

# NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES

## GRIPS 2024-2025



*Gateway to  
Global Leadership*

# Message from the President

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), a policy-focused research and higher education institution in Tokyo, provides graduate-level programs in fields that address critical policy issues. We have over 350 students from diverse professional backgrounds, including government, media, international organizations, and business. In this thoroughly international environment, two-thirds of our students come from overseas. These young leaders from over 50 countries study together and build global human networks. We are proud of our more than 6,000 alumni from more than 120 countries, who in their work are applying the knowledge and experience that they acquired at GRIPS to contribute to peace and prosperity around the world.

GRIPS offers a full range of graduate programs: one- and two-year master's degree programs in public policy, economic policy, security and foreign policy, science and technology innovation, and disaster management; and three-year Ph.D. programs and five-year combined master's and Ph.D. programs in the fields of international development, public policy, public economics, international relations, science and technology innovation, and disaster management.

GRIPS faculty members offer a wide range of expertise, in areas from economics to public administration and international relations, and from civil engineering to politics. Many of our faculty members also have rich career experience in government, both national and regional, and in international organizations; this empowers our students to conduct in-depth interdisciplinary research on issues of significant academic and practical value.

In addition to its degree programs, GRIPS hosts a variety of practical short-term education and training programs for emerging policy leaders and professionals. Those programs are tailored to the interests and needs of the clients, and usually include guided study tours.

In recent years, the importance of data-based policymaking is widely accepted globally. To promote evidence-based policy research, GRIPS established the Center for Data Science in 2022, an environment where students can learn to use a wide range of statistical and machine learning methods ranging from programming to application-based analysis. Students who have completed all of the required courses in data science receive a certificate in Data Science for Policy Research.

Government agencies are no longer the only policymakers working to address social issues such as global environmental changes and social infrastructure development: now private companies are also playing important roles. GRIPS aims to become a hub for academia-business-government collaboration on social issues. We will offer a new course in the fall of 2024 specifically to support that aim. In that course, students will study cases of Japanese private companies tackling social issues overseas, and will engage in group discussions towards the crafting of innovative solutions.

The world faces unprecedented challenges today, including problems related to the globalized economy, national and human security, food and energy supply, human rights and equity, and the natural environment. As Japan's leading institute for policy studies and education, GRIPS will continue to work with students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders to tackle the most pressing challenges of the 21st century.

Hiroko Ota  
President  
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies



## 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.

## Brief History

- 1977** Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), Saitama University established
- 1997** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) established
- 1999** 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:** 379
- **Number of alumni:** 6,158

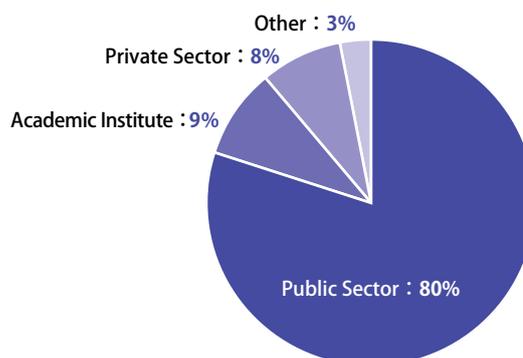


# Meet Policy Professionals from Around the World

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.

## Where are GRIPS Alumni working? (Graduated 2023)



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 6,000 and hail from 122 different countries and regions, including those from GRIPS's predecessor, the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University.

## GRIPS/GSPS Alumni in the World (as of May 2024)

<b>Asia</b> 23 countries & regions	Bangladesh	227	Bhutan	49	Brunei	4	Cambodia	127	China	223	India	86
	Indonesia	592	Japan	2,184	Laos	55	Malaysia	145	Maldives	22	Mongolia	82
	Myanmar	136	Nepal	93	Pakistan	133	Philippines	286	Singapore	11	South Korea	79
	Sri Lanka	115	Taiwan	2	Thailand	214	Timor-Leste	5	Vietnam	193		
<b>Pacific</b> 8 countries	Australia	49	Fiji	14	New Zealand	1	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	1	Solomon	1
	Tonga	5	Vanuatu	1								
<b>North America</b> 2 countries	Canada	1	U.S.A.	3								
<b>Latin America</b> 17 countries	Belize	1	Brazil	15	Chile	6	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	5	Peru	20	Venezuela	3		
<b>Europe</b> (including NIS countries) 31 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	9	Bulgaria	14	Croatia	1	Czech	16
	France	1	Georgia	13	Germany	5	Greece	1	Hungary	16	Iceland	1
	Italy	2	Kazakhstan	57	Kyrgyz Republic	71	Latvia	1	Lithuania	3	Moldova	2
	Netherlands	3	North Macedonia	2	Poland	28	Romania	14	Russia	1	Serbia	2
	Slovakia	7	Spain	1	Switzerland	2	Tajikistan	16	Turkmenistan	9	Ukraine	7
	Uzbekistan	116										
<b>Middle East</b> 7 countries	Afghanistan	14	Iran	3	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2	Turkey	17
	Yemen	2										
<b>Africa</b> 34 countries	Algeria	8	Botswana	6	Burundi	1	Cameroon	3	Cote d'Ivoire	3	DR Congo	1
	Egypt	21	Eritrea	2	Ethiopia	46	Gambia	1	Ghana	61	Guinea	1
	Kenya	47	Lesotho	1	Liberia	3	Madagascar	3	Malawi	8	Mauritius	5
	Morocco	1	Mozambique	3	Namibia	3	Nigeria	5	Rwanda	5	Sierra Leone	8
	Somalia	1	South Africa	1	South Sudan	1	Sudan	3	Tanzania	50	Tunisia	2
	Uganda	48	Union of Comoros	1	Zambia	33	Zimbabwe	31				

