

THE NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (GRIPS)
TOKYO, JAPAN

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING FOR FACULTY POSITION

JOB DESCRIPTION

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) seeks to hire an Assistant Professor (non-tenure) who specializes in politics and/or international relations in developing economies. A regional focus on South Asia or Southeast Asia is preferred, as is a focus on the maritime domain broadly defined.

Candidates for this position should possess a Ph.D. in a relevant field (such as political science, international relations, security studies, comparative politics, or public policy) and record of research, teaching, and advising at the graduate level.

The successful candidate will assist the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP) where the student body consists primarily of maritime law enforcement professionals from Indo-Pacific countries.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES

- Advise graduate students in the MSP program on their MA thesis projects, including assisting in academic research and paper writing in English.
- Conduct research in the field of international relations with a focus on Asia and the maritime domain.
- Make substantial contributions to the various educational programs of GRIPS and MSP.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment will be on an annual basis (renewable).

REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

GRIPS offers an attractive package of remuneration and benefits, including stipulated salary and bonuses, research funding, housing and commuting subsidies, and family medical care, in accordance with the terms and conditions normally applicable to faculty appointments in the national universities of Japan.

ANNUAL SALARY

The salary is determined by national university standards and varies by degree of professional experience.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

Applicants for this position must complete the short online [application form](#) first. After doing so, applicants will receive an email from GRIPS requesting the submission of the following two documents via a designated file delivery system:

- *Curriculum vitae* that includes all professional and academic positions
 - The CV and list of research achievements should be prepared in accordance with the GRIPS Guide to creating Curriculum Vitae for faculty positions.
- A preprint or copy of a journal publication and /or Ph.D. dissertation chapter.

The deadline for submission of applications is 17:00 JST on January 14, 2026.

All application materials shall be treated with the strictest confidentiality. Materials will not be returned to applicants. Only applicants shortlisted for interviews shall be notified of further procedures. Notifications for interviews will be sent in late January 2026. Please contact GRIPS's personnel division (boshu@grips.ac.jp) with any questions.

The appointment commences on October 1, 2026.