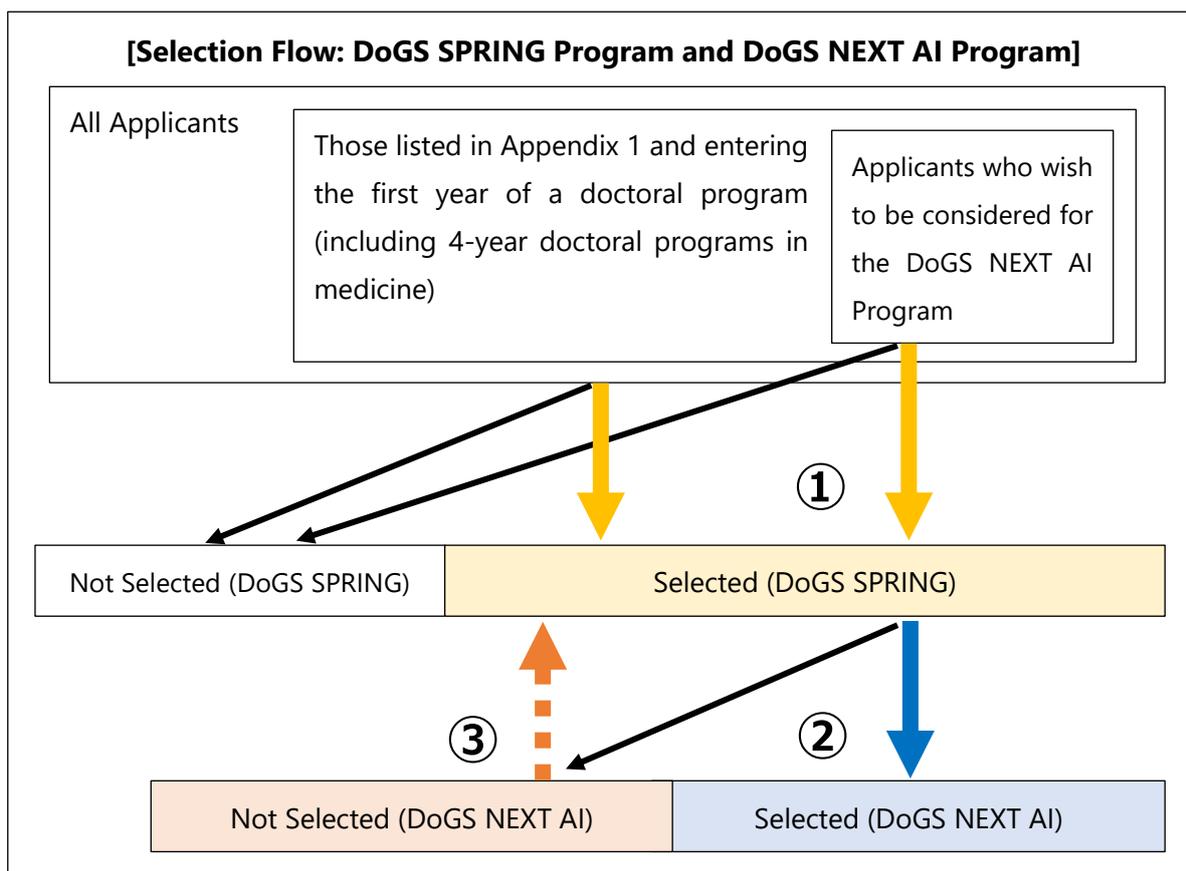
(1) Screening

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- The DoGS SPRING Program conducts screening through both disciplinary grouping-based and university-wide evaluations.
- In the disciplinary grouping-based evaluation, applicants are reviewed primarily based on their expertise and competence within the relevant disciplinary grouping, as defined in the evaluation units listed in Appendix 2.
- In the university-wide evaluation, applicants who pass the disciplinary grouping-based evaluation will be assessed regardless of their disciplinary grouping, with a focus on the ambition and interdisciplinary or challenging nature of their research plans, as well as their potential to respond to broader societal needs.

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- Among the selected applicants for the DoGS SPRING Program, those who are eligible under Section 4 and wish to be considered for the DoGS NEXT AI Program will undergo an additional screening based on the evaluation criteria in Appendix 3 (NEXT AI Field).
- Those who pass the additional screening will be selected for the DoGS NEXT AI Program. Those who are not selected in the additional screening will remain as grantees of the DoGS SPRING Program.

(2) Notification of Results
- The selection results will be notified via email and through the application system on or after Friday, June 19, 2026.
- The selection results will also be shared with the supervisor or equivalent faculty member who submitted the Confirmation Form.

