" Special Category" of AY2025 Kyoto University DoGS SPRING Program at Spring Selection

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Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) which subsidizes Kyoto University Division of Graduate Studies SPRING Program (DoGS SPRING Program) decided to provide additional support. After careful consideration at the Division of Graduate Studies, we established a "Special Category" for doctoral second year students as a part of this additional support to this category.

DoGS SPRING Program is originally an economic and career support program for students from doctoral first year to standard study period end. Regular category is only for the doctoral first year because the purpose is to train students.

Since this additional support is only for AY2025 and AY2026 (two years) nevertheless and the number of AY2024 Spring selection recipients decreased a little compared with other years, we established "Special Category" which support period is from doctoral second year to standard study period end at AY2025 Spring selection.

Students who enrolled before AY2023 October (except doctoral degree period is within less than two years as per leave of absence on AY2025 April) are not eligible to Special Category because the support period will be less than two years and then it is not suitable for the DoGS SPRING Program purpose.

Please note this Special Category is <u>only AY2025 Spring Selection</u> and there is no plan to have special categories at AY2025 Fall Selection and after selections so far.