

NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES

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*Gateway to
Global Leadership*

Message from the President

The world is facing unprecedented challenges today, in areas including economic growth, national security, food, energy, human rights, and the environment. Given these circumstances, Japan, as an industrialized and democratic nation in the developing Indo-Pacific region, has a major role to play. There is an urgent need to generate spaces for serious dialogue and evidence-based policymaking. The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), as Japan's leading institute for policy studies and education, will serve as a space for such dialogues and deliberations.

GRIPS was established in 1997 as Japan's first institution for education in and research on policy studies. Ever since then, GRIPS has consistently carried out research and instruction relevant to the current affairs of Japan and the world. Over the years, we have developed programs and capabilities that would not be possible within the framework of a conventional university.

GRIPS has a rich international character that makes it truly global in outlook. We offer many programs in which degrees can be acquired entirely in English and our faculty and staff hail from countries around the world. International students, coming from more than 50 countries and regions each year, make up more than 60 percent of our student body, and our alumni network extends across more than 120 countries and regions. Our students come from diverse professional backgrounds, including government, international and non-profit organizations, academia, and the business community.

GRIPS provides a wide range of support services for students. For example, the Center for Professional Communication (CPC) offers a full suite of resources to enable students to improve their communication skills and master academic writing, and cultural programs to deepen the experience of living in Japan. Also, since 2022, the Center for Data Science has been providing students with the data-related knowledge and skills needed for research on and education in Evidence-Based Policy Making (EBPM).

GRIPS has Ph.D. and master's programs in a number of fields related to policy and economics. In the majority of GRIPS master's programs, students can earn a degree in one year. During that period of intensive study, they can acquire a wide range of knowledge and skills, particularly related to theory and policy analysis in economics, political science, public administration, data science, and systems engineering. A key theme is our interdisciplinary approach to policy issues, where we redefine problems beyond traditional boundaries so as to find solutions to cross-disciplinary challenges.

In 2020, we launched several two-year master's programs, primarily conducted in Japanese, enabling students to obtain master's degrees through evening and Saturday classes — the Global Leadership Development Program and the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program. GRIPS also actively provides non-degree training programs to various governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Moreover, we have been working to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to serve as a hub of collaboration among the university, government, and business communities.

We have met new policy challenges successfully over the past two-and-a-half decades and will continue to do so, also serving as a venue where faculty, staff, and students can work together with stakeholders outside the university to tackle the most pressing policy challenges of the 21st century.



Profile

Hiroko Ota, president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), specializes in economic policy and public finance policy. She received her B.A. from Hitotsubashi University in Sociology in 1976. She was appointed associate professor at Saitama University in 1996, and continued in that position at GRIPS from 1997 until her appointment as professor in 2001. From 2004 to 2007 Ms. Ota served as director general of the cabinet office; as minister of state for economic and fiscal policy in the Abe cabinet; and as a member of the Fukuda cabinet. She returned to GRIPS in 2008 as professor of economics, then served as vice president from 2009 to 2011, and as senior professor from 2019 to 2022. She was appointed president of GRIPS in 2022.

Hiroko Ota
President

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Brief History

- 1977** Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), Saitama University established
- 1997** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) established
- 1998** GRIPS relocated to campus in Shinjuku Wakamatsu-cho, Tokyo
- 2000** First master's degree conferred
- 2003** First Ph.D. conferred
- 2004** Transition to national university corporation
- 2005** GRIPS relocated to newly built campus in Roppongi, Tokyo
- 2013** GRIPS ALLIANCE established
- 2016** GRIPS Fund established

Basic Data

- **Location:** Central Tokyo (Roppongi)
- **Degrees awarded:** Master's degrees and doctorates
- **Language of instruction:** English
- **Academic calendar:** October–September
- **Total number of students:** 362
- **Number of alumni:** 5,941



