

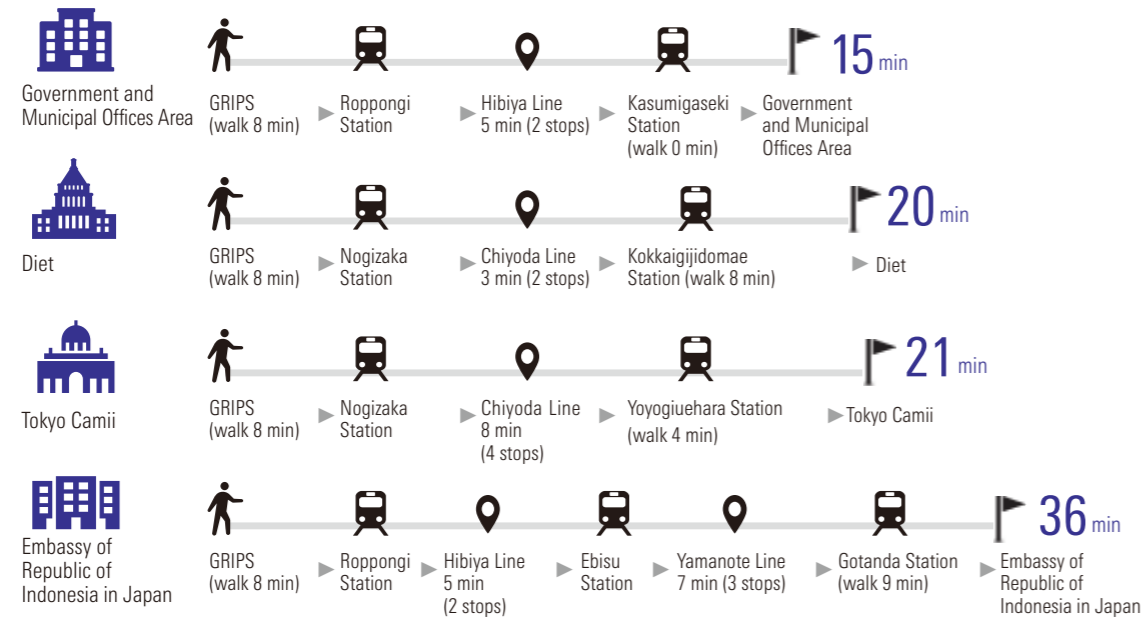
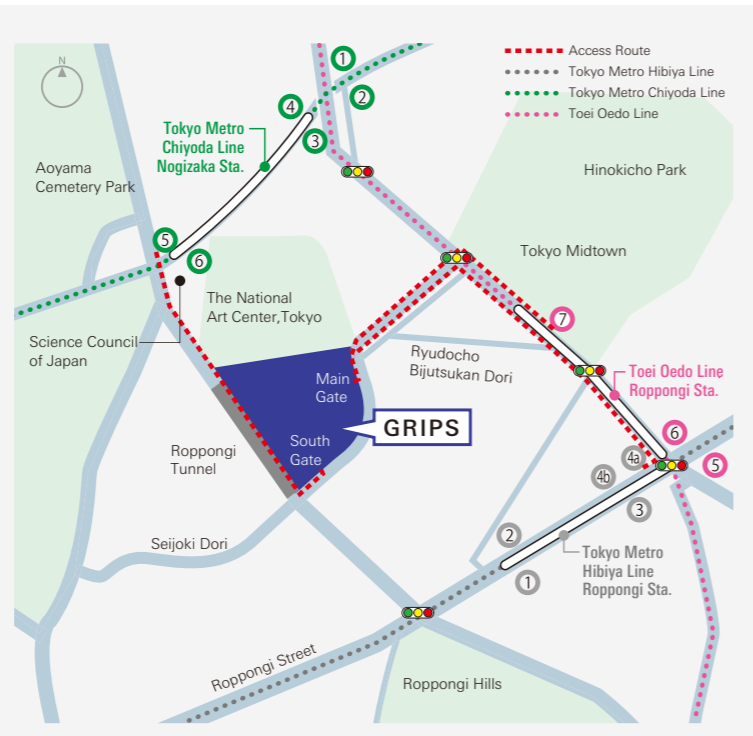
Address and Contact Information

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 a 10-minute walk from GRIPS.



