

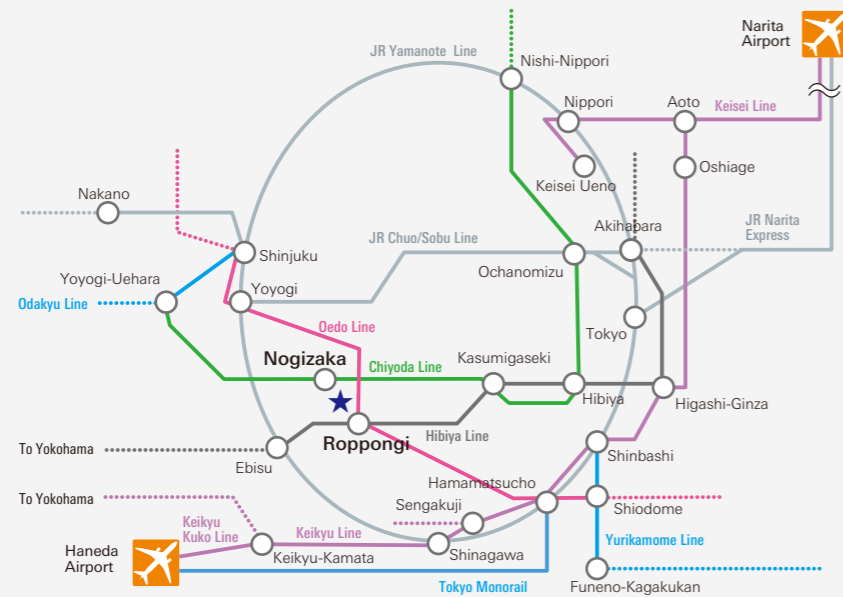
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Getting to GRIPS

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.



Roppongi Hills



Asian Development Bank – Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship
Self-Financed Students

One-year Master's Program of Public Policy
Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy



National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

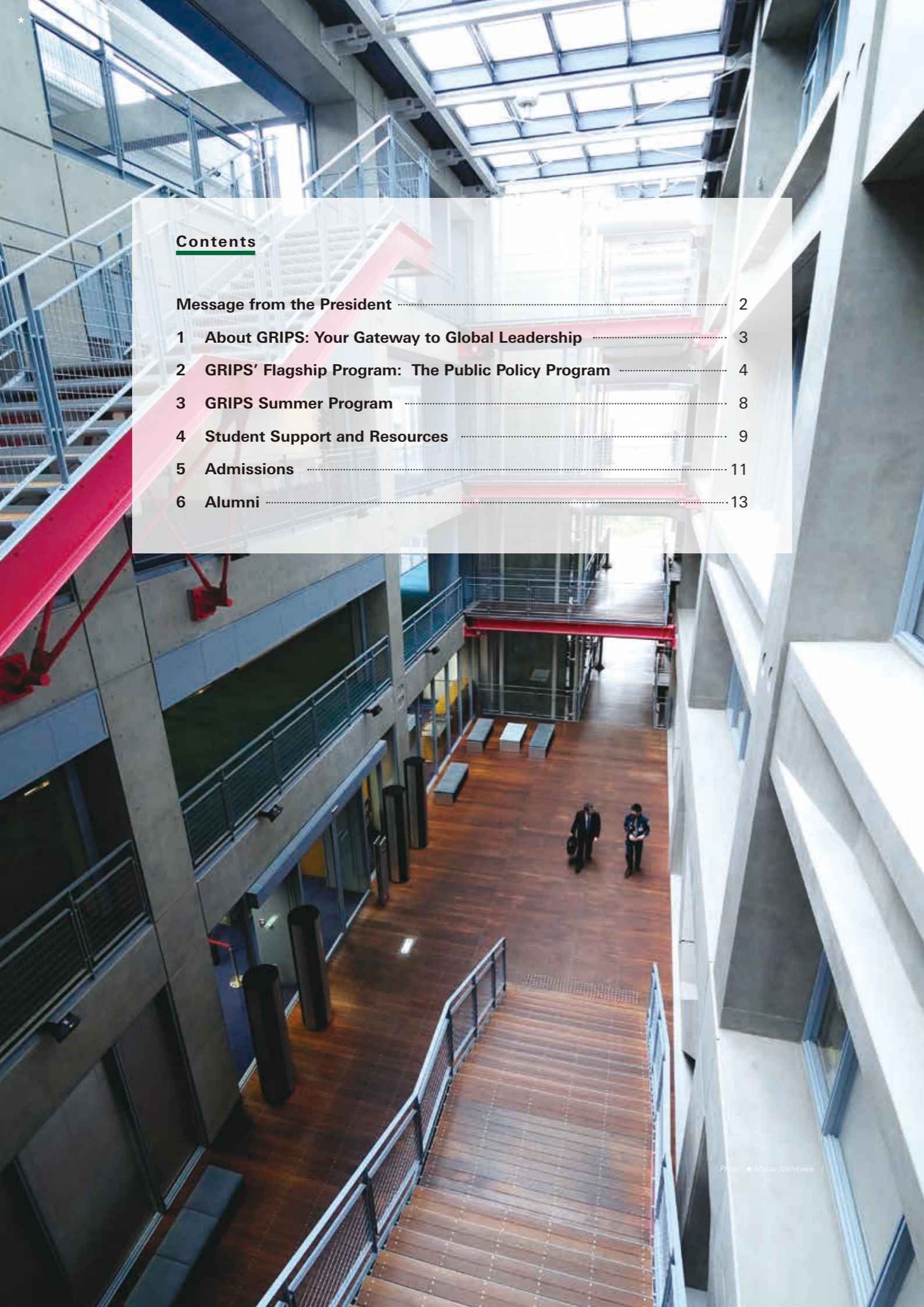
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Welcome to the Gateway!