[Selection Flow: DoGS SPRING Program and DoGS NEXT AI Program]

All Applicants

Those listed in Appendix 1 and entering the first year of a doctoral program (including 4-year doctoral programs in medicine)

Applicants who wish to be considered for the DoGS NEXT AI Program

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Not Selected (DoGS SPRING) | Selected (DoGS SPRING)

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Not Selected (DoGS NEXT AI) | Selected (DoGS NEXT AI)

10. Review of the DoGS SPRING Program

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 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.

* Support Details from AY2027 Onward
  The details of support from AY2027 onward have not yet been determined. The information will be posted on the website of the Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies as soon as it is determined, and selected applicants will be notified accordingly. (Website：https://www.kugd.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)

* Research Incentive Grant for International Students from AY2027 Onward
  From AY2027 onward, support for international students may possibly be limited to Research Grant only (with no Research Incentive Grant provided). In addition, due to the review of the program system, additional documents may be requested after selection.

Please also refer to the "Regarding the DoGS SPRING Program from AY 2026 Onward" posted on the website. (https://u.kyoto-u.jp/69fwj)

11. Appropriate Research Fund Management and Research Integrity

- Kyoto University has established the "Guidelines for the Use of Competitive Research Funds (Version 10)" and is committed to the proper management of public research funds. Recipients of those programs must comply with the guidelines.
  Reference: Handbook on the Use of Research Funds
         https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/research/rule/public/competitive/handbook
- Kyoto University has also established the "Action Plan for the Promotion of Research Integrity" and works to ensure fairness in academic activities (research and learning). Recipients of those programs must comply with the action plan.
  Reference: Research Integrity pamphlet
         https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/research-compliance-ethics/research-integrity-rules-reporting/research-integrity-rules-reporting

12. Obligations and Cooperation

- Recipients of those programs are required to fulfill the following obligations and cooperative actions as stipulated by Kyoto University, JST, and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- Further details will be provided after selection.

<Common to both programs>
(1) Completion of research ethics courses [Obligation]
   Recipients must complete the "Research Integrity e-Learning Training" by referring to the manuals through the following website:
   https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/research-compliance-ethics/research-integrity-rules-reporting/research-integrity-training
(2) Completion of e-Learning on the use of research grants [Obligation]
   Recipients must take the Kyoto University e-Learning Course "Proper Use of Research Grants."
(3) Participation in doctoral student exchange events [Cooperation]
   Recipients are encouraged to participate in cross-university events for doctoral students to facilitate mutual inspiration and networking through interaction with students from other institutions.
(4) Cooperation with monitoring surveys [Obligation]
   Recipients must cooperate with JST's monitoring surveys, which are conducted to follow up with supported students, ensure access to them, collect feedback directly, and use the results for program evaluation.
(5) Evaluation of effectiveness and follow-up surveys (1) [Obligation]
   Recipients are required to provide information to JST through surveys conducted by JST or via Kyoto University during and for more than 10 years after the support period, regarding their career paths and achievements.
(6) Evaluation of effectiveness and follow-up surveys (2) [Obligation of Effort]
   Recipients are encouraged to register with the Japan Graduates Database (JGRAD) operated by the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP), MEXT, to contribute to national doctoral tracking surveys.

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(1) Completion of the training contents specified in "[Training Contents of DoGS SPRING Program](#)" [Obligation]

(2) Account registration for the "Cooperative Education through Research" system (implementation optional) [Obligation]

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(1) Efforts to produce high-level research outcomes such as conference presentations, publications, industry-academia collaborations, and international joint research [Obligation]

(2) Presentation of your AI research during the support period, such as through academic conferences or journal publications [Obligation]

(3) Additional mentoring by a mentor [Obligation]

Recipients must receive guidance from a mentor (a faculty member who provides academic and career development advice).

* The mentor will advise the student on their research and career path from a perspective different from the supervisor's. For example, if the student's research is fundamental (or applied), a mentor from the applied (or fundamental) field will be assigned to offer diverse viewpoints and promote potential collaboration.

(4) Presentation of research outcomes and engagement in job-matching activities through events [Obligation]

To enhance research capabilities and develop diverse career paths in academia and industry after graduation, recipients must present their research outcomes at events such as: "Kyoto University ICT Innovation" or other university-hosted industry-academia-government collaboration events approved by the Division of Graduate Studies. (Details will be provided after selection.)

(5) a) Internship, b) Long-term overseas research stay, c) Engagement in TA or TAS duties, d) Planning and conducting study groups or workshops [at least one is obligation]

To enhance research skills, planning abilities, and educational competencies, at least one of the following options (a) to (d) must be undertaken.

　a) Conducting a long-term research internship for one month or longer (with a guideline of at least 160 working hours) at a national research institute or company

　b) Undertaking a long-term research stay (at least one month) at an overseas university or research institute, through supervised research, joint research, or internships

　c) Engaging in TA or TAS roles in undergraduate and graduate courses related to AI fields (40 hours)

　d) Planning and conducting study groups (seminars) or workshops to explore the latest trends in AI research (20 hours)

　* Applications are required in advance for a), b) and d).

