



Message from the President

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is a global hub for world-class policy research and education. We prepare public policy leaders and professionals who will play key roles in democratic governance and are committed to providing quality education that meets the needs of both students and the government agencies they serve. Our core tenets are an interdisciplinary approach to policy research set within a study environment that is international in every respect, and a focus on fostering in public policy professionals the skills they need to serve effectively on the world stage.

Takashi Shiraishi

Why Choose GRIPS?

- You can select from a wide range of advanced degree options and specialize in an area that interests you.
- You can combine discipline-specific learning with advanced training in leadership, interdisciplinary cooperation, and effective management.
- You can study in English, learning from world-class academics and leading policymakers.
- You can take advantage of extensive networking and mentoring and liaise with distinguished policymakers from all over the world through our alumni network of nearly 3,500 international professionals.
- You will find a rich diversity in our student body, our faculty, and our curriculum.



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Target Students

- Mid-career public officials with strong leadership and managerial potential
- Individuals with strong academic capabilities and the desire to be professional policy analysts or pursue an academic career

Scholarships

Over 90% of our students receive full scholarships. Scholarships are provided by the Japanese government and international organizations and are allocated through GRIPS. A limited number of GRIPS Fellowships are also available to qualified doctoral students.

The GRIPS Logo

The GRIPS logo design consists of three arcs formed by six curved lines following a Japanese katana (sword) motif, slicing in toward the center and representing our mission to carve out the future based on historical experience. The arcs represent various independent ideas emerging and blending into a vibrant constellation, while the clear space in the center represents an infinite number of possibilities. The logo uses purple because of that color's association with intelligence and dignity.





Our Programs

Master's Programs

- **Young Leaders Program (YLP)**

This program focuses on the systematic learning of politics, government organizations, public management and leadership, preparing students to serve as upper-level managers in the executive arm of national, provincial, and local government as well as in other public sector organizations.

- **One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1)**

This program equips managers and leaders with the fundamental skills and knowledge needed for public policy analysis, implementation, and evaluation, making them part of a global network of leaders.

- **Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)**

This program educates early-career professionals in local or national governments, international organizations, and policy institutes in the technical skills needed to be professional policy analysts.

- **Macroeconomic Policy Program (MEP)**

This program gives macroeconomic policy makers and professionals an understanding of macroeconomic fluctuations and the roles of monetary and fiscal policies in domestic and global economies so that they can help create robust national economies.

- **Public Finance Program (PF)**

This program provides students with the conceptual understanding and technical competence needed to become leaders in taxation and customs.

- **Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program (EPP)**

This is a joint two-year GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage program offered in conjunction with top national universities in Indonesia and aimed at preparing central and local government officials who will contribute to good governance and economic development in Indonesia.

- **Disaster Management Policy Program (DMP)**

Professionals in developing countries will learn approaches to coping with natural disasters, including engineering strategies to minimize seismic risk and effective techniques for counteracting widespread water hazards.

- **Graduate Program in Japanese Language and Culture (JLC)**

Graduates of this program become leaders in Japanese language education in their own countries through rigorous examination of cultural issues as well as Japanese pedagogy.

Ph.D. Programs

Our Ph.D. programs prepare a new generation of public policy researchers, teachers, and professionals. The programs stress the development of theoretical, conceptual, and methodological knowledge as well as advanced skills needed for high-level policy analysis in government, universities, and international organizations. We offer both a 5-year program (Policy Analysis Program) designed for bachelor's degree holders and 3-year programs (all the other programs) designed for master's degree holders.

- Policy Analysis Program (PA)
- Public Policy Program
- Security and International Studies Program
- State Building and Economic Development Program
- Disaster Management Program
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program
- Graduate Program in Japanese Language and Culture

Executive Training Programs

GRIPS offers many top-class executive training programs to policy professionals around the world. Participants enjoy the unique opportunity to learn and debate with renowned experts, professors, and practitioners; enhance their skills in public management, leadership, and governance; and extend their personal and professional international network. Examples include:

- Senior Executive Development Training Program for Thai Officials
- Vietnam Senior Executives Training Program
- Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS)
- Comprehensive Capacity Development Program for the Bangsamoro (Philippines)
- Training Program for Myanmar Young Leaders

GRIPS at a Glance

Brief History

GRIPS is the successor to the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) established at Saitama University, Japan, in 1977 to promote interdisciplinary policy research and education. Succeeding GSPS, GRIPS was established in 1997 as an independent national graduate university with the mandate to promote high-level policy research and respond to various domestic and international needs based on international intellectual cooperation.



Faculty

A key strength of GRIPS is its world-class faculty, which is among the most diverse of any university in Japan. Our faculty is comprised of both academics—many of whom have been educated abroad—and experienced public officials with detailed knowledge of public and private management. Our faculty's research interests span the full spectrum of policy issues and many of our professors are leaders in their field.



Admissions and Deadlines

Admission is competitive and involves careful, holistic consideration of each candidate through both document screening and interviews. For candidates who wish to be considered for a scholarship allocated through GRIPS, the application deadline is typically in November or December. For self-financed applicants, the deadline is in mid-May.

