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เรียน สำนักงานส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่นอำเภอ ทุกอำเภอ ที่ทำการองค์การบริหารส่วนจังหวัดอุตรดิตถ์ และสำนักงานเทศบาลเมืองอุตรดิตถ์

ด้วยกรมส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่น ได้รับแจ้งจาก National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) ว่า ขอความร่วมมือให้กรมส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่นประชาสัมพันธ์การสมัครเข้าร่วมโครงการทุนการศึกษาระดับปริญญาโท ระยะเวลา ๑ ปี และ ๒ ปี หลักสูตร นโยบายสาธารณะ (MP๑/MP๒) ซึ่งเป็นหลักสูตรภาษาอังกฤษ และมอบทุนเต็มรูปแบบให้กับผู้สมัครที่มีความสามารถโดดเด่น ในกรณีนี้ GRIPS ขอให้กรมส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่นสนับสนุนข้าราชการที่มีศักยภาพให้สมัครเข้าร่วมโครงการดังกล่าว โดยจะเปิดรับสมัครในรูปแบบออนไลน์ ระหว่างเดือนสิงหาคม - พฤศจิกายน ๒๕๖๒ ทั้งนี้ ได้กำหนดคุณสมบัติเบื้องต้นของผู้สมัครว่าต้องมีอายุระหว่าง ๒๕ - ๓๕ ปี และมีความสามารถด้านภาษาอังกฤษอยู่ในระดับดี (TOEFL, iBT ๗๘ หรือ IELTS Academic ๖.๐)

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กรมส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่น

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เรื่อง ประชาสัมพันธ์การสมัครเข้าร่วมโครงการทุนการศึกษาในระดับปริญญาโท

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จำนวน ๑ ชุด

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กรมส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่น จึงขอความร่วมมือจังหวัดประชาสัมพันธ์โครงการทุนการศึกษาดังกล่าวให้ข้าราชการสังกัดสำนักงานส่งเสริมการปกครองท้องถิ่น และข้าราชการ/พนักงานส่วนท้องถิ่นในจังหวัดทราบ หากมีความประสงค์จะสมัครรับทุนให้ดำเนินการสมัครในรูปแบบออนไลน์ด้วยตนเองตามห้วงเวลาที่กำหนด โดยสามารถศึกษารายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้จากเว็บไซต์ <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/adminssions/index/> รายละเอียดปรากฏตามสิ่งที่ส่งมาด้วย

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to send you our latest brochure and request your cooperation in selecting promising candidates from your organization for our **One-year and Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1/MP2)**.

Located in central Tokyo and sponsored by the Japanese government, GRIPS is a graduate school dedicated to educating future leaders in the public policy arena. It is one of the most international institutes in Japan and is designed to attract government officials from around the world. Our MP1/MP2 Program is taught entirely in English and full scholarships are available for outstanding applicants. Online applications for the Fall 2020 admissions will be accepted between August and November 2019. (Specific dates are subject to change, please refer our website for the details: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>)

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Sincerely yours,

Makoto Tanaka, Ph.D.
Professor
Director of MP1/MP2 Program
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