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
 President
 National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies



Why should you choose GRIPS?

- You understand the advantages of being at a university where everyone is interested in policy making and everyone is under the same roof. GRIPS is a stand-alone, graduate school devoted to high quality teaching and research.
- You want to be instructed in English by world-class academics, but you also want to benefit from the policy-making experiences of leading bureaucrats and politicians.
- You understand the advantages of discipline-based learning, but you recognize that solutions to important policy issues require leadership, interdisciplinary cooperation, and effective management.
- You appreciate the importance of conventional Western learning, but you desire exposure to other perspectives as well.
 At GRIPS you will learn from the experiences of both East and West.
- You want a university where diversity is not simply an ideal.
 At GRIPS you will find a rich diversity in our student body, our faculty, and our curriculum.
- You want a university that takes the education of both masters-level and doctoral-level students equally seriously.
 In the Public Policy Program, the master's degree is not a consolation prize. It is a valuable degree that complements and enhances the pragmatic, on-the-job experience that is critical to successful policymaking.
- You want a comfortable, safe, and exciting place to live and study. GRIPS has beautiful, modern facilities that will brighten your studying and living experiences. GRIPS is located in the heart of Tokyo, the business, government, and cultural hub of Japan. Tokyo is also at the center of dynamic, emerging Asia with which it has much in common.
- You understand the importance of mentoring and networking. At GRIPS, you will find unprecedented opportunities for both. You will become part of an alumni network that includes many distinguished policymakers from all over the world.

Are you ready for a unique, life-changing experience?
 If so, GRIPS may well be the place for you.
 I hope this pamphlet will serve as a useful introduction to our program.
 You can find more information on our website.
 Welcome to GRIPS! Welcome to the Gateway to Global Leadership!

Photo: ★ Mabuo Nishikawa

1 About GRIPS

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 70% of the student body. The class of 2013-2014, for example, which consisted of XX students, included 278 foreign students from 66 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:
Nobuhiro Hosoe
(Computational
Economics)