For details, please visit the Admissions Office's website at www.grips.ac.jp/admissions





Networking

A GRIPS education is the beginning of a lifelong membership in the GRIPS community of fellow students, faculty, and alumni. At GRIPS, you will have an opportunity to develop professional ties and relationships that will last throughout your career. Our alumni go on to hold important positions in policy organizations and at all levels of government in countries around the world.



Social Life

While studies keep GRIPS students busy, the campus community always finds a way to make time for intercultural exchange and fun activities. From events highlighting national and regional cultural assets to casual sports and outings to explore the surroundings in Tokyo and Japan, there is always something exciting to try at GRIPS.



GRIPS Summer Program

Every summer, we organize the GRIPS Summer Program to provide challenging and interesting activities that will enhance participants' practical policy-making skills. The Summer Program features a student conference, seminars and symposia, policy workshops, research tours, and a host of sports, entertainment and cultural activities, offering participants networking opportunities and promoting cultural understanding.





Life at GRIPS

Campus

Our modern, innovatively designed campus is located in Roppongi, the very heart of Tokyo, and is close to the Japanese Diet and government ministries. It features spacious, fully equipped classrooms, individual study spaces for students, a sky-lit atrium with panoramic windows and indoor terraces, Japanese-style rooms, and a beautiful multi-purpose conference hall. The design maximizes daylight, creates a warm and pleasant atmosphere, and promotes interaction among students.

Library

The GRIPS Library offers an extensive—and growing!—collection of 150,000+ publications including more than 10,000 journal titles in all areas of the social sciences. The library holds regular workshops on database search skills.

Academic Writing Center

The mission of the Academic Writing Center is to help students become competent researchers and writers in order to succeed in their graduate study at GRIPS and in future careers. We offer a range of instruction in fundamental areas of research and academic writing as well as in broader areas of professional development.

IT Support

Each student is provided with a personal laptop computer for the entire period of study. All computers are equipped with standard application packages including Microsoft Office and packages for statistical analysis. The campus features a wireless local area network so that students can access the Internet anywhere in the building. The IT Support Center is open to all students for technical advice and troubleshooting.

Center for Japanese Language Learning

The Center for Japanese Language Learning offers Japanese language courses to help international students learn useful Japanese for daily life. Every term, we offer a variety of courses tailored to the needs and levels of individual students. Students also learn about Japanese culture and participate in cultural activities and events.

Accommodation

GRIPS provides assistance in arranging reasonably priced student accommodation. We have housing facilities in the Tokyo International Exchange Center (TIEC) located in the Tokyo Bay area and in GRIPS International House in Nakano. We can also help find private apartments in the suburbs of Tokyo.

Student Rooms

Each student is given an individual study space in one of the student rooms, which is accessible 24 hours a day. Individual spaces are equipped with a desk, a comfortable chair, and a bookshelf and are separated with partitions for maximum privacy.

Fitness Center

GRIPS has a modern fitness center equipped with strength training machines, cardiovascular workout machines, a blood-pressure measuring device, and a shower. The fitness center is open six days a week and is free of charge.

Health Services Center

The Health Services Center provides free-of-charge medical and counseling services including medical advice, first aid, and specialist referrals.

Facts and Figures

Quick Facts

Location: Tokyo (Roppongi)
Degrees awarded: Master's and Doctorates
Average student age: 33
Academic calendar: October-September
Language of instruction: English
Faculty: Nearly 80 full-time and 200 part-time faculty
Alumni: Professional network of nearly 3,500 alumni

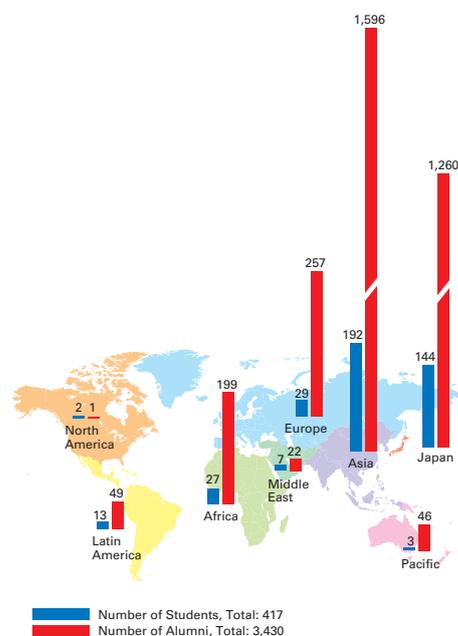


GRIPS/GSPS Alumni Demographics

(as of April 2013)