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Application Guidebook 2016

GRIPS-Indonesia
Linkage Master's Program

Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program



Gateway to Global Leadership for Indonesian Professionals

GRIPS as a global hub

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is a graduate school specializing in education and research for policy studies. Founded in 1997 by the Japanese government as a stand-alone national graduate school, GRIPS aims to produce first-class policy makers and conduct cutting-edge research. Our slogan is, "Gateway to Global Leadership." GRIPS is one of the most internationalized graduate schools in Japan. Presently GRIPS has 265 international students from 67 countries who constitute 66% of all students. Most GRIPS students are professionals from central and local governments. They study in English, learning from world-class academics and leading policy-makers. They benefit from extensive networking and mentoring and liaise with distinguished policy-makers from all over the world through alumni networks of more than 3,900 professionals.

GRIPS-Indonesia Relationship

The established GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage Master's Program attests to the strong cooperation between the governments of Japan and Indonesia in tertiary education. In collaboration with Indonesia's premier universities, GRIPS launched its Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program (EPP) in 2007. A key feature of the EPP is the involvement by special invitation of prominent Indonesian leaders, officials and academics in lectures and fora. Past speakers have most notably included two former presidents, BJ Habibie and Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.



The EPP logo is a stylized rainforest tree, symbolizing the growth of leaders for the coming era. The color red, coming from the Indonesian national flag, stands for passion, courage and truth.

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About the Program

Indonesia is undergoing far-reaching transformation as the '2Ds' – robust democratization and radical decentralization – reshape the country's political, economic and social landscape. Based on institutional cooperation and arrangements between GRIPS and Indonesia's premier universities, the EPP Program has been designed to produce highly capable central and local government officials who can strengthen the country's administrative and governance capacities.

Target Group

Talented Indonesian central and local government officials

Program Design

Entering students study for one year at GRIPS after first spending a year in an Indonesian university. The EPP Program provides excellent opportunities for combining theoretical study with the learning of practical skills and the conduct of research. The program has a multidisciplinary approach that places special emphasis on developing core skills in related areas such as economics, political science, public policy and public management. GRIPS offers a distinctive learning environment in which students select courses on a broad range of topics to suit their professional requirements and individual interests. Students have ample opportunities to interact with an international faculty well as a diverse student community of mid-career officials from around the world. Graduating students receive a Master of Public Policy degree.

Course Offerings for 2015-2016

Category	Course No.	Course Name	Term	Credit
I Required Courses	EPP5010E	Independent Study (Policy Paper)	Fall through Spring	4
	GEN5010E	Introduction to Public Policy Studies	Fall	2
II Recommended Courses	ECO1600E	Monetary Economics (Money and Banking)	Fall	2
	ECO2000EB	Microeconomics II	Fall (Session II)	2
	ECO2020EB	Government and Market	Winter	2
	ECO2060EA	Macroeconomics II	Fall (Session II)	2
	ECO2720EA	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Fall	2
	ECO2800E	Global Development Agendas and Japan's ODA	Spring	2
	ECO2860E	Poverty Alleviation	Spring (Session II)	2
	ECO2870E	Strategy for Economic Development	Spring	2
	ECO2880E	Trade and Industrial Development	Spring	2
	ECO3140E	Public Economics	Spring	2
	ECO3150E	Local Public Finance	Spring	2
	ECO3160E	Reform of Economic Policy in Japan	Spring	2
	ECO3190E	Economics of Education and Labor	TBA	2
	ECO3400E	International Trade	Spring (Session I)	2
	ECO3530E	Resource and Energy Economics	Winter	2
	ECO3610E	Japanese Economy	Spring	2
	ECO3840EB	Development Economics	Winter	2
	ECO3870E	Agricultural Development	Fall	2
	EPP1010E	East Asian Economics	Winter	2
	EPP2010E	Agricultural Economics	Spring	2
	GEN3000E	International Development Policy	Winter	2
	GOV1900E	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	Spring	2
	GOV2100E	Government and Politics in Japan	Fall	2
	GOV2460E	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	Winter	2
	GOV2580E	Structure and Process of Government	Spring	2
	GOV3220E	Politics of Global Money and Finance	Fall	2
	GOV3240E	Non-Traditional Security	Winter	2
	GOV3310E	Comparative Political Economy	Fall	2
	PAD2550E	Foreign Direct Investment	TBA	2
	PAD2560E	Human Resources Management	Spring (Session II)	2
	PAD2670E	Public Expenditure Management	Fall	2
	PAD2680E	Social Security System in Japan	Winter	2
	PAD2810E	National Land Policy	Fall (Session II)	2
TEC2520E	Small and Medium Enterprise and Technology	Fall	2	
DEV2500E	Infrastructure and Regional Development: Lessons from the Past	Spring	2	
EDU2000E	Education Policy	Winter	2	
MOR1000E	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	Fall	2	
REG2010EA	Local Government System	Fall	2	
REG2020E	Local Government Finance	Spring	2	
REG3010E	Local Governance in the Changing World	Spring	2	
		Selected Topics in Policy Studies I - IV		
III Elective Courses		Courses not listed in this table		
X Others		*Courses offered by the Center for Professional Communication		

