

iP-U's Challenges at the Utsunomiya University's Global Science Campus

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Incubation Program at Utsunomiya University to Train Talents in Science (iP-U)











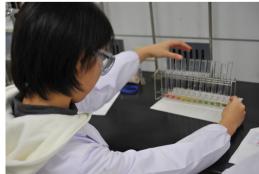








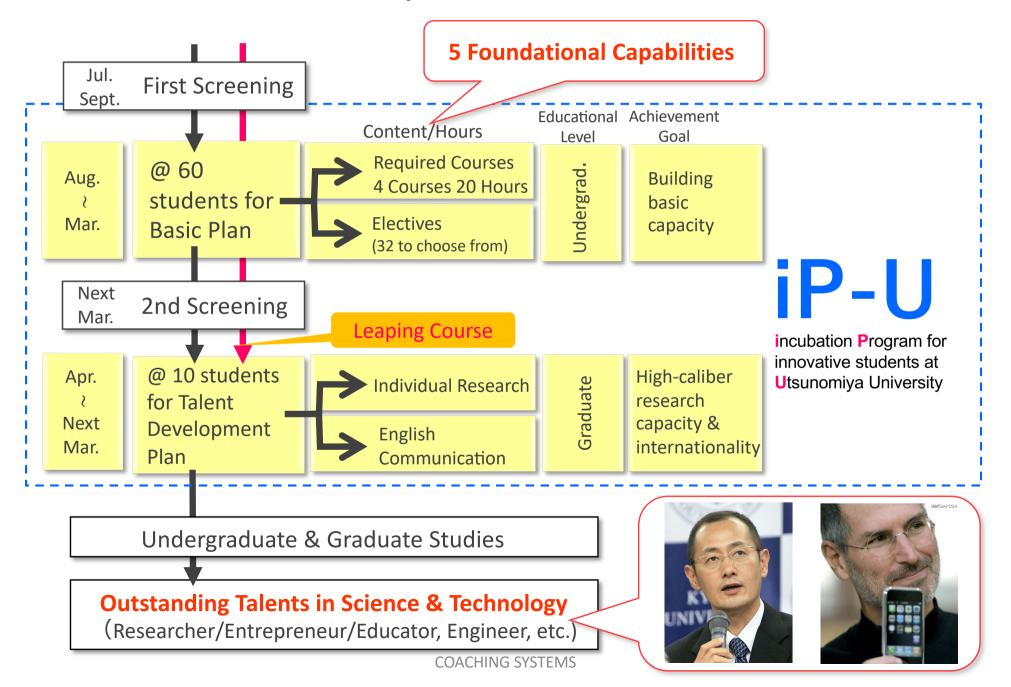








Summary of Desired Talents



Five Foundational Capabilities

Capability	Description
International Capability to Engage Others	One can request others' collaboration for their research in English.
Grit	One has a strong desire and commitment to accomplish one's goals.
Steady and continuous efforts	One can manage one's goals and time and is not affected by one's moods. One can continuously get things done little by little.
Capability to Create the Future	One can create a vision that makes many people happy.
Imagination	One can generate essential ideas based on diverse perspectives.

Purpose of Coaching at iP-U

Purpose

- 1. Improve five foundational capacities.
- 2. Promote research and learning at iP-U.



Strategy

- 1. Enhance individual diversities (one-on-one coaching).
- 2. Create "Ba (場)" (space) (fostering a collective mindset).

Methods

- 1. First session on "Introduction to self-coaching" (introducing how to think about coaching, stimulating thinking, and planning).
- 2. Individualized guidance (i.e., progress reports, monthly reports, and one-on-one coaching).
- 3. Group guidance (i.e., group coaching, in-class group work, and reflection)

Capabilities to Foster Personal Characteristics & Ways to Support



Five Foundational Capabilities

- Grit
- Ambitious
- Perseverance
- Self-control
- Perspective-taking
- Social
- Quick recovery
- Creative & resourceful
- Curious
- Sincere, etc.

Research Ability

Non-cognitive Ability

Metacognition UP

Coaching

- Listening (Acceptance & Empathy)
- Approval (Strength)
- Inquiry (Reflection)
- Feedback

Reflection Support

- Acceptance
- Effectiveness
- Competence, etc.