Africa	Algeria	2	Burundi	1	Cameroon	1	Cote d'Ivoire	3	Egypt	8	
	Ethiopia	23	Ghana	23	Guinea	1	Kenya	28	Lesotho	1	
	Madagascar	3	Malawi	1	Mauritius	1	Mozambique	2	Nigeria	3	
	Sierra Leone	3	South Africa	2	Sudan	2	Tanzania	26	Tunisia	1	
	Uganda	20	Zambia	27	Zimbabwe	17					
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	Asia	Bangladesh	95	Bhutan	22	Brunei	2	Cambodia	72	China	174
India		38	Indonesia	305	Japan	1,260	Laos	27	Malaysia	96	
Maldives		6	Mongolia	68	Myanmar	74	Nepal	55	Pakistan	67	
Philippines		135	Singapore	8	South Korea	54	Sri Lanka	42	Taiwan	1	
Thailand		125	Vietnam	130							
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Central & South America		Brazil	5	Colombia	3	Costa Rica	2	Cuba	1	Dominican Rep.	4
	Ecuador	1	El Salvador	11	Guatemala	2	Haiti	1	Jamaica	1	
	Mexico	1	Nicaragua	4	Paraguay	1	Peru	12			
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Europe (including NIS countries)	Albania	2	Azerbaijan	6	Bulgaria	6	Czech Republic	8	Georgia	8	
	Germany	2	Hungary	5	Iceland	1	Italy	2	Kazakhstan	38	
	Kyrgyzstan	52	Latvia	1	Lithuania	1	Macedonia	2	Moldova	2	
	Netherlands	1	Poland	9	Romania	7	Russia	1	Serbia	1	
	Slovakia	3	Switzerland	1	Tajikistan	15	Turkmenistan	3	Ukraine	6	
	Uzbekistan	74									
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	Middle East	Afghanistan	6	Iran	1	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2
Turkey		9	Yemen	1							
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North America	U.S.A.	1									
Pacific	Australia	34	Fiji	9	New Zealand	1	Samoa	1	Vanuatu	1	
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Total number of countries and regions: 98 Total number of alumni: 3,430



Enrollment Data

(as of April 2013)

	International Students	Japanese Students	Total
Master's Programs	202	94	296
3-year Ph.D. Programs	30	42	72
5-year Ph.D. Program	41	8	49
Total	273	144	417



Our Campus

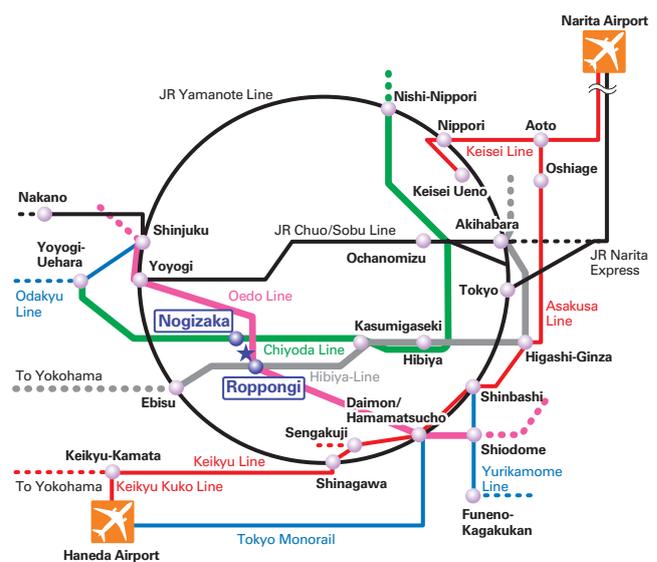
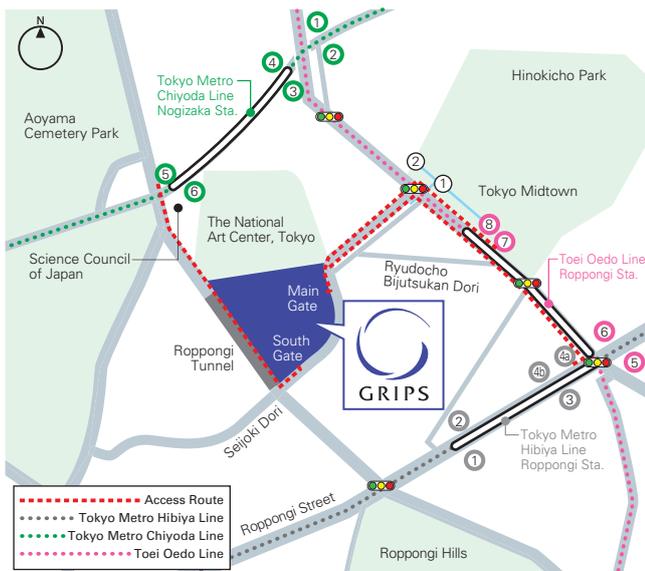


The GRIPS campus was designed by the world-renowned architect Richard Rogers in partnership with Yamashita Sekkei

Access

From exit no. 7 at Roppongi station on the Toei Oedo Line: 5-minute walk
 From exit no. 4a at Roppongi station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line: 10-minute walk
 From exit no. 5 at Nogizaka station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line: 6-minute walk

From Narita Airport via Tokyo Station by Narita Express: 1 hour 30 minutes
 From Narita Airport via Nippori Station by Skyliner: 1 hour 15 minutes
 From Haneda Airport via Hamamatsucho Station by Tokyo Monorail: 40 minutes



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