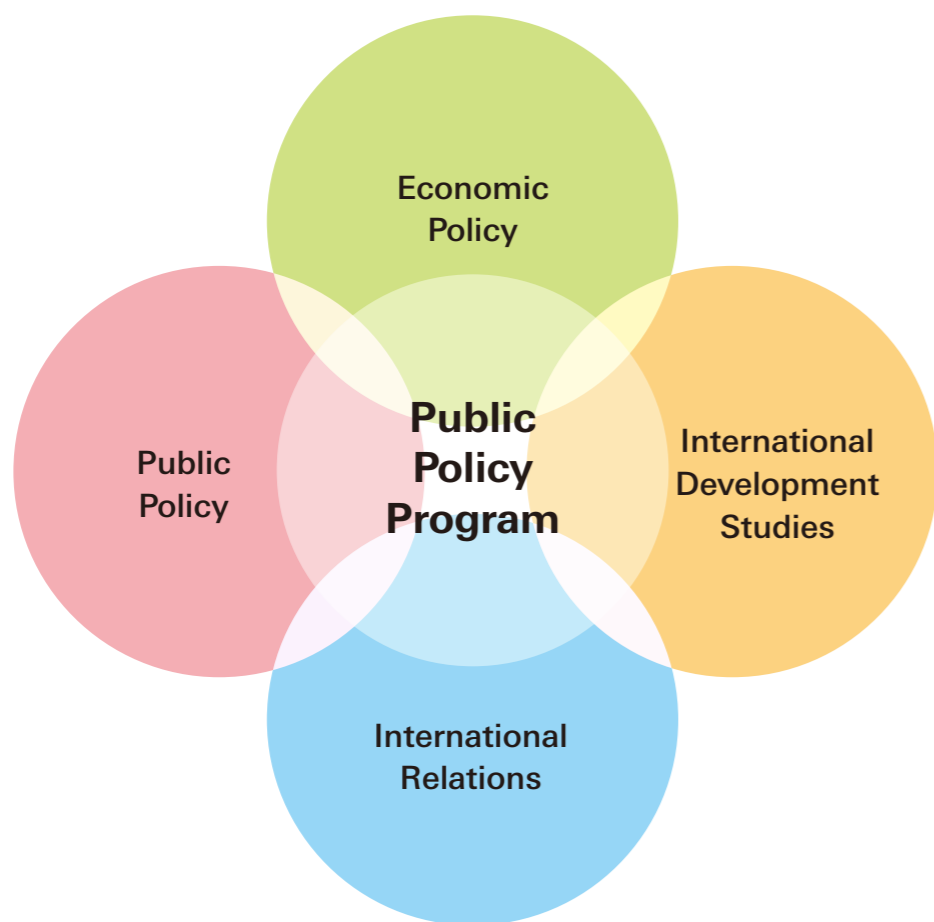
The one-year master's program (MP1) equips mid-career managers and leaders with the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to make them effective managers in the public sector. Students develop familiarity with all phases of the policy cycle. The program awards the degree of Master of Public Policy 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 pre- and early-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.



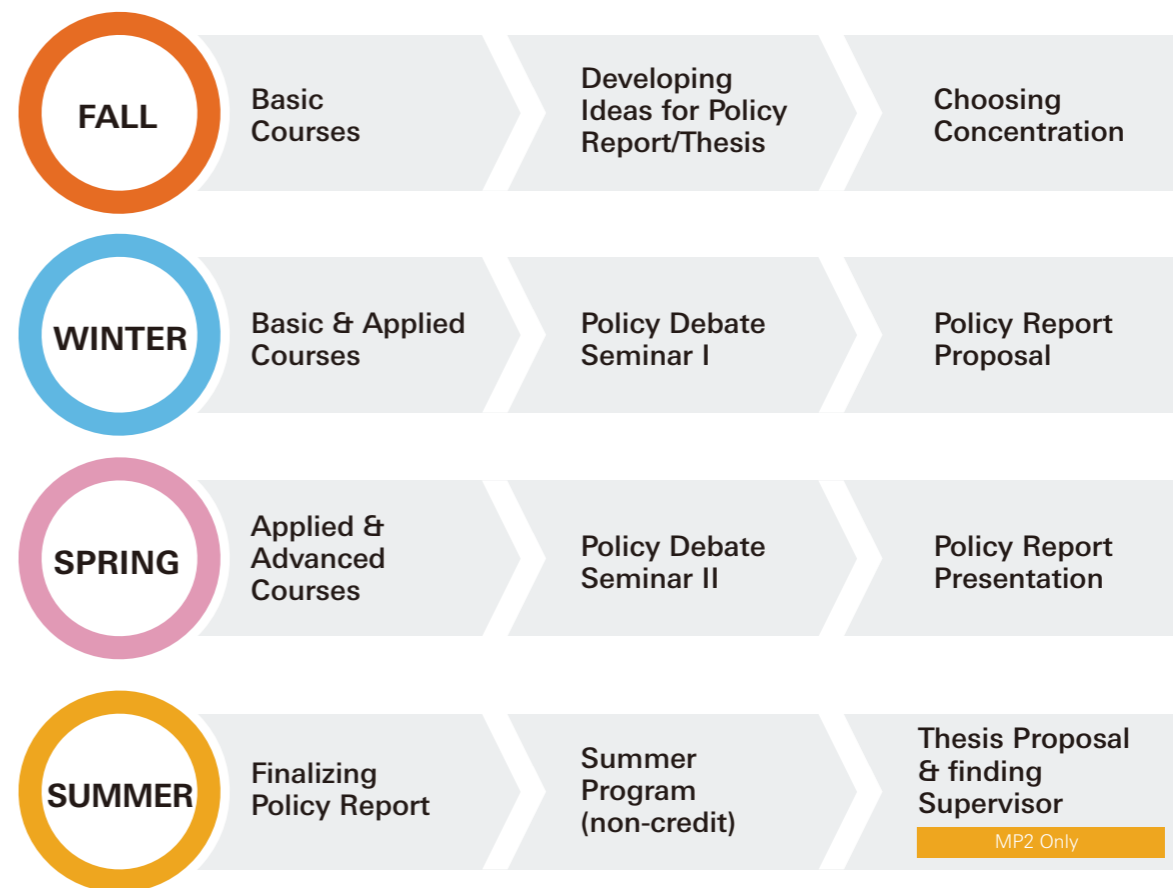
Program Design: Interdisciplinary Academic & Professional Education

