

Asian Development Bank – Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)
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One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1)
Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)



政策研究大学院大学
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FOR POLICY STUDIES

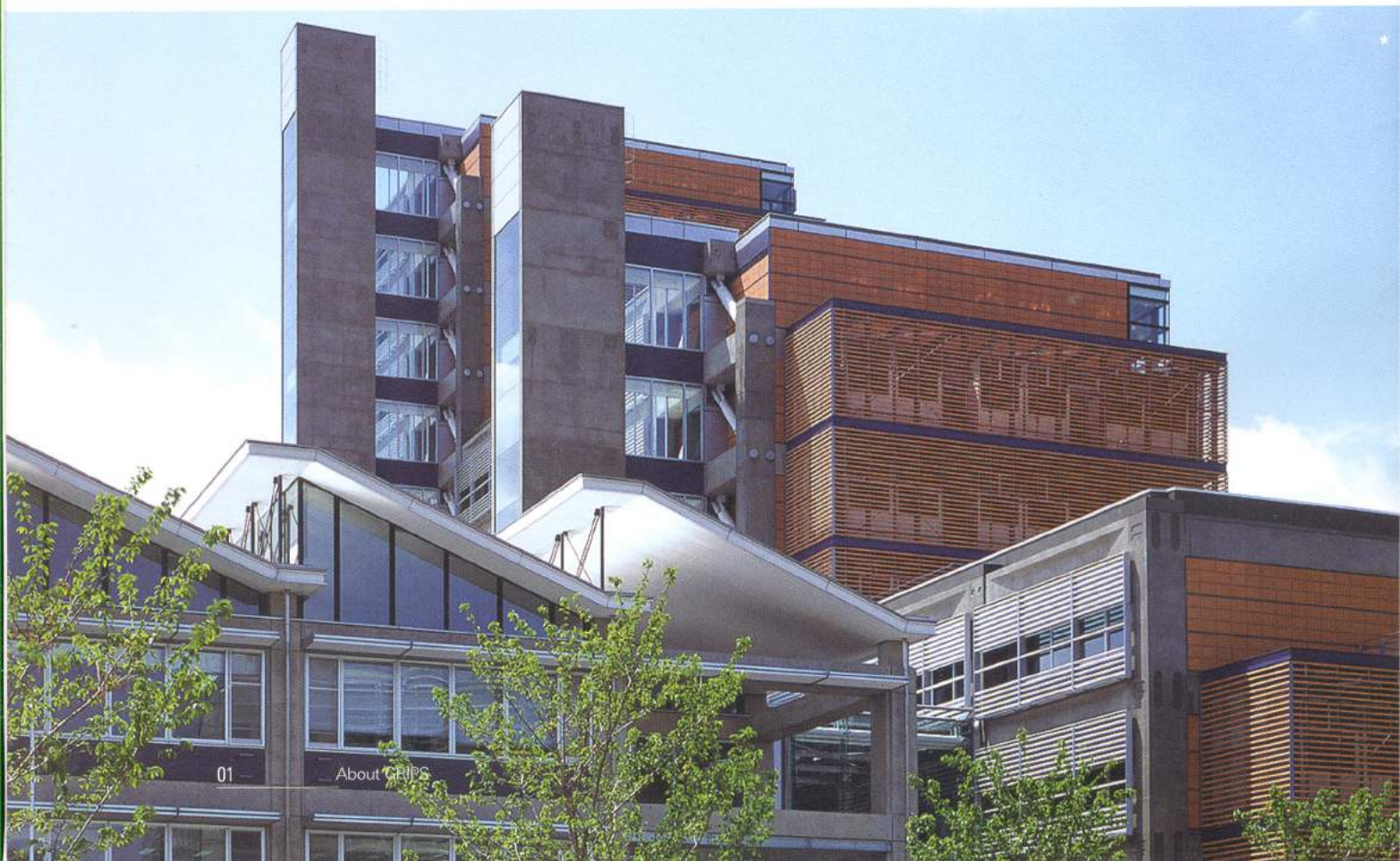
Your Gateway to Global Leadership

GRIPS is a graduate school specializing in education and research for policy studies. The predecessor of GRIPS was the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), which was established in 1977 at Saitama University as the first graduate school for policy studies in Japan. Established in 1997 by the Japanese government, GRIPS inherited the GSPS mantle and eventually moved to Roppongi, an international and cultural hub of Tokyo. GRIPS aims to produce first-class policy makers and conduct cutting-edge research in policy studies. Our slogan, "Gateway to Global Leadership," summarizes the mission of GRIPS: We seek to identify and nurture leaders and managers involved in policy-making on a global scale.

GRIPS is one of the most internationalized graduate schools in the world, with international students comprising nearly 66% of the student body. The class of 2016-2017, for example, which consisted of 421 students, included 279 foreign students from 62 countries. Most GRIPS students are professionals from central and local governments.