Psychological

Characteristics

Emotional Support



Introduction to Self-Coaching

Purpose:

Through the development of five capabilities, students lean how to be the best version of self during the sixmonth long training.

Training Content:

By experiencing the flow of coaching, students learn the important of planning, doing, seeing, and reflecting

Observation:

As this is a form of active learning, other students' presence influence outcomes.

Progress Reports (Red Ink Coaching)

Purpose:

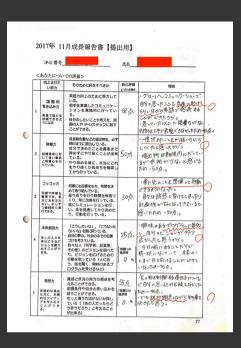
To support self-reflection and associated emotions through the mechanism of progress reports.

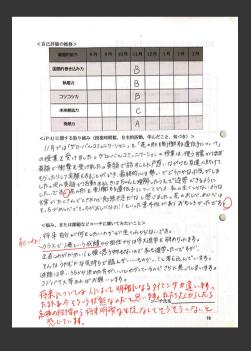
Content:

Each student reflect once a month. A coach listens, approves, questions, and provides feedback and/or advice. This is done with full knowledge of the student's psychological characteristics.

Observation

In the Q&A section, students write variety of things. We can understand what they are struggling with as individuals and as a group. We adjust our responses to them accordingly.





Psychological Characteristics





Personal Coaching

Purpose:

Support for reflection, emotions, and research

Content:

One half of the students who receive personal coaching chose to participate and the other half was invited to participate. For the first 6 months, 30 minutes once a month. After that once every 6 months.

Observation:

Every student is progressing well and growing!



Group Coaching

Purpose:

Reflection support, emotional support, igniting motivation, fostering the group's mindset.

Content

Recruit volunteers among participants in the Talent Development Course. Up to 6 students in one group. One session lasts 3 hours; we collectively find answers for our progress and challenges.

Observation

Students always get stimulated by other students. They resonate very much with advising each other as equals. An opportunity to motivate each other. Group coaching interactions are possibly fostering the iP-U mindset.

Participants' Capability Development Status

2016

Three capabilities other than "GRIT" went up significantly.

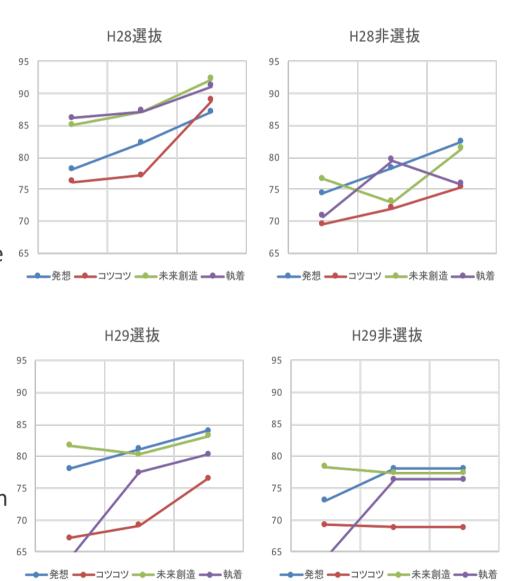
Selected group: p<.01. Other participants: "Imagination," p<.01. Others, p<.05.

2017

Selected group: Three capabilities except "the capability to create the future" went up significantly (p<.01). Other participants: "Imagination" (p<.05) and "GRIT" (p<.01) went up significantly.

2016 & 2017

Compared to 2016, scores didn't go up that much among the cohort of 2017. Difference in selected groups at recruitment. "GRIT" and "grit" are the engines for "the capability to create the future" and "imagination"?



Conclusions and Future Directions

Conclusions:

- Coaching functions effectively as methods: 1) to encourage goal management and pace making with the support of self-reflection; and 2) to support emotional and psychological growth.
- 2. Considering non-cognitive ability and psychological characteristics, the following two approaches may be deemed effective.
 - Individual (個): One-on-one coaching to expand individuals' diverse talents
 - Ba (場) (Space): Fostering a collective mindset.
- 3. Coaching as a method to develop metacognition.

Future Directions:

- What are the differences between the two groups?
- Development of quantitative measurements for the outcomes.