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).

The capstone of the program is the research report requirement, which both MP1 and MP2 students must complete in the first year. MP2 students must also complete a thesis in their second year. Policy Debate Seminars I and II, run by professors in specialized fields, provide opportunities for students to develop their ideas and gain the professional and academic knowledge and skills needed for writing their final papers.

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 of the Asia Pacific	Public Economics
Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Essential Macroeconomics	International Relations in Europe	Resource and Energy Economics
	Development Economics Introductory Statistics	Japanese Foreign Policy	Development Economics
	Strategies of Economic Development	Diplomatic History of Modern Japan	Japanese Foreign Policy
	Poverty Alleviation	Chinese Foreign Policy	International Security Studies
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	American Foreign Policy	Structure and Process of Government
	Trade and Industrial Development	Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy	International Political Economy of Money and Finance
	Game Theory	International Political Economy of Money and Finance	Introduction to Quantitative Methods
	Gender and Development	Development Cooperation Policy	Introductory Statistics
	Government and Market	Transnational Organized Crime and Security	
	Labor Economics	Non-Traditional Security	
	Agricultural Economics	Comparative Politics	
	Economics of Education and Labor	Comparative Political Economy	
	Environmental Economics	Comparative State Formation	
	Cost Benefit Analysis I	Structure and Process of Government	
	Cost Benefit Analysis II	Political Economy of Modern Japan	
	Structure and Process of Government	Government and Politics in Japan	
	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	National Security Policy	
	Comparative Analysis on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	
	GRIPS Forum	State and Politics in Africa	

Note: The course list show part of required and recommended course by concentration and differ between MP1 and MP2.

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.

The EP Concentration covers a wide range of policy areas and is not restricted to economic issues. This concentration is appropriate for students who plan to use theoretical and empirical economic tools in their research.



Deputy Director and Concentration Leader: Makoto Tanaka
(Energy and Environmental 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
- Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment in Vietnam
- 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
- The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on the Economic Growth of the Kyrgyz Republic



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
- Determinants of Health-Seeking Behaviour of Pregnant Women in the Philippines, 2013

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.



Deputy Director and Concentration Leader:
Hyoung Kyu Chey
(International Political Economy)

The major subjects that the IR Concentration covers include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Global governance in various issue areas including security, economy, and development
- International cooperation in various issue areas including security, economy, and development
- Regional cooperation and integration in various issue areas including security, economy, and development
- Politics of international trade, international finance, foreign investment, and development
- Foreign policies of diverse individual countries, including Japan, in various issue areas encompassing security, economy, and foreign aid
- Issues related to non-traditional security such as sea piracy, human trafficking, and drug smuggling
- Cross-country comparisons of domestic politics and political institutions
- Cross-country comparisons of various economic and development models
- Domestic politics and political economy of diverse individual countries, including Japan

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
- Japan's Pacifism and the Defense Reform



3 GRIPS Summer Program



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.

The PP Concentration covers the following domestic and global policy areas: industrial policy, energy policy, environmental policy, agricultural policy, social security policy, medical policy, labor policy, local and central governance, and public administration.