Note: Courses offered are subject to change.

* Credits earned in these courses cannot count toward the degree.

Coursework

The Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program offers a wide range of courses in economics, public administration and political science. In addition to the required courses, students may select courses in accordance with their own needs and interests. All courses are taught in English.

Independent Study (Policy Paper)

For Independent Study, a student works one-on-one with an instructor on a master's thesis (or policy paper) on a topic related to public administration and policy formulation. As part of Independent Study, students are required to present their research once in each of the Spring and Summer terms. The Center for Professional Communication offers writing courses and provides individual consultations to help students improve their skills in writing and presenting policy papers.

Graduation Requirement

To graduate, students must successfully obtain a minimum of 30 credits, of which 6 credits must be for required courses and 14 for recommended courses (see the respective categories in the curriculum). Students may transfer up to 10 credits from their first year university in Indonesia to the 30-credit graduation requirement for GRIPS.



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Student Support and Resources

One unique aspect of GRIPS is our extensive support system for assisting students in their daily life. 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 settled in Japan. It also organizes a number of social events and activities, including field trips and concerts. The Student Office also functions as a hub to promote meaningful interaction and understanding between Japanese and foreign nationals.

Faculty

GRIPS has approximately 90 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 GRIPS to offer an effective combination of rigorous academic courses complemented by professional expertise and experience.

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

Living expenses in Tokyo

To some extent, living expenses vary with lifestyles. The estimated average monthly expense for a single person living in Tokyo is between JPY150,000 and JPY165,000, estimated as follows:

• accommodation	JPY 40,000 – 55,000	• telephone	JPY 5,000
• utilities	JPY 10,000	• books and study materials	JPY 5,000
• food	JPY 35,000	• leisure and recreation	JPY 20,000
• local transport	JPY 15,000	• miscellaneous	JPY 20,000
		total	JPY 150,000 – 165,000

(as of 2015)



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.



The center offers Japanese language learning support for students who lack Japanese language proficiency for daily living and study. The purpose is to help students achieve

greater competence in comprehension and speaking. The center also facilitates cultural and traditional experiences.

Library

- Extensive collection of publications in the field of policy studies, collected from around the world
- Over 180,000 volumes, including reference books, statistical collections, working papers and government documents
- Large collection of periodicals including more than 10,000 journals, many of which are available online
- Well-trained staff to respond to research-related requests



Facilities

Student Rooms and Computers

- Each student is provided with a study space and a laptop computer, accessible 24 hours a day.
- The 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
- Medical advice, basic medical examinations
- Referral to an appropriate hospital or specialist when necessary



