

## 5. Degree Programs for Doctoral Students

### 5-1. Overview of the Doctoral Program

#### Basic Philosophy

The basic philosophy behind the GRIPS doctoral program is the essential nature of nurturing the following types of human resources:

1. Highly qualified researchers in the field of policy studies
2. Public administrators with professional expertise and skills in policy analysis based on an academic framework

#### Educational Goals

The GRIPS doctoral program will, over its standard training period of three years, offer students educational instruction with the aim of fostering in them the following abilities:

1. Advanced policy study capabilities based on academic methods that meet international standards
2. Instruction in the various disciplines essential for pursuing a career in policy studies
3. The ability to write an academic dissertation.

A dissertation, submitted for evaluation under the GRIPS doctoral program, must meet the following three conditions in order for the student to be awarded a Ph.D./doctoral degree.

1. It must have policy-relevancy or policy implications.
2. It must take into account previous trends and studies (both Japanese and international) in the relevant academic field, and must present something original of its own.
3. It must be built on either an outstanding analysis of a specific policy, or a retrospective historical research/case-study taken up from a fresh perspective, showing great analytical acumen.

To be considered to have met the above three conditions, the dissertation must fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

1. Part or all of the results of the study must have been published or accepted for publication in an academic journal, based on a system of peer review.
2. The results of the study must either have already been published commercially, or be scheduled for commercial publication (includes subsidy publishing).
3. The results of the study must be recognized to be of a standard comparable to that of the requirement 1. or 2. above.

#### Established Programs

There are five programs under the GRIPS doctoral program: GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube); Policy Analysis; Science, Technology and Innovation Policy; Disaster Management; and Policy Professionals. For details, please refer to 5-2. *Summary Table of Doctoral Programs*.