Concentration Leaders:
Tatsuo Oyama
(Operations Research)



Concentration Leaders:
Ikuo Shimomura
(Public Administration)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Rural Economic Development: The Role of Rural Banks
- 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

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, Symposia, 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 Ondo"
 - Introduction to Japanese Tea Ceremony
 - Cultural exchange with junior high school students



4 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

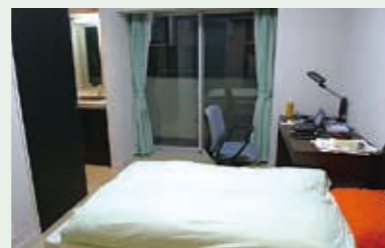
In Saitama prefecture, nearby Lalaport shopping mall that boasts around 200 shops and restaurants flanked by enormous IKEA and Costco stores.

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



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 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 (CBT 213, iBT 79) or IELTS 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). ADB provides a fixed number of scholarships for both MP1 and MP2. MEXT provides a fixed number of scholarships for MP1 and MP2. Candidates who apply by the early application deadline (November-December) will automatically 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.

Scholarships allocated to GRIPS are generous. They provide for tuition and fees; a monthly stipend (including the housing allowance and medical insurance); and one round-trip economy class air-ticket. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only. The scholarship covers one year. For the two-year master's program, the scholarship can be renewed for the second year based on academic performance and the university's recommendation, together with nomination by a scholar's sponsoring agency (ADB only).

MEXT also provides one and two year scholarships on an open and competitive basis. Applications for these scholarships must be made through Japanese embassies in countries with which Japan has established diplomatic relations. Applicants may select GRIPS as one of the preferred scholarship universities. A PPP screening committee will decide whether to accept the MEXT nominee.

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. The self-finance option has some advantages over GRIPS-allocated scholarships which are strictly limited and competitive. Applications by self-financed students are judged on their merits by a PPP selection committee. Self-financed candidates are generally admitted as long as they meet PPP selection criteria and do not exceed the carrying capacity of GRIPS resources. Self-financed applicants may also apply any time up to the second application deadline (mid-May) although applications by the early deadline are preferred.

What	How much	How often	Due date
Application Fee	30,000 yen	Once	At the time of enrollment
Admission Fee	282,000 yen	Once	At the time of enrollment
Tuition Fee	535,800 yen	Per year	Two installments, due 31 October & 30 April

Note: Please cover any transfer charges (handling fees) at your own expense. The fees are subject to change.

Important Dates

The deadline for applications depends on the source of financing. The deadline for candidates who wish to be considered for a scholarship allocated by GRIPS is typically in the late-November to early-December time frame. All other candidates who are self-financed (including those receiving scholarships from external sources) must complete the application process by the second deadline which is usually in mid-May. These deadlines are subject to change dictated by MEXT, so it is important to check the GRIPS website periodically for the latest information.

Screening for GRIPS-allocated scholarships takes place in the January-March time frame. Notifications for GRIPS-allocated scholarships for both MP1 and MP2 admissions are made at the latest by the end of June. Self-financed candidates who apply by the early deadline (November-December) are screened and admitted on the same schedule as the GRIPS-allocated scholarship candidates. Self-financed candidates who apply by the second deadline (mid-May) are screened in the May-June time frame and notified by the end of June.

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



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

Full-time Ph.D. student at GRIPS

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.



Mohammad Sabir (Afghanistan, 2009) Public Policy Program

Policy Specialist, The Asia Foundation

After completing my Master in Public Policy at GRIPS I intended to apply the knowledge and skills that I acquired in Japan by engaging in a policy related profession. Fortunately, immediately after I returned from Japan I was offered the National Policy Advisor position at the ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock. My responsibility as National Policy Advisor is providing advices to the ministry's relevant directorate on policy formulation, analysis and Implementation. Moreover, I help define the role of the Policy Analysis and Legal Advisory Department (PALAD) and participate in its implementation by ensuring that there is a clear roadmap for policy development that leads to the evolution of a considered and cohesive policy framework.



Edward Tenywa (Uganda, 2011)

One-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Assistant Director / Head Corporate Affairs, Central 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

Junior Professional Associate, World Bank Group

The discovery of GRIPS was a great joy, since 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 and has given me the chance to take leadership roles, such as at 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 been definitely helpful in preparing me for my present and future endeavors. Honestly, I do not think I would have gotten my current job at the World Bank if it was not for GRIPS.



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.