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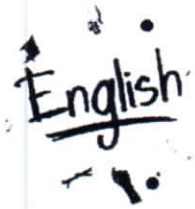
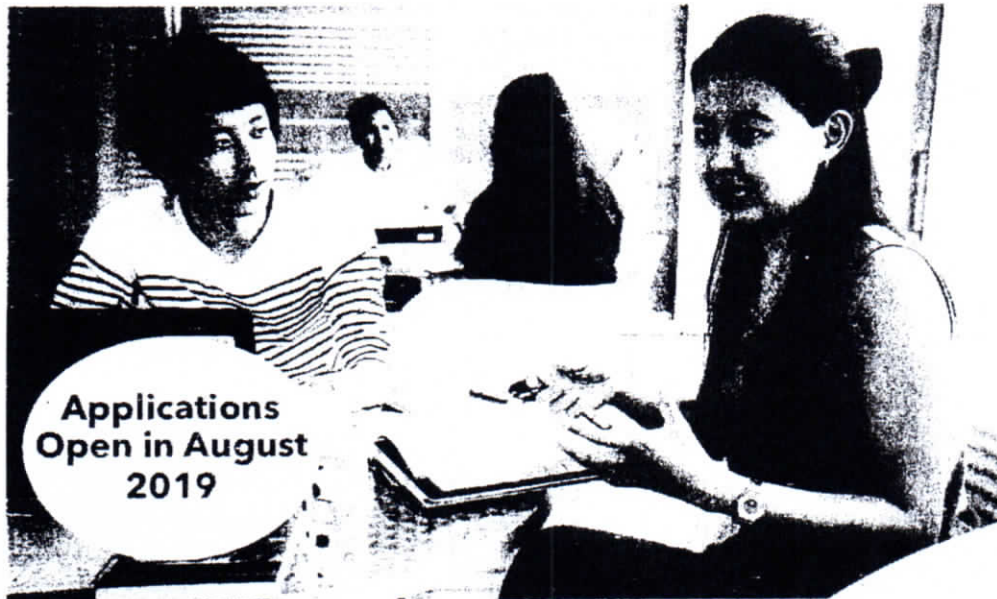
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Public Policy Program

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Study in English

GRIPS is a leader in English-based education in Japan. You will learn from world-class academics and leading policy makers.

The Public Policy Program aims to educate leaders, public managers, and policy analysts in the policy tools needed for efficient governance.

The One-year Master's Program (MP1) equips mid-career managers and leaders with the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to be effective managers in the public sector. Students develop familiarity with all phases of the policy cycle. They are required to write a policy report as partial fulfilment of the degree of Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Administration.

The Two-year Master's Program (MP2) provides pre- and early-career professionals and staff members with the technical skills needed to be professional policy analysts. The program provides a strong platform for advanced research (including doctoral studies). Students are required to write a master's thesis as partial fulfilment of the degree of Master of Arts in Public Policy.



Vibrant Tokyo

Study and live in Japan's bustling capital, undeniably one of the world's most captivating cities.



Summer Program

The capstone of the GRIPS experience, offering an exciting range of events to enhance your practical policy-making skills.

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FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM

You may choose from a wide variety of recommended and elective courses

GLOBAL NETWORK

You will join a robust network of over 5000 GRIPS alumni in more than 100 countries

Admissions

All application procedures should be completed online.

Qualifications

You are:

An ambitious individual with a career plan that involves leadership

Aged in your mid 20's to mid 30's

A mid-career government professional wishing to enhance your skills with a professional graduate qualification

Proficient in English (TOEFL iBT 79; IELTS Academic 6.0)

Scholarships

Full scholarships - funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Japanese government (MEXT) - are available for qualified candidates.

Important dates*

Online applications open: August 2019

Application deadline: November 2019

Admissions notification: April-July 2020

Enrollment: October 2020

* Please check our website for exact dates

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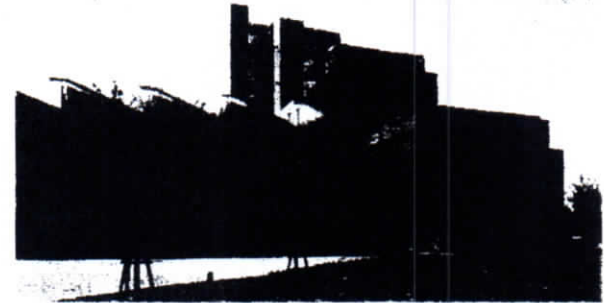
Master of Public Policy (MP1)

Master of Public Administration (MP1)

Master of Arts in Public Policy (MP2)



*Gateway to
Global Leadership*



Career destinations

Graduates from this program are expected to hold executive positions in national or local government and international organizations, or to be researchers in public policy. Graduates' career paths include Office of the President/Prime Minister, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Labour & Human Resources, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Public Administration, Ministry of Land & Energy, Central Bank, Development Bank, Stock Exchange, Public Utilities (Electricity, Gas, Water) and Universities

About GRIPS

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is a global hub for world-class policy research and education. We prepare public policy leaders and professionals who will play key roles in democratic governance, and we are committed to providing quality education that meets the needs of both students and the government agencies they serve. Our core tenets are an interdisciplinary approach to policy research that is set within a truly multinational environment and a focus on equipping public policy professionals with the skills they need to serve effectively on the world stage.