(6) Application for the JSPS Fellows (DC) for AY2027 [Obligation of Effort]

(7) Acquisition of both English and Japanese language skills [Obligation of Effort]

(8) Active participation in "[Training Contents of DoGS SPRING Program](#)" [Obligation of Effort]

13. Presentation of Research Outcomes

- When presenting research outcomes obtained through those programs, please include an acknowledgment indicating that the research was supported by those programs, in accordance with

the guidelines provided in the guidebook distributed to selected recipients.

14. Handling of the Research Incentive Grant

- The research incentive grant is treated as "miscellaneous income" under Japanese tax law and is therefore subject to income tax and resident tax. Recipients are responsible for filing their own tax returns.
- Please inform your legal guardian (e.g., a parent) of this, and confirm with their employer or relevant office how the grant may affect their eligibility for health insurance coverage, dependent allowances, and other benefits.
- For inquiries related to dependent status, income tax, or tax filing procedures, please contact your local tax office.
- You are also responsible for properly managing and completing procedures related to social insurance and pension coverage on your own.

15. Handling of Personal Information

- Personal information contained in the application documents will be strictly managed in accordance with the "Regulations Concerning the Handling of Personal Information" and will be used solely for the purposes of screening and administering those programs.
- Please note that some personal information may be shared with relevant departments within the university as necessary for verifying circumstances described in Section 5 "Ineligibility for Application and Support."
- If you are selected for those programs, your name and affiliation will be publicized to ensure appropriate transparency.

16. Contact Information

Management Section, Division of Graduate Studies, Kyoto University

Tel：075-753-9353, 9599, 3315

E-mail：kanri-graduate@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

HP：https://www.kugd.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/support/recruitlist

* To ensure accurate responses, please contact us by email whenever possible.
   - Please note that response times may be delayed near the end of the application period due to a high volume of inquiries.
   - We recommend preparing your application well in advance.
* Please also refer to the FAQs and other resources available on the DoGS website.
* Office hours for inquiries: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (excluding the year-end and New Year holidays). Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays.

(Appendix 1: Graduate Schools and Divisions/Departments Eligible for the DoGS NEXT AI Program)

* Eligibility is limited to first-year students in a doctoral program or the first year of the four-year doctoral program in medicine.

Graduate School	Division/Department
情報学研究科 Graduate School of Informatics	情報学専攻 Informatics
理学研究科 Graduate School of Science	数学・数理解析専攻 Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences 物理学・宇宙物理学専攻 Physics and Astronomy 地球惑星科学専攻 Earth and Planetary Sciences 生物科学専攻 Biological Sciences
医学研究科 Graduate School of Medicine	医学専攻 Medicine 医科学専攻 Medical Science 社会健康医学系専攻 Public Health 人間健康科学系専攻 Human Health Sciences
工学研究科 Graduate School of Engineering	機械理工学専攻 Mechanical Engineering and Science マイクロエンジニアリング専攻 Micro Engineering 電気電子デジタル理工学専攻 Electrical, Electronic, and Digital Science and Engineering 化学理工学専攻 Chemical Science and Engineering

(Appendix 2: Disciplinary Groupings Used for Evaluation in the DoGS SPRING Program)

Disciplinary Grouping	Graduate School	Division/Department
人文・社会分野 Humanities and Social Sciences	文学研究科 Graduate School of Letters	文献文化学専攻 Philology and Literature 思想文化学専攻 Philosophy 歴史文化学専攻 History 行動文化学専攻 Behavioral Studies 現代文化学専攻 Contemporary Culture
	教育学研究科 Graduate School of Education	教育学環専攻 Interdisciplinary Studies in Education
	法学研究科 Graduate School of Law	法政理論専攻 Legal and Political Studies
	経済学研究科 Graduate School of Economics	経済学専攻 Economics