GRIPS has been a partner of the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP) since 2000. In addition, GRIPS has been selected by the Japanese government and international organizations such as the World Bank, the World Customs Organization, and the International Monetary Fund to train mid-career government officials from emerging and developing countries.

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2 GRIPS' Flagship Program

The Public Policy Program

The Public Policy Program (PPP) is GRIPS' flagship program and it has roots going back to the GSPS. The mission of the PPP is to educate leaders, public managers, and public policy analysts, providing them with the policy tools and ethical principles needed for democratic and efficient governance in the public policy arena. The PPP has produced a steady stream of highly qualified managers and leaders for many important areas of public policy. Graduates of this program become part of an international network of policy professionals.

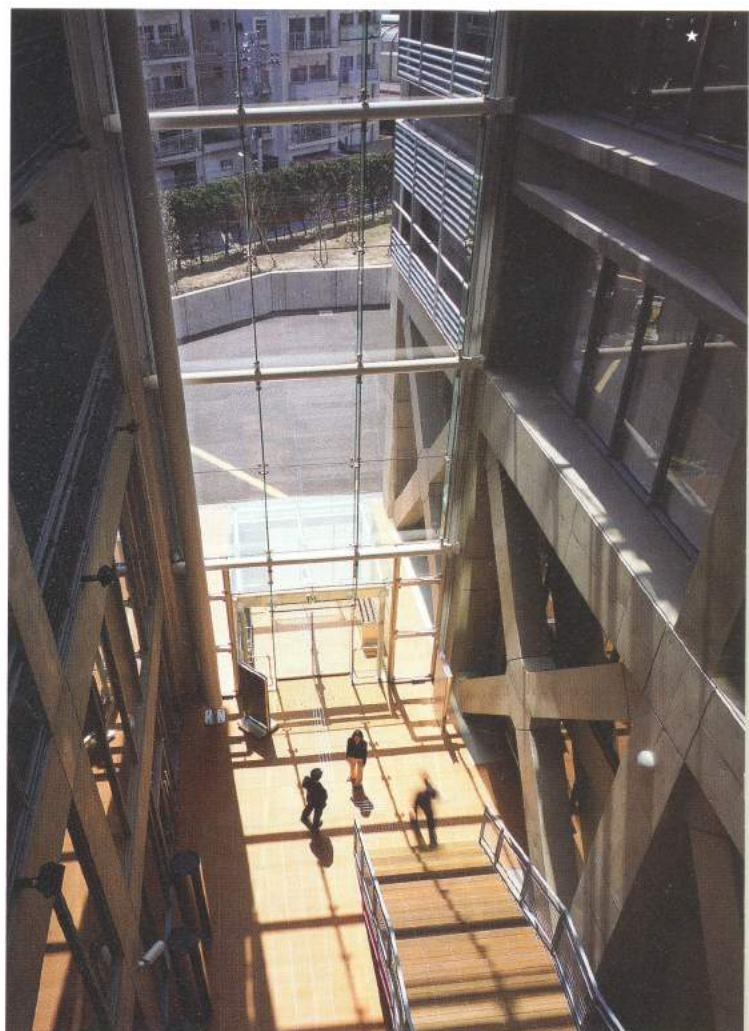
The Public Policy Program has two tracks—a one-year track (MP1) and a two-year track (MP2). The working and teaching language of the PPP is English and all courses are offered in English.