Photo : Masao Nishikawa

Meet Policy Professionals from Around the World

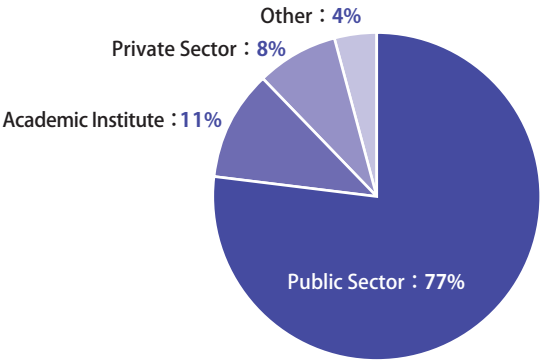
Many students at GRIPS are mid-career personnel from central and local government, related institutions and private companies. About 60% of the student body is composed of international students from more than 50 countries and regions, many of whom are administrative officials in their own countries.

Our students have diverse nationalities, cultures, and languages, but they are all dedicated policy professionals. GRIPS is an environment where Japanese and international students can address the same problems in the same classroom, thinking about future policy from a global perspective.



GRIPS attracts students from around the world in a variety of fields. Networks established during study are precious assets after graduation. Our graduates number over 5,900 and hail from 121 different countries and regions, including those from GRIPS's predecessor, the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University.

Where are GRIPS Alumni working? (Graduated 2022)



GRIPS/GSPS Alumni in the World (as of May 2023)

Asia 23 countries & regions	Bangladesh	215	Bhutan	45	Brunei	4	Cambodia	123	China	223	India	79
	Indonesia	578	Japan	2,108	Laos	52	Malaysia	141	Maldives	20	Mongolia	81
	Myanmar	130	Nepal	92	Pakistan	127	Philippines	270	Singapore	10	South Korea	77
	Sri Lanka	109	Taiwan	2	Thailand	209	Timor-Leste	4	Vietnam	189		
Pacific 8 countries	Australia	47	Fiji	12	New Zealand	1	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	1	Solomon	1
	Tonga	5	Vanuatu	1								
North America 2 countries	Canada	1	U.S.A.	3								
Latin America 17 countries	Belize	1	Brazil	14	Chile	5	Colombia	8	Costa Rica	4	Cuba	1
	Dominican Republic	6	Ecuador	7	El Salvador	27	Guatemala	4	Haiti	1	Jamaica	2
	Mexico	3	Nicaragua	16	Paraguay	4	Peru	20	Venezuela	3		
Europe (including NIS countries) 31 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	8	Bulgaria	13	Croatia	1	Czech	15
	France	1	Georgia	13	Germany	5	Greece	1	Hungary	16	Iceland	1
	Italy	2	Kazakhstan	56	Kyrgyz Republic	68	Latvia	1	Lithuania	2	Moldova	2
	Netherlands	3	North Macedonia	2	Poland	27	Romania	14	Russia	1	Serbia	2
	Slovakia	7	Spain	1	Switzerland	2	Tajikistan	16	Turkmenistan	8	Ukraine	7
	Uzbekistan	113										
Middle East 7 countries	Afghanistan	14	Iran	3	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2	Turkey	16
	Yemen	2										
Africa 33 countries	Algeria	8	Botswana	5	Burundi	1	Cameroon	3	Cote d'Ivoire	3	DR Congo	1
	Egypt	17	Eritrea	2	Ethiopia	43	Gambia	1	Ghana	59	Guinea	1
	Kenya	45	Lesotho	1	Liberia	3	Madagascar	3	Malawi	7	Mauritius	5
	Morocco	1	Mozambique	3	Namibia	3	Nigeria	4	Rwanda	5	Sierra Leone	8
	Somalia	1	South Africa	1	South Sudan	1	Sudan	3	Tanzania	48	Tunisia	1
	Uganda	47	Zambia	32	Zimbabwe	30						

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Focused Knowledge of Policy Studies

Located in Roppongi, Tokyo, the GRIPS campus is close to Nagatacho and Kasumigaseki, the political and administrative centers of Japan respectively, making it easy for current administrative officers and practitioners to visit. Through lectures, seminars, the GRIPS Forum and other events, students have

the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of policy studies by hearing from top-class experts on the front lines of domestic and international academia, government, politics and industry.