	人間・環境学研究科 Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies	人間・環境学専攻 Human and Environmental Studies
	経営管理教育部 Graduate School of Management	経営科学専攻 Management Science
	アジア・アフリカ地域研究研究科 Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies	東南アジア地域研究専攻 Southeast Asian Area Studies アフリカ地域研究専攻 African Area Studies グローバル地域研究専攻 Global Area Studies
情報・AI 分野 Informatics and AI	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science	数学・数理解析専攻 Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences 地球惑星科学専攻 Earth and Planetary Sciences
	情報学研究科 Graduate School of Informatics	情報学専攻 Informatics
量子分野 Quantum Science and Technology	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science	数学・数理解析専攻 Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences 物理学・宇宙物理学専攻 Physics and Astronomy
	工学研究科 Graduate School of Engineering	機械理工学専攻 Mechanical Engineering and Science マイクロエンジニアリング専攻 Micro Engineering 航空宇宙工学専攻 Aeronautics and Astronautics 原子核工学専攻 Nuclear Engineering 電気電子デジタル理工学専攻 Electrical, Electronic, and Digital Science and Engineering
	情報学研究科 Graduate School of Informatics	情報学専攻（通信情報システムコース） Informatics（Communications and Computer Engineering course）
マテリアル分野 Materials Sciences	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science	数学・数理解析専攻 Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences 化学専攻 Chemistry 生物科学専攻 Biological Sciences
	医学研究科 Graduate School of Medicine	医学専攻 Medicine 医科学専攻 Medical Science
	薬学研究科 Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	薬科学専攻 Pharmaceutical Sciences 薬学専攻 Biomedical Sciences 創発医薬科学専攻 Medical Frontier Sciences

	工学研究科 Graduate School of Engineering	機械理工学専攻 Mechanical Engineering and Science マイクロエンジニアリング専攻 Micro Engineering 材料工学専攻 Materials Science and Engineering 化学理工学専攻 Chemical Science and Engineering
健康・医療・生命分野 Health, Medical Sciences and Biostudies	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science 医学研究科 Graduate School of Medicine	生物科学専攻 Biological Sciences 医学専攻 Medicine 医科学専攻 Medical Science 社会健康医学系専攻 Public Health 人間健康科学系専攻 Human Health Sciences 京都大学・マギル大学ゲノム医学国際連携専攻 Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative School in Genomic Medicine
	薬学研究科 Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	薬科学専攻 Pharmaceutical Sciences 薬学専攻 Biomedical Sciences 創発医薬科学専攻 Medical Frontier Sciences
	生命科学研究科 Graduate School of Biostudies	統合生命科学専攻 Integrated Life Science 高次生命科学専攻 Systemic Life Science
環境・エネルギー・複合分野 Environment, Energy, and Interdisciplinary Studies	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science 工学研究科 Graduate School of Engineering	地球惑星科学専攻 Earth and Planetary Sciences 社会基盤工学専攻 Civil and Earth Resources 都市社会工学専攻 Urban Management 都市環境工学専攻 Environmental Engineering 建築学専攻 Architecture and Architectural Engineering
	農学研究科 Graduate School of Agriculture	農学専攻 Agronomy and Horticultural Science 森林科学専攻 Forest and Biomaterials Science 応用生命科学専攻 Applied Life Sciences 応用生物科学専攻 Applied Biosciences 地域環境科学専攻 Environmental Science and Technology

		生物資源経済学専攻 Natural Resource Economics
		食品生物科学専攻 Food Science and Biotechnology
	人間・環境学研究科 Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies	人間・環境学専攻 Human and Environmental Studies
	エネルギー科学研究科 Graduate School of Energy Science	エネルギー社会・環境科学専攻 Socio-Environmental Energy Science
		エネルギー基礎科学専攻 Fundamental Energy Science
		エネルギー変換科学専攻 Energy Conversion Science
		エネルギー応用科学専攻 Energy Science and Technology
	アジア・アフリカ地域研究研究科 Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies	東南アジア地域研究専攻 Southeast Asian Area Studies
		アフリカ地域研究専攻 African Area Studies
		グローバル地域研究専攻 Global Area Studies
	総合生存学館 Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability	総合生存学専攻 Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability
	地球環境学舎 Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies	地球環境学専攻 Global Environmental Studies
		環境マネジメント専攻 Environmental Management

(Appendix 3: Additional Screening for the NEXT AI Program)

Committee	Graduate School	Division/Department
次世代 AI プログラム実施委員会 Committee for Next AI Program	情報学研究科 Graduate School of Informatics	情報学専攻 Informatics
	理学研究科 Graduate School of Science	数学・数理解析専攻 Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences
		物理学・宇宙物理学専攻 Physics and Astronomy
		地球惑星科学専攻 Earth and Planetary Sciences
		生物科学専攻 Biological Sciences
	医学研究科 Graduate School of Medicine	医学専攻 Medicine
		医科学専攻 Medical Science
		社会健康医学系専攻 Public Health
		人間健康科学系専攻 Human Health Sciences
	工学研究科 Graduate School of Engineering	機械理工学専攻 Mechanical Engineering and Science

		マイクロエンジニアリング専攻
		Micro Engineering
		電気電子デジタル理工学専攻 Electrical, Electronic, and Digital Science and Engineering
		化学理工学専攻 Chemical Science and Engineering