

## 2-5. Work Permission

The resident status of international students is *Student*, the designated status for those who are in Japan to receive education at a college. While in Japan, international students' activities are limited to those that correspond to the purpose assigned to their resident status.

If you wish to work, you must first obtain a permit for extra-status activities from the Immigration Services Agency of Japan. However, a permit for extra-status activities is not required if you intend to assist in educational or research activities at GRIPS. Thus, the Japanese government allows international students to engage conditionally in work activities. Nonetheless, in light of the intensive curriculum at GRIPS, the following policy has been established:

1. In principle, international students are not permitted to engage in work activities (excluding the provisions of item 2). However, if your Program Director deems an activity productive for your studies and/or research and free of any negative effect on your studies, you may be permitted to engage in work activities. In that case, you must obtain a permit for extra-status activities from the Immigration Services Agency of Japan.
2. International students are permitted to assist in educational or research activities at GRIPS (e.g., as a TA or RA). However, in principle, students who are studying in one-year master's programs are not permitted to engage in the above activities.
3. If you wish to engage in any kind of work activity, you must first obtain the approval of your Program Director, and at least two weeks before you begin work, you must submit a request for permission to work, via your Program Director, to the General Affairs Team, Academic and Student Affairs Division. The form for requesting permission to work is available from the General Affairs Team ([kyouiku@grips.ac.jp](mailto:kyouiku@grips.ac.jp)).

\* For those whose resident status is not *Student*

If your resident status is not *Student*, you must obtain permission to engage in activity other than those permitted by the status of residence granted by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, even if you plan to assist in educational or research activities at GRIPS.