Fitness Center

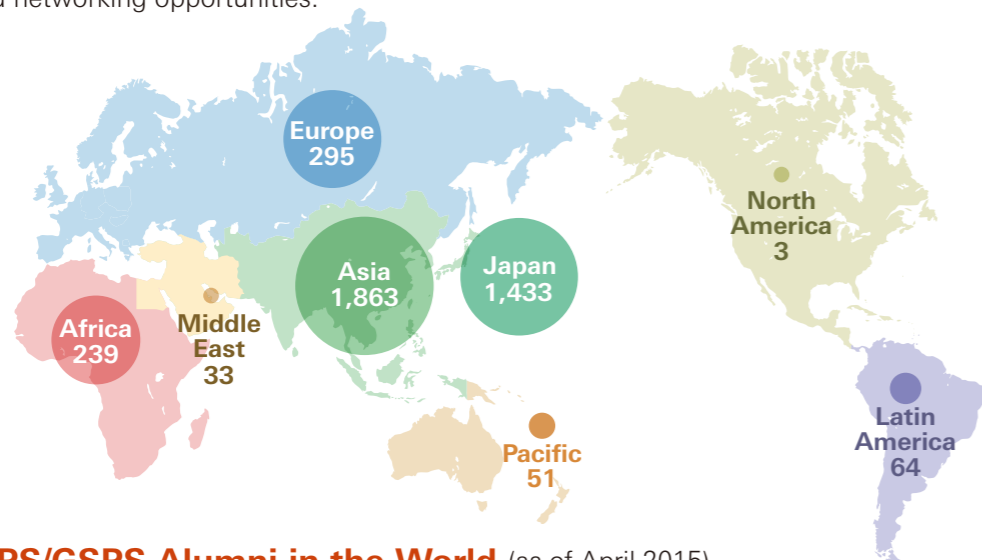
- Running machines
 - Training equipment
 - Showers
 - Exercise DVDs
- Free to students, faculty and staff



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Alumni

A great resource, and one of the greatest joys of studying at GRIPS is its diverse student community. The connections that students make here are not only a valuable part of the learning experience. They become lifetime bonds sustained by the GRIPS Alumni Network, which keeps alumni and the school in regular contact. A GRIPS graduate joins a worldwide network of around 4,000 alumni, including 166 graduates of the EPP Program, who actively shape future policies in 107 countries and regions. Students maintain connections with GRIPS and its alumni via alumni reunions, seminars, a searchable directory and online social media-based networking opportunities.



GRIPS/GSPS Alumni in the World (as of April 2015)

Asia 22 countries & regions	Bangladesh	127	Bhutan	26	Brunei	2	Cambodia	84	China	201	India	43
	Indonesia	378	Japan	1,433	Republic of Korea	60	Laos	30	Malaysia	104	Maldives	9
	Mongolia	69	Myanmar	88	Nepal	64	Pakistan	80	Philippines	149	Singapore	7
	Sri Lanka	56	Taiwan	2	Thailand	142	Viet Nam	142				
Pacific 6 countries	Australia	36	Fiji	9	New Zealand	1	Papua New Guinea	3	Samoa	1	Vanuatu	1
North America 2 countries	U.S.A	2	Canada	1								
Latin America 15 countries	Brazil	5	Chile	2	Colombia	4	Costa Rica	2	Cuba	1	Dominican Republic	5
	El Salvador	12	Guatemala	2	Haiti	1	Jamaica	2	Mexico	1	Nicaragua	6
	Paraguay	3	Peru	15	Venezuela	3						
Europe (including NIS countries) 28 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	6	Bulgaria	8	Czech Republic	10	Georgia	10
	Germany	3	Hungary	9	Iceland	1	Italy	2	Kazakhstan	39	Kyrgyz Republic	54
	Latvia	1	Lithuania	1	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2	Moldova	2	Netherlands	2	Poland	13
	Romania	8	Russia	1	Serbia	2	Slovakia	5	Spain	1	Switzerland	1
	Tajikistan	16	Turkmenistan	5	Ukraine	6	Uzbekistan	82				
Middle East 7 countries	Afghanistan	11	Iran	2	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2	Turkey	14
	Yemen	1										
Africa 27 countries	Algeria	3	Burundi	1	Cameroon	1	DR Congo	1	Cote d'Ivoire	3	Egypt	9
	Ethiopia	29	Ghana	28	Guinea	1	Kenya	32	Lesotho	1	Liberia	1
	Madagascar	3	Malawi	3	Mauritius	1	Mozambique	2	Nigeria	4	Rwanda	2
	Sierra Leone	5	Republic of South Africa	1	South Sudan	1	Sudan	2	Tanzania	31	Tunisia	1
	Uganda	28	Zambia	28	Zimbabwe	18						