Director:
Makoto Tanaka
(Applied Economics)

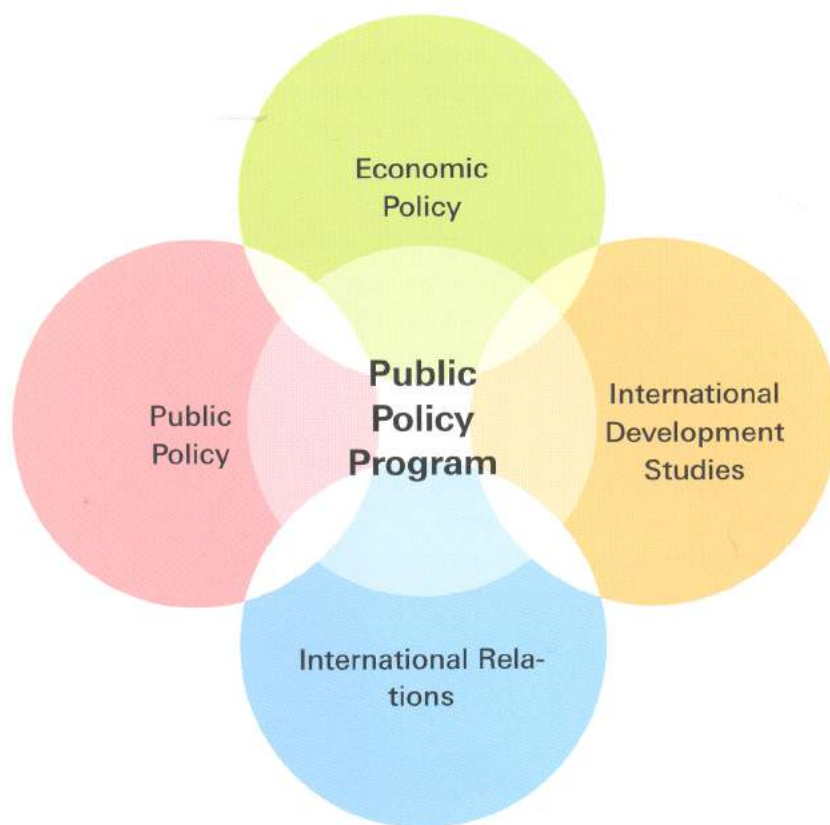
The one-year master's program (MP1) equips mid-career managers and leaders with the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to make them effective managers in the public sector. Students develop familiarity with all phases of the policy cycle. The program awards the degree of Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Administration. Students are required to write a policy report in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree.

The two-year master's program (MP2) provides early- and mid-career professionals and junior staff members with the technical skills needed to be professional policy analysts. The program builds a strong foundation for advanced research (including doctoral studies). The program awards the degree of Master of Arts in Public Policy. Students are required to write a master's thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree.



Program Design: Interdisciplinary Academic & Professional Education

The curriculum is composed of an introductory course in policy studies, policy debate seminars, and a wide variety of elective courses. All PPP students are provided a common interdisciplinary and analytical foundation through required courses. Students acquire more specialized knowledge by taking recommended courses. A wide range of elective courses enables students to enhance their academic and pragmatic skills. Practical courses are taught by government officials who have extensive experience in policy formulation and implementation. This combination of academic and practical knowledge is the hallmark of a GRIPS education.