Further Information & Inquiries

Please check our website for program details and application procedures.

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Admissions Office: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>

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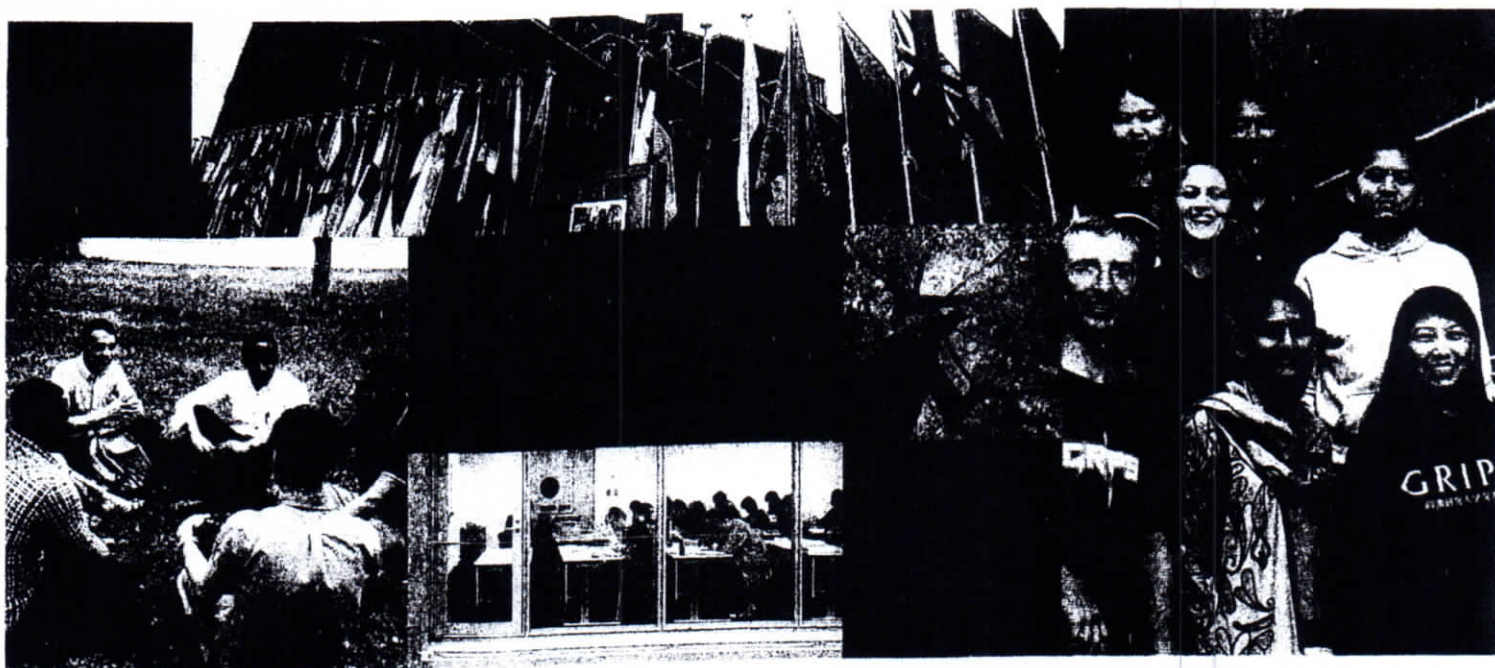
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