Diversity and Depth of Teaching

Our faculty consists of leading scholars in policy studies from Japan and overseas, and highly gifted individuals with practical experience in government, international development and related fields. Together, they make a team of instructors with great diversity and depth.

We have 67 full-time and many part-time professors to our 362 students. The curriculum includes discussions and tutorial classes with a small number of students, alongside regular lectures. Instruction is closely attuned to the needs of the individual student.



Soukairou Hall

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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 that 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.



Center for Data Science

In the 21st century, mankind is facing a number of unpredictable and unprecedented new problems including the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerating global warming. At the same time, thanks to rapid advances in digital innovation, it is now possible to utilize diverse big data via the Internet; this has led to high expectations that the government will formulate and implement effective policy to provide better solutions to social problems, based on precise predictions formulated using big data. Needless to say, data science is crucial in this context.

In response to this complex situation, GRIPS launched the Center for Data

Science in April 2022 for the purpose of promoting deeper data science education and research. Taking advantage of GRIPS' faculty, which includes both specialized policymakers with extensive practical experience, well-versed in real-world policymaking processes; and researchers in the field of policy science in academia, GRIPS will systematically develop its Center for Data Science as a unique pioneering data science research hub in the field of policy science, with the aim of fostering policymakers well prepared for the 21st century, through such activities as educational support; research consultation; organization of collaborative research; hosting of a variety of empowering research meetings; and the creation and development of data archives.

Short-Term Executive Training

Based on experiences of short-term training of Executive Government Officials, GRIPS established the Executive Development Center for Global Leadership in 2013. The Center provides various short-term training programs for government officials, particularly in senior executive level and middle management level, in response to specific requests from respective governments.

GRIPS started offering online programs amid the pandemic since 2020, and face-to-face programs are provided again from FY2022. GRIPS professors plan and provide lectures and discussions through various tools and methods.

» Subjects of Short-Term Executive Training Program include:

- Public Management in General
- Structures and Processes of Government
- Organization Management
- Leadership Development and Management for the 21st Century
- Civil Service Systems and Human Resource Management
- Leadership for Crisis Management
- Legal Systems and Legislative Review
- Administrative Reform and Innovation
- Evidence-Based Policy Making
- Trust in the Government
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption
- Local Governance in General
- Local Government Administration
- Local Government Financial Administration
- Management of Inter-Governmental Relations
- Public Policy Analysis
- Selected Substantive Policies

» Short-term training programs consist of various activities:

- Lectures by distinguished professors from GRIPS and from other universities, government officials, business executives and research experts
- Field trips to government agencies and other relevant institutions
- Group discussions and workshops
- Policy making and presentation
- Exchange and Knowledge sharing with Japanese people

For the past programs, please visit GRIPS website at

<https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/training/>



Degree Programs

Sustainable development goals (SDGs) relevant to our master's and doctorate programs

Master's Programs

Young Leaders Program

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This program focuses on exposing students in a systematic way to the fundamentals of politics, government and public administration, public policy, management and leadership. The program prepares students to work as senior executives and leaders in the national, sub-national and local governments as well as in other public sector organizations.

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

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This program equips managers and leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary for analysis, implementation, and evaluation of public policy. Students who enroll in this program become part of a global network of leaders.

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

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This program conveys technical policy analysis skills to early-career professionals in local or national governments, international organizations, or policy institutes.

Macroeconomic Policy Program

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The aim of this program is to enable macroeconomic policy professionals to plan and maintain robust national economies by equipping them with an understanding of macroeconomic fluctuations and the roles of monetary and fiscal policies in domestic and global economies.

Public Finance Program

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

Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program

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

Disaster Management Policy Program

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This program equips professionals from developing countries with effective approaches to, and techniques for, coping with natural disasters, as well as with engineering knowledge and skills needed to minimize seismic risks and counteract widespread water hazards.

Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program

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This program is designed and administered jointly by GRIPS and the Japan Coast Guard Academy. Students benefit from both institutions' resources in the fields of public policy, security studies, maritime safety, and maritime security.

