

MISSION

The mission of the Institute of Buddhist Studies is to provide graduate level education in the full breadth of the Buddhist tradition with specialized education supporting Pure Land and contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies, while advancing Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist ministry and Buddhist chaplaincy.

VISION

The Institute of Buddhist Studies leads American Buddhist education by preparing students to effectively apply Buddhist teachings to inspire personal and collective transformation, inform compassionate healing and care, and create meaningful social impact.

VALUES

Grounded in the wisdom of the Buddhadharma, the Institute of Buddhist Studies creates learning environments where deep intellectual inquiry is met with heartfelt connections.

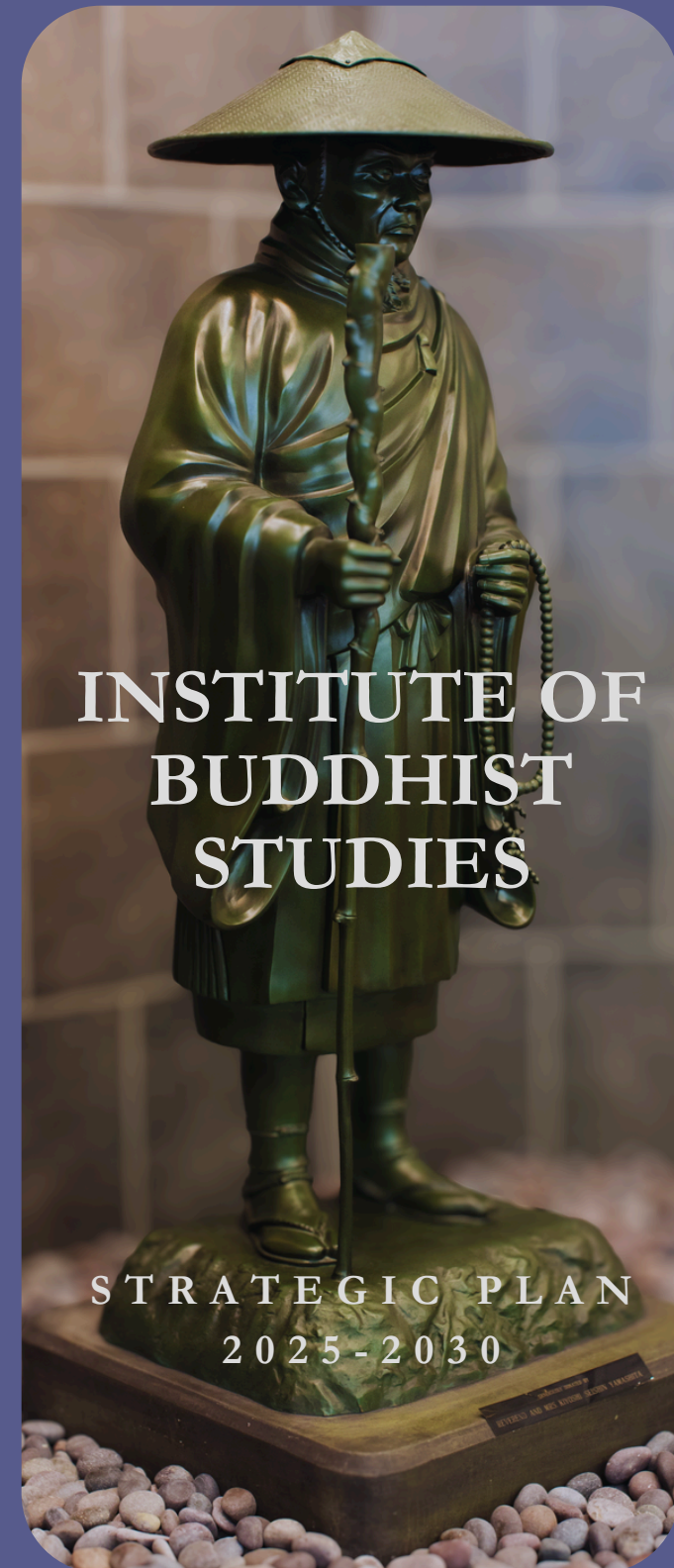
Guided by compassion, we seek to alleviate suffering and foster the well-being of all beings.

Strengthened by community, we cultivate spaces of belonging, inclusivity, and connection.



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GOAL 1: PROGRAMS

Promote a deep study of the dharma through intellectual and affective methods (head-heart pedagogy), guided by compassion and gratitude.

- Expand Institute's reach; engage new audiences; maximize support for IBS graduates.
- Enhance Jōdo Shinshū Studies and opportunities for Shin ministerial program.
- Improve IBS library and rare book collection.
- Expand awareness and promotion of IBS.
- Strengthen and expand effectiveness of ministerial and chaplaincy programs.
- Effectively serve student needs, increase student support programs, and set enrollment goals and caps.

GOAL 2: SUSTAINABILITY

Maximize the Institute's ability to fulfill its mission, accomplish its strategic goals and objectives, strengthen its financial position, and develop a culture of philanthropy.

- Secure long-term financial sustainability.
- Strengthen effectiveness of IBS's development goals.
- Ensure sustainable operations through investments in human and technology resources.
- Prioritize intentional conversations around mission, Board composition, and strategic partnerships.
- Conduct continual assessment of collaborative relationships with GTU, key stakeholders, and the broader higher educational landscape.

GOAL 3: PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthen partnerships with multi-generational Buddhist communities and the Buddhist Churches of America, institutions of higher education, and community organizations to promote synergistic and mutually beneficial relationships.

- Enhance IBS's relationship with the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).
- Maximize opportunities for collaboration with Center for Buddhist Education (CBE), Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO), and other BCA-related organizations.
- Expand awareness and promotion of IBS, support faculty networking and development, and offer opportunities to students.
- Strengthen IBS's relationship with Ryukoku University.