Students are provided considerable guidance in the preparation of their policy reports. Students develop research skills, choose a research topic, and develop their policy reports in two policy debate seminars. The Center for Professional Communication (CPC) offers guidance and support at every stage of the writing process, from selecting a topic to writing the final draft.

In addition to the knowledge and skills acquired in the first year, MP2 second-year students receive advanced training and guidance in the technical and practical skills needed for public policy analysis. Students develop and apply their research skills to writing and defending compulsory master's theses. Thus, MP2 provides a strong platform for advanced policy research (including doctoral studies).



Faculty: Cutting-Edge Academic Research for Practical Policy Solutions

MP1 and MP2 are taught by full-time faculty as well as visiting lecturers. The core GRIPS faculty is composed of domestic and international scholars with solid academic backgrounds and outstanding publication records as well as practitioners with extensive experience in the civil service and public policy management.

Concentrations: Your Field of Study

Students can enroll in a wide variety of courses covering the social sciences, including economics, international relations, development policies, operations research, as well as their chosen fields for in-depth policy study. The PPP provides students with a choice of four concentrations (specialties): Economic Policy (EP), International Development Studies (IDS), International Relations (IR), and Public Policy (PP).

Economic Policy (EP) Concentration

The objective of the Economic Policy (EP) Concentration is to provide policy professionals with the skills needed to design and evaluate policy alternatives while emphasizing the application of economic tools to real-world policy problems. Students are strongly recommended to take core and applied courses in economics. Each student is required to produce a policy report/thesis, for which GRIPS faculty members will provide guidance and advice.



**Associate Deputy
Director and
Concentration
Leader: Nobuhiro Hosoe**
(Computational Economics)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Financial Development and Economic Growth in Developing Countries
- Non-Interest Income and Risk: The Empirical Evidence of Thai Commercial Banks
- Assessing the Impact of International Trade on Economic Growth: A Case Study of Ghana
- The Impact of Exchange Rate Movements on Foreign Direct Investment in Uganda
- The Impact of Monetary Policy towards Investment in Indonesia

International Development Studies (IDS) Concentration

The International Development Studies (IDS) Concentration aims to foster technical skills for solving development problems using economics as the basic tool. Specially designed for researchers and policy makers interested in development issues, the curriculum of this concentration covers a wide range of topics in development including gender, poverty, agricultural development, trade and industry, environment, and government and market.



**Concentration Leader:
Jonna P. Estudillo**
(Development Economics)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- An Essay on the Evolution of Modern Rice Farming Systems in Asia
- Women in the Labor Market in Vietnam Since the Start of Doi Mo
- Is There a Difference in Outreach by the Legal Status of Microfinance Institutions?
- Nonfarm Sector Development and Women Empowerment in Bangladesh
- Contribution of Community Forestry to Sustainable Forest Management in Nepal

International Relations (IR) Concentration

The International Relations (IR) Concentration aims to foster the development of future policy leaders through intensive training in the methods and approaches necessary for understanding and solving major contemporary challenges in the world. We welcome students with interests in international affairs, covering a variety of issues from security to political economy, as well as those who wish to analyze domestic politics or political economy within the context of an individual country or from a comparative perspective. Both qualitative and quantitative methods can be adopted for analyses.



Concentration Leader:
Hyoung Kyu Chey

*(International Political
Economy)*

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Question of Existence: Rising Sea Levels in the Pacific and New Zealand Policy Options
- R2P in East and Southeast Asia
- Small States as Negotiators: A Comparison of Cambodia and Laos with Reference to the South China Sea Issue
- Ghana's Regional Integration Efforts in Africa: The Post-Nkrumah Era in Review
- Building Trust in the Relationship with China: From Vietnam's Perspective

Public Policy (PP) Concentration

The objective of the Public Policy (PP) Concentration is to provide students with knowledge of various policy issues from many different disciplinary viewpoints to support their understanding and investigation of policy-related problems. Students are required to write a policy proposal based on the application of either quantitative or qualitative analytical tools to a policy issue. In preparing policy reports, students should (a) collect quantitative and/or qualitative data, (b) analyze the data, and (c) write a policy proposal based on their investigation.



