— All Doshisha Research Model 2025 —
FY2024 research support on
[SDGs studies of Doshisha University, "Each and every person is precious."]
Call for Applications

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the successor to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) formulated in 2001, are international goals for a sustainable and better world by 2030, as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, unanimously adopted by Member States at the United Nations Summit in September 2015. Consisting of 17 goals and 169 targets, the SDGs pledge to ensure that "no one will be left behind."

The Organization for Research Initiatives and Development (ORID) created the All Doshisha Research Model in response to the university's medium-term action plan, "Doshisha University Vision 2025." The COVID-19 Research Project, carried out in FY2020 as a trial of the All Doshisha Research Model, conducted various studies and disseminated their outcomes. Based on these achievements, we launched the All Doshisha Research Model 2025 for our Vision 2025. Under the Model 2025, we have been selecting and supporting research projects to achieve the SDGs every year for three years starting in FY2022. This call is the third and final call for applications.

This time, the call adds "priorities" in response to the declaration to accelerate the SDGs adopted by the UN General Assembly on September 18, 2023. In the declaration, the UN Secretary-General warned that only 15 percent of the 169 targets under the 17 goals are currently on track, and many are going in reverse, and emphasized the need for action in the following "six targeted areas":

First — we must take action on hunger.
Second — the transition to renewable energy isn't happening fast enough.
Third — the benefits and opportunities of digitalization are not being spread widely enough.
Fourth — too many children and young people are victims of poor quality education, or no education at all.
Fifth — people need decent work and social protection.
And sixth — the war on nature must stop.
Excerpt from "Secretary-General's remarks to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development" (https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2023-09-18/secretary-generals-remarks-the-high-level-political-forum-sustainable-development)

Under the above circumstances, we call for research projects that contribute to the "six targeted areas" as priorities. Specifically, in the screening process, we will add extra points according to the degree of contribution to the "targeted areas".

Joseph Hardy Neesima, the founder of Doshisha Academy, the roots of Doshisha University, has said, "Each and every person is precious," the essence of which is synonymous with the SDGs pledge that "no one will be left behind" in achieving the goals. Therefore, by

supporting research projects to achieve the SDGs, we aim to develop each study, promote research integration, and disseminate Doshisha University's work on the SDGs to the world.

1. Requirements for the research projects and application
   ✓ Research projects that are consistent with the 17 SDGs and the 169 specific targets to achieve them, and that are expected to contribute to the sustainable development of society, will be adopted.
   For details on the 17 SDGs, refer to the following URL.
   https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/
   ✓ Research projects that contribute to the above "six targeted areas" will gain extra points in the screening according to the degree of contribution.
   ✓ A faculty member of Doshisha University can apply as principal researcher with no more than one project. A principal researcher applicant may join other applicant projects as a research co-investigator or research collaborator.
   ✓ It is possible to apply as collaborative research project with other institutions. (For collaborative research that meets the conditions described below, we will increase the maximum amount of support.)
   ✓ You can reapply with the previously adopted topic in a developed form (including continued studies.)
   ✓ The adopted projects are required to submit reports on the research results by the end of the fiscal year and to disseminate the results at a symposium organized by the ORID. The research results and related topics will be posted and disseminated on the SDGs Research Project web page of the ORID.
   https://kikou.doshisha.ac.jp/reactivities/sdgs_research_pj/project.html

2. Number of adoptions
   17 projects

3. Period and amount of support
   Period: One year, from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025
   Amount: The amount applied on the application form, with a maximum of 800,000 yen.
   ✓ You can use the funds only for direct research expenses and cannot purchase general-purpose equipment such as PCs and office software.
   ✓ You cannot carry over the funds to the next year.
   (Note) A project that meets all of the following requirements can apply for "Collaborative Research Category" whose funding amount is one million yen or more and 1.3 million yen or less.
   (1) Collaborative research with domestic or overseas universities (except those within The Doshisha, such as DWCLA) or institutions.
   (2) Conclude a research collaboration agreement with the agreed expenditure owed by Doshisha University of one million yen or more (per a project).

(3) The cost of educational/research equipment is 90% or less of the expected research expense.
(4) Provide a bulletin that collects the research results of the collaboration.

*The "Collaborative Research Category" is based on the premise that the amount of the subsidy for ordinary expenses of private universities will be increased by the special subsidy for "joint research through inter-university collaboration." Accordingly, you must fulfill all the requirements after the adoption. After confirming the fulfillment of the requirements (1)(2)(3), we will increase the amount of support to the amount applied for (the amount for "Collaborative Research Category" which is one million yen or more and 1.3 million yen or less). Before the confirmation, the maximum amount of support is 800,000 yen.