Total number of countries and regions 107
Total number of alumni 3,981
Total number of students 399

Alumni Voices



Abdul Wahid Fajar Amin (EPP, GRIPS 2013)

Head of Staff Development Sub Division, Ministry of Finance

I benefitted in various ways from GRIPS during my master's degree program. The coursework combined theory, practice and research. I was able to network with distinguished policy-makers and many international students. There were instructive visits to government departments. There was much Japanese culture to experience, too – tea ceremony, cherry blossom-viewing, autumn color-viewing, sumo wrestling. I'm returning to GRIPS in October 2015 to begin my PhD course.



Lutfah Ariana (EPP, GRIPS 2010)

Researcher, Indonesian Institute of Sciences

I made a lot of good friends at GRIPS, my best school and 'second home.' Besides doing academic work, I learned to be a member of an international community. GRIPS provided a good environment with high-class facilities which I'd not encountered in Indonesia. After a year at GRIPS, I had a different mindset in managing my research career and communication with foreigners.



Idyah Fitriandari (EPP, GRIPS 2009)

Section Head, BPS Statistics

Studying at GRIPS was a priceless experience. The EPP allowed me to study economics, planning and politics for policy-making. I especially valued the GRIPS Forum which featured public lectures on many contemporary policy issues. At GRIPS, I could balance study and leisure, enjoy a multicultural environment and experience Japan's fascinating culture.



Taufik (EPP, GRIPS 2009)

Head of Capacity Development Administration Sub Division, Ministry of Finance

The EPP's combination of theory and case studies allowed me to effectively apply my learning when I resumed my work in the Directorate General of Taxes, Indonesia. GRIPS professors and student office staff were always willing to extend a helping hand. As a member of the International Student Council, I participated in activities that enriched my knowledge of Japanese culture and made me many international friends. My year with the EPP broadened my perspectives as a civil servant and an individual.



Novia Budi Parwanto (EPP, GRIPS 2008) (PhD, GRIPS 2014)

Lecturer and researcher, the Institute of Statistics

Choosing GRIPS for my second-year university in the Linkage Master's Program was one of the best decisions I've made. The GRIPS faculty was outstanding in teaching and research. The international student body was diverse in professional experience. I felt as if GRIPS was an international research laboratory in policy studies. With its demanding high-quality education, GRIPS prepared me well for PhD study some years after my master's degree.

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Admissions

Eligibility

The basic requirement for admission to the Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program is a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. Candidates must also meet the English language requirement of a minimum score of 550 for TOEFL PBT, 79 for TOEFL iBT or 6.0 for IELTS (Academic Modules). Candidates for the GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage Master's Program, typically talented central and local government officials, are expected to obtain high grades during their first year in an Indonesian university. Candidates must be certified to be of good health.

Scholarships

Scholarships for the Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program (the GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage Master's Program) are provided by the Indonesian government.

Admissions process

Previous year	July - December	• Preparation for application (proposal of policy paper, English study)
Year of enrollment	January - February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate interviews in Indonesia (late January to early February) • Notification of interview results (early February) • Submission deadline for applications (February 29, 2016) <p><small>Successful candidates submit completed applications to GRIPS Application forms available on GRIPS website</small></p>
	March - April	• Final approval and official notification
	May - September	• Finalizing of admissions and pre-departure preparation
	October	• Arrival in Japan and start of the program (October 1, 2016)



GRIPS 2016-2017 Calendar

		Start	
Term	Month	GRIPS	EPP
Fall	Oct	• Entrance ceremony and orientation • Registration for Fall Term • Welcome party for international students	• Interviews with EPP students • Announcement of students' supervisors
	Nov	• Medical check-up	
	Dec	New Year Holidays (Dec. 29-Jan. 3)	
	Jan	• Field trip	
Winter	Feb	• Registration for Winter Term	
	Mar		• Homestay program
Spring	Apr	• Registration for Spring Term • Welcome party for Japanese students	• Mid-term presentations of policy papers
	May		
	Jun	• Field trip	
Summer	Jul		• Final presentations of policy papers
	Aug	• Summer Program	• Submission of final policy papers
	Sep	• Graduation Ceremony	

Goal