**Concentration
Leaders:**
Tatsuo Oyama

(Operations Research)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Public Service Reform Programme in Tanzania
- Thai Consumers' Purchasing Perception toward Payment Instruments for Point-of-Sale Transactions
- Optimal Mechanisms for Knowledge Sharing in International and Development Cooperation
- Food Safety Concerns in Bangladesh



**Concentration
Leaders:**
Ikuko Shimomura

(Public Administration)

Curriculum

Required Courses			
Introduction to Public Policy Studies Policy Debate Seminar I & II Independent Study (Thesis) [only for MP2]			
Required or Recommended Courses by Concentration			
Economic Policy	International Development Studies	International Relations	Public Policy
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics I	International Relations	Government and Market
Microeconomics II	Microeconomics II	International Security Studies	Introduction to Applied Econometrics
Macroeconomics I	Essential Microeconomics Macroeconomics I	International Political Economy	Trade and Industrial Development
Macroeconomics II	Macroeconomics II	International Relations in Europe	Public Economics
Introduction to Applied Economics	Essential Macroeconomics	Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy	Resource and Energy Economics
	Development Economics Introductory Statistics	Development Cooperation Policy	Development Economics
	Development Economics Introductory Statistics Strategies of Economic	Transnational Organized Crime and Security	International Security Studies
	Development	Non-Traditional Security	Structure and Process of Government
	Poverty Alleviation	Comparative Politics	International Political Economy of Money and Finance
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Comparative Political Economy	Introduction to Quantitative Methods
	Trade and Industrial Development	Comparative State Formation	Introductory Statistics
	Gender and Development	Structure and Process of Government	
	Government and Market	Political Economy of Modern Japan	
	Agricultural Economics	Government and Politics in Japan	
	Environmental Economics	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	
	Cost Benefit Analysis I	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	
	Cost Benefit Analysis II	State and Politics in Africa	
	Structure and Process of Government	Politic of Global Money and Finance	
	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	Topics on International Relations	
	Comparative Analysis on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy	Institutions in Policymaking	
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics		
	GRIPS Forum		
	Resource and Energy Economics		
	Agricultural Development		
	Comparative Political Economy		
	Comparative Development Studies of Asia		

Note : The above table lists some of the required and recommended courses by concentration.



3 GRIPS Summer Program

The mission of the GRIPS Summer Program is to enhance participants' practical policy-making skills through activities that require participants to apply their discipline-based knowledge to various real-life policy issues. The GRIPS Summer Program is organized into four major activity areas: seminars, symposia, and conferences; skill-enhancing workshops; research tours and field trips; and sports, entertainment, and culture.

1. Seminars, Symposiums, and Student Conference
 - BBL Seminars
 - H-LAB Talent Show by students
 - Japan's Lessons for Europe's Crisis Management
 - Student Conference—Public Policy, Innovation and Development
2. Skill Enhancing and Policy Workshops
 - Workshop on strategic negotiations
 - Media skills for policy makers
 - English for social networking
 - Twitter for better government
 - Grant proposal writing
3. Research Tours & Fieldtrips
 - Haneda Chronogate Logistics Terminal tour
 - Mt. Fuji hiking
 - J-Power thermal power plant tour
 - Miraikan Science Museum tour
 - Visits in Ministry of Defense, Bank of Japan, and Embassies
4. Sports, Entertainment, and Culture
 - Bon Odori Dance: "Ropponjin Ono"
 - Introduction to Japanese Tea Ceremony
 - Cultural exchange with junior high school students



4 Alumni



Among the greatest benefits and joys of studying at GRIPS are the quality and diversity of the student community. The connections you make at GRIPS are a valuable part of your degree. The GRIPS Alumni Network will ensure lifetime bonds by keeping you in touch with fellow alumni and the school.