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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 72 full-time and many part-time professors to our 379 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 has been providing online programs since 2020. Now, there is a growing demand for the face-to-face programs on campus. We will continue to deliver more interactive sessions such as networking, Q&A sessions, and dialogue with GRIPS faculty to meet the needs of participants.

### » 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 students 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 and practical skills needed to be professional policy analysts. The program provides a strong platform for advanced research.

### 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.

### ASEAN Initiatives Program

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This program aims to contribute to the capacity building of young ASEAN administrators, promote ASEAN integration, and effectively implement the Japanese government's support of ASEAN.

### 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.

### 5-Year Ph.D. Programs

#### GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)

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#### Policy Analysis Program

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### 3-Year Ph.D. Programs

#### Disaster Management Program

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#### Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program

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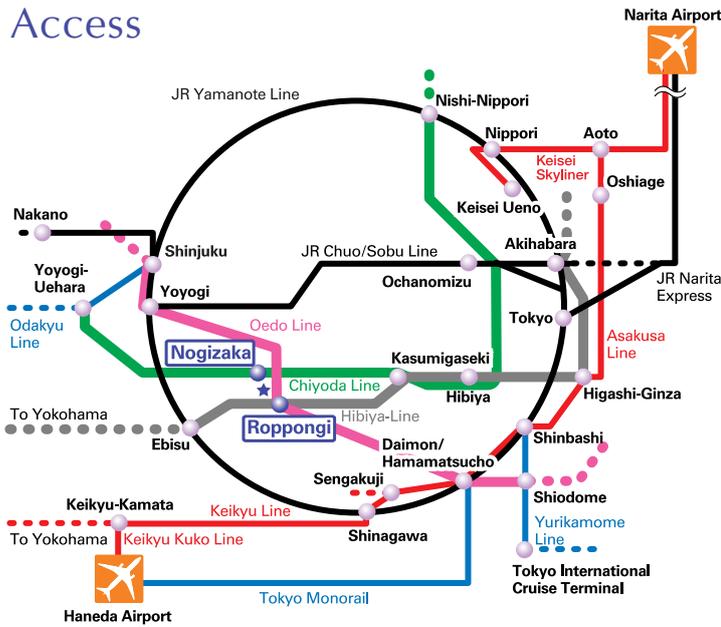
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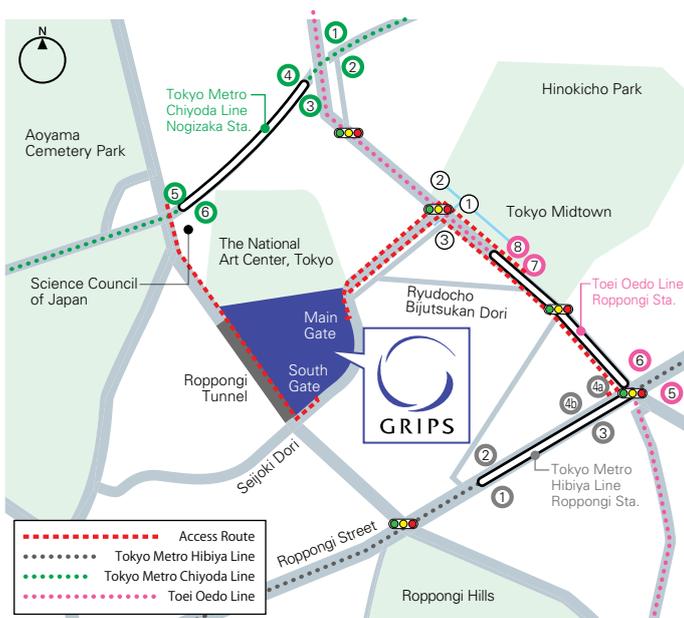
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**Access**



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