4. Application and selection
Application document: Fill out the designated application document (*Application Form: FY2024 research support on [SDGs studies of Doshisha University, "Each and every person is precious."]*), and then upload it via the electronic form below.
URL of the electronic form (*Application form for FY2024 SDGs studies of Doshisha University*):
https://forms.office.com/r/4Pvvk7QYbi (Microsoft Forms)
Application period: From Thursday, November 16, 2023
to 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 [Strict deadline]
*Please apply well before the deadline, as the form will be closed at the exact date and time.
Selection: The Director of ORID will make the final decision after the selection committee has reviewed the applications.
Notification of selection results: Applicants will receive the selection results via email in late February, 2024.

5. Contact information for inquiries
Department of Research Planning, Organization for Research Initiatives & Development
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FAQ

#	Question	Answer
1	Can a principal researcher join another applicant group?	A principal researcher can participate in other projects as a research co-investigator or research collaborator. Please note that a principal researcher can submit only one application.
2	Can researchers from other institutions participate in applicant projects as co-investigators or research collaborators?	Yes, they can. However, the budget should be implemented by the principal researcher.
3	Can students participate in the project as co-investigators or research collaborators?	They cannot participate as co-investigators, but can join as research collaborators and publish research papers as co-authors.
4	Can researchers who start working at Doshisha University from the next fiscal year apply?	No, they cannot. Only a faculty member of Doshisha University at the time of the application deadline who has a term until the end of the research period can apply.
5	Can researchers who start working at Doshisha University from the next fiscal year participate in the project as co-investigators?	They can join the project as long as they are faculty members of Doshisha University at the time of the start of the project (April 1).
6	Can research collaborators (stated in #2 and 3) receive transportation fees and compensations?	Yes, they can.
7	Do I need to set three goals of the SDGs?	You are required to set at least one and no more than three goals.
8	(Collaborative Research Category) Can I apply for "Collaborative Research Category" with other universities with total budget of 800,000 yen or more and less than 1,000,000 yen?	No, you cannot. It must be no less than 1,000,000 yen and up to 1,300,000 yen since the category is based on the premise that the amount of the subsidy for ordinary expenses of private universities will be increased by the special subsidy for "joint research through inter-university collaboration."
9	(Collaborative Research Category) Can I apply for "Collaborative Research Category" based on already-ongoing joint research with other university?	You can apply with a new research topic based on the structure of the existing joint research, if the new topic is consistent with the objectives of this fund. You cannot apply with the same research topic as the existing joint research.
10	(Collaborative Research Category) In order to apply for "Collaborative Research Category", is it necessary to conclude an agreement of inter-university academic exchange before the application?	The conclusion of agreements may be after the adoption. Regarding the contents of the required agreements, please consult the Department of Research Planning beforehand.
11	Can non-tenured faculty members who belong to Doshisha University at the time of application deadline and until the end of the research period apply?	Most of the non-tenured faculty members who belong to Doshisha University at the time of application deadline and until the end of the research period are eligible to apply. For specific eligible positions, please contact the Department of Research Planning before applying.
12	Is it possible to apply with research topics not contributing to the "six targeted areas"?	Yes, you can. Research projects that contribute to the "six targeted areas" will gain extra points in the screening according to the degree of contribution.

✱*Co-investigators* are researchers who carry out part of the project under the supervision of the principal researcher. Research co-investigators from Doshisha University can implement their assigned budget by themselves. However, the principal researcher should implement the budget on behalf of the research co-investigators from other institutions.

✱*Research collaborators* provide knowledge and technique requested by principal researchers or the research group. Budget implementation by research collaborators themselves is not allowed.

Seventeen Goals of the SDGs

Logo	Goal
	No poverty End poverty in all its forms everywhere
	Zero hunger End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
	Good health and well-being Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
	Quality education Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
	Gender equality Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
	Clean water and sanitation Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
	Affordable and clean energy Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
	Decent work and economic growth Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
	Industry, innovation and infrastructure Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
	Reduced inequalities Reduce inequality within and among countries
	Sustainable cities and communities Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
	Responsible consumption and production Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
	Climate action Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
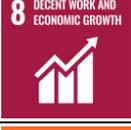
	Life below water Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
	Life on land Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
	Peace, justice and strong institutions Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
	Partnerships for the goals Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development