As a GRIPS graduate, you will join an impressive network of around 3,700 alumni who are actively shaping and administering public policies in more than 98 countries around the world. We offer a variety of ways to remain engaged with GRIPS and strengthen your ties with fellow alumni around the globe. These include alumni reunions, seminars, a searchable alumni directory and online networking opportunities utilizing social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Alumni Voices



Bojan Petrovski (Macedonia, 2008) Public Policy Program

State Counselor, Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia

Studying at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies was a life changing experience for me from many viewpoints. First and foremost, it enabled me to grow academically, and learn many new aspects of policy making and implementation that had been missing in my prior education. Then, it allowed me to get acquainted with Japan, one of the most exiting places in the world, rich with both tradition and modern life. Finally, graduating from GRIPS turned out to be the key asset for career advancement that brought me to the next level within the public institutions of my country. I warmly recommend taking up studies at GRIPS to any public service professional.



Edward Tenywa (Uganda, 2011) One-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Personal Assistant to Deputy Governor, Governor's Office, Bank of Uganda

Further advancement of my central banking career required the search for breadth and depth of theoretical and practical knowledge in economics and public policy. The selfless and dedicated staff, the multidisciplinary approach to studies and multicultural environment at GRIPS, all ensured that I got more than I had envisaged. This life defining and changing experience was truly my gate way to institutional and global leadership.



Marcelo Echague Pastore (Paraguay, 2013)

Two-year Master's program of Public Policy

Director, Economic Studies and Financial Analysis, Securities and Exchange Commission of Paraguay

The discovery of GRIPS was a great joy, as it offers programs that are very inter-disciplinary in their scope, by mixing Economics, Political Science, International Security Studies, and so on. Moreover, this university also proved to be extremely international, enabling me to interact and exchange experiences with people that I would certainly not easily meet in other parts of the world. Studying at GRIPS has also been extremely positive in terms of learning, by giving me the chance to take leadership roles such as within the International Student Council, together with the numerous invitation to several high-level discussions, meetings and panel debates with top professionals in their fields, including public servants, academics, and executives from the private sector. Such an experience has definitely been helpful in preparing me for my present and future endeavors. Honestly, I do not think I would have gotten my current job at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Paraguay if it was not for GRIPS.



Ugyen Wangchuk (Bhutan, 2014) Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Program Officer, Children Division, National Commission for Women and Children Royal Government of Bhutan

Greeting from Bhutan, the Land of Happiness! To be honest, initially for about few weeks I was literally feeling homesick wanting to go back to my country. With the support from the student office I slowly acclimatized myself into the system. Days, Weeks and Months passed and I started feeling like 'yes' this is the place I wanted to live and study. GRIPS, with lot of International Students and Japanese students is another beauty by itself. Where we get to know many friends across the world and knowing their culture has broadened my thinking and understanding of the Universe. The Professors are talented and full of knowledge and the most important was their willingness to help the student at any point of time. Faculties working in GRIPS were such a lovely person, making us feel like home. I say my two years stay in Japan had trained and prepared me both mentally and professionally to take up any responsibilities.



Keiko Fukumori (Japan, 2014) One-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency Indonesia Office

GRIPS is a unique school with an excellent public policy and administration program. It offers not only theoretical studies but also various case studies from other countries, including developing countries, which are useful for actual work in business and administration. The learning environment at GRIPS is so international that you can forget that this is a school in Tokyo. You can take all your course in English and the program can be customized based on your personal interests. I focused on economics and econometrics, and I acquired many theoretical and analytical skills for public policy work. The student-faculty ratio is very good and you can ask the teacher to raise the level if you would like to learn more. Sharing such a unique and precious time in academics with people from various countries will surely be one of my lifetime treasures.

*The Public Policy Program was organized in 2010 into One-year Master's Program of Public Policy and Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy.

