

Budget Execution Survey, FY2025

1. Title

Financial support for PhD students (Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING))

2. Purpose

The Budget Execution Survey is an initiative in which budget officers at the Budget Bureau of the Ministry of Finance (MOF) investigate and evaluate the actual budget execution, point out areas that need improvement, and use this information to review the budget and improve its efficiency.

This survey, conducted by the MOF in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), targets universities that have received support through the "Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING Program)," a support program for PhD students that JST has been implementing since FY2021.

The survey will collect information on the career paths and support available to PhD students, and the results will serve as foundational data to inform the development of future support measures for PhD students. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in completing this survey.

3. Survey Participants and Contact Details

The subjects of this survey are students who were enrolled in a PhD program in 2024. This also includes those who will be enrolled in 2025, those who completed the program (including those who completed all credits and withdrew), and those who withdrew during 2024. In the case of a five-year doctoral program, advancement to the third year is considered to be equivalent to advancement to the PhD program after the master's program.

Please contact us below for any inquiries:

- Regarding the survey: kiban@mext.go.jp
- Regarding the questionnaire form: jisedai-student@jst.go.jp

* Please include [Budget Execution Survey] at the beginning of the email subject line.

4. Response Deadline

The deadline for responding to this survey is Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

5. Information Security Measures

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