

New Initiative to Accelerate Graduate School Reform in the Social Sciences Launched in 2024

“The Bridge to the Future” — Hitotsubashi University’s Innovative Doctoral Human Development Project

To foster doctoral students who would be capable of working in a variety of career paths



Career Development Program

To ensure that the doctoral students acquire the skills necessary to become social innovators, including such skills as teamwork, a go-getter attitude, and developed imagination, HU offers the following programs:

- ✓ **Internship programs**
- ✓ **Support for studying abroad and giving presentations at international conferences**
- ✓ **Lectures to acquire transferable skills**

- HU has been selected for the JST’s Program “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING)” in 2024 , and started providing financial support to selected students
- Constant review of the program, actively incorporating outside opinions, such as those of “The Roundtable for the Advancement of the Social Sciences” and “Hitotsubashi Global Advisory Board”



Research Capability Enhancement Program

The doctoral students actively participate in the projects centered on cross-departmental research centers:

- ✓ **An exchange program with young researchers in different fields**
- ✓ **HIAS Seminars with cutting-edge researchers**
- ✓ **FD Seminar for Paper Submission**



Selection & Support by Mentor Faculty

- A selection committee has been established, which includes managers and directors of private companies
- The top 20% of the highly motivated doctoral students have been selected, taking gender balance and diversity into consideration