5 Admissions



The application procedure should be completed online by all candidates for MP1 and MP2. Applicants need to obtain an ID and Password prior to online application. The Online Entry Form and Online Application Form must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines. Details can be found at the GRIPS Admissions website: (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>).

The online application process of GRIPS can be complicated and confusing because of varying requirements and policies for different programs and scholarships. The GRIPS Admissions Office will help you work through any problems you encounter.

Qualifications

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized/accredited university and must satisfy the English language requirement with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (iBT 79) or IELTS Academic 6.0. A record of solid academic performance at the undergraduate level is expected. Work experience in government or other policy-oriented institutions is highly desirable. Evidence of managerial experience and leadership potential are looked on very favorably, especially for MP1. Although there is no formal entrance exam, the Public Policy Program may administer special exams in such areas as English writing and mathematics proficiency. Telephone and video interviews may also be conducted. Some in-person interviews may be arranged if circumstances permit.

Funding Options

There are several ways to finance your education in the PPP. The traditional way is to obtain one of several scholarships allocated to GRIPS by various sponsoring organizations. The two primary sources of funds are the **Japanese Government (MEXT)** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**. MEXT and ADB provide a fixed number of scholarships both for MP1 and MP2. Candidates who apply by the early application deadline (November) will be considered for one of these scholarships.

The choice of scholarship will be determined by GRIPS based on constraints imposed by the scholarship providers (see the GRIPS website for details).

Scholarships are allocated on a competitive basis from the pool of early applicants.

Self-financing, including all externally acquired funds, is another option. Since GRIPS is a Japanese

national university, our tuition and fees are very low and quite competitive on an international basis. This is particularly true given the high quality of our education and other services.

As a consequence, an increasing number of candidates apply to GRIPS with their personal funds or with scholarships obtained from external sources such as their home governments or non-governmental organizations.

Scholarship Eligibility and details for MP1&2 Program Provided by GRIPS

Eligibility Criteria	Scholarship Coverage
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 35 years of age (as of April 1 of the year of enrollment) • Nationals of countries with which Japan has diplomatic relations • Non-residents of Japan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly stipend • Application fee, admission fee, and tuition • Round-trip economy-class air ticket between your home country to Japan
Asian Development Bank – Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 36 years of age (as of April 1 of the year of enrollment) • Nationals of ADB's developing member countries • At least 2 years of full-time professional work experience (at the time of application deadline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly stipend • Application fee, admission fee, and tuition • Round-trip economy-class air ticket between your home country and Japan • Research allowance, Book allowance, Arrival allowance, and Miscellaneous expenses

Please refer <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/> for details.

Important Dates

	Applicants seeking MEXT/ADB Scholarships	Externally funded and self-financed applicants
Previous Year	Aug Online Application Open	Online Application Open
	Nov Deadline mid Nov.	Deadline mid Nov.
Year of Enrollment	Dec	
	Feb Result Notification	
	Mar	↓
		Online Application Open
	Apr	Result Notification
	May	↓
		Deadline mid May
	Jun	
	Jul	↓
		Result Notification
	Aug Visa, etc.	
	Oct Program Starts	

An orientation program is provided for students in early October. The academic year runs from October through the following September.

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Student Support and Resources

One unique aspect of GRIPS is our extensive support system for assisting students in their daily living. We consider this aspect of your lives to be every bit as important as your academic life, especially for foreign scholars unfamiliar with Japan. As international students have comprised, on average, about 60% of the GRIPS student body over the last 10 years, we have developed comprehensive services to assist students in their day-to-day living.

The Student Office organizes orientation programs for incoming students and assists arriving international students in getting organized and settled in Japan. It also organizes a number of social events and activities, including field trips and Japanese cultural experiences. The Student Office also functions as a hub to promote meaningful interaction and understanding between Japanese and foreign nationals.

Faculty

GRIPS has approximately 80 full-time faculty members from a variety of backgrounds. Many of them have served as central and local government officials, diplomats, bankers or business executives. This enables an effective combination of rigorous academic courses complemented by professional expertise and experience.