Ph.D. Programs

Our Ph.D. programs prepare a new generation of public policy researchers, scholars, 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. The Policy Analysis Program is 5-year doctoral program designed for bachelor's degree holders; all other doctoral programs are 3-year programs designed for master's degree holders.

5-Year Ph.D. Program

Policy Analysis Program

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3-Year Ph.D. Programs

GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)

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Disaster Management Program

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Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program

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17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



Please visit the dedicated website, Knowledge and Research: GRIPS' contributions to the SDGs, to see the connections between our research and education activities and the SDGs.
<https://www.grips.ac.jp/sdgs/en/>

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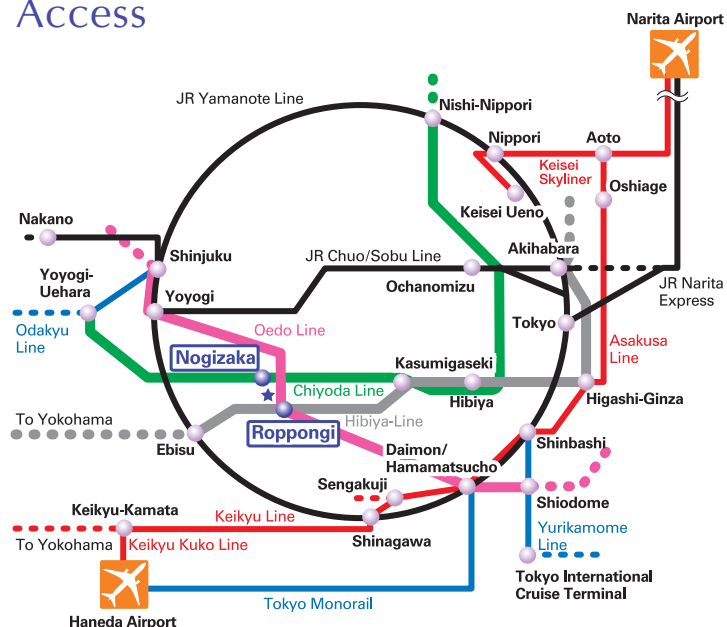
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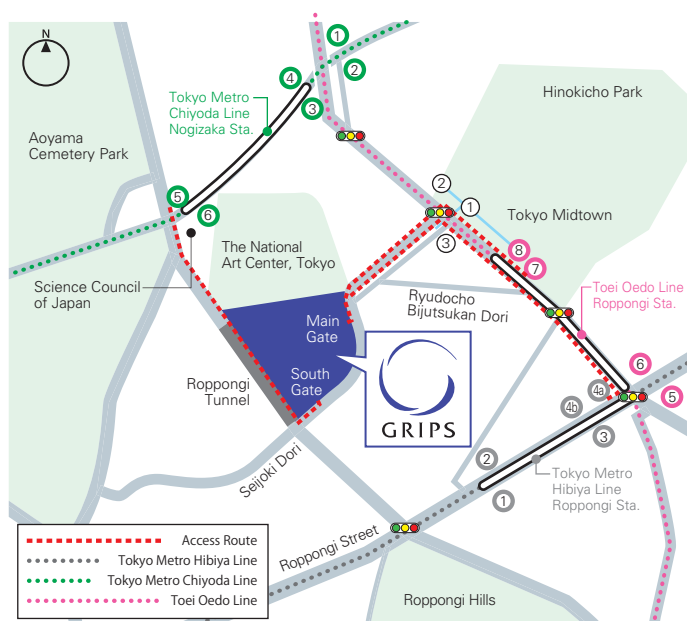


From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Tokyo by Narita Express: 1 hour 30 minutes

From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Nippori by Skyliner: 1 hour 15 minutes

From Haneda Airport to Roppongi by Tokyo Monorail: 40 minutes

From Tokyo to Roppongi: 17 minutes



From exit no. 7 at Roppongi station on the Toei Oedo Line: 5 minutes walk

From exit no. 4a at Roppongi station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line:

10 minutes walk

From exit no. 5 at Nogizaka station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line:

6 minutes walk

