

■ Spring Selection AY2026 FAQs (Updated 2026/2/25)

No.	Item	Question	Answer
1	Eligibility to Apply	Are students who plan to enter a doctoral program at Kyoto University from another university eligible to apply?	Yes, they are eligible to apply under the Regular category. However, applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program at Kyoto University as of April 2026.
2	Eligibility to Apply	Can students in their second year or higher of doctoral program apply for the DoGS SPRING or DoGS NEXT AI Program?	Only first-year doctoral students are eligible to apply, as both programs focus on developing human resources.
3	Eligibility to Apply	Can I apply while on a leave of absence?	Yes, you can apply. You must return to school by the time the support period begins.
4	Application Documents	May I use grade reports downloaded from KULASIS?	For both your master's and undergraduate programs, you may submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate issued by an automatic certificate issuance machine • Transcripts printed from KULASIS
5	Application Documents	May I list academic articles that are currently under review or have been submitted for publication in the achievements section of the application form?	Only articles that have been accepted for publication may be included. If you are unsure, please add a note such as "under review" when filling it in.
6	Confirmation Form	If the supervisor who has a substantial understanding of my research differs from my officially assigned supervisor, or if my supervisor will change upon entering the doctoral program, to whom should I submit the request for a confirmation form?	Regular Category: Please ask a supervisor or equivalent faculty member who can be responsible for managing the research grants and providing necessary guidance (see "Responsibilities as a supervisor" in Form 2). Early-offer Category: If possible, please ask the supervisor you will have in the doctoral program. If that is difficult, your master's program supervisor is also acceptable. If your supervisor changes after you enroll in the doctoral program and differs from the one listed in your application, you must submit a "Confirmation Form (Supervisor Change)."
7	Confirmation Form	If my supervisor is scheduled to retire, can a newly appointed supervisor at another university prepare the documents?	Yes, this is acceptable. If the new supervisor is scheduled to take up a position at Kyoto University, they may complete the confirmation form.
8	Confirmation Form	An error message appears when I try to request the confirmation form.	An error message will be displayed when you try to send the request email if Section (1) ("Completion of the form") has not been filled in at all. Please enter the required information in Section (1) and save it before trying again. (Refer to the Web Application System Manual.)
9	Application System	How can I confirm that I have successfully submitted my application?	Once you complete the submission, the checkbox next to "Submission of the Application" on the application system's main page will be ticked, and the "Screening Results" section at the bottom will appear.
10	Application System	Is the web application system available 24 hours a day?	Yes, the system is available 24 hours a day. Please note that the office hours for inquiries are as stated in the application guidelines. Should you have any questions, please make inquiries by email well in advance.
11	Application System	I cannot submit my application due to internet connectivity issues.	Applications cannot be submitted after the application deadline. Please note that the server may become congested just before the deadline. We are not responsible for any delays or problems caused by this, so be sure to complete your application well in advance.

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12	Application System	For the "Scholarship Status" on the application system, should I list only the scholarships I am scheduled to receive during the doctoral program? Do I need to include those I have applied for but have not yet been confirmed?	Please list only those scholarships that you are scheduled to receive during the doctoral program. However, you must also include scholarships that you have applied for but are not yet confirmed, with a note such as "(pending)."