For more on our faculty members, please see <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/about/directory/>

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in the Tokyo International Exchange Center (TIEC), operated by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), in GRIPS International House, or in private apartments recommended by the GRIPS Student Office.

Misato Housing Complex

In Saitama prefecture, nearby Lalaport shopping mall that boasts around 200 shops and restaurants flanked by enormous IKEA and Costco stores.

Room Types : 1Room w/kitchen
2Rooms w/kitchen



GRIPS International House I

In Nakano, built in 2009

Room Types : Single, Couple



GRIPS International House II

In Nakano, built in 2010

Room Types : Single, Couple



Resources

Center for Professional Communication

The mission of the Center for Professional Communication is to support GRIPS students, faculty, and staff in developing effective professional communication skills and competencies needed to communicate productively in an environment of multiple stakeholders. To this end, we offer a range of instruction and support in fundamental areas of professional communication in English and Japanese, including policy paper writing, professional speaking, grant proposal writing, and digital communications. We

also provide opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges through a self-access learning center, organize seminars and special events related to all aspects of professional communication, and prepare customized materials for students and staff on academic and professional writing and language learning.

Library

- Extensive collection of publications in the field of policy studies, collected from around the world
- Collection contains over 150,000 volumes, including reference books, statistical collections, working papers, and government documents
- Large collections of periodicals that include more than 10,000 journals, many of which are available online
- Well-trained staff are equipped to respond to research-related requests



Facilities

Student Rooms and Computers

- Each student is provided with a study space and laptop computer, accessible 24 hours a day
- A computer help desk is open to all students during regular working hours



Health Services Center

- In-house health clinic
- Nurse on duty daily, doctor available several days a week
- Provides medical advice, basic medical examinations
- Will refer to an appropriate hospital or specialist when necessary



Fitness Center

- Running machines
- Training equipment
- Showers
- DVD for exercises
- Free use by students, faculty, and staff



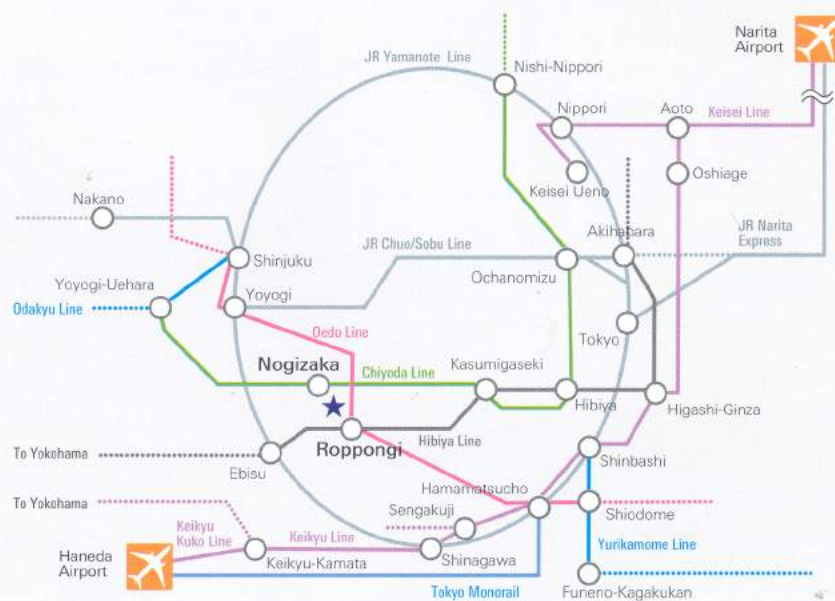
Address and Contact Information

Getting to GRIPS

The GRIPS building is located in the center of Tokyo, conveniently accessible by public transport. Both Nogizaka Station on the Chiyoda Line and Roppongi Station on the Oedo and Hibiya Lines are within 10 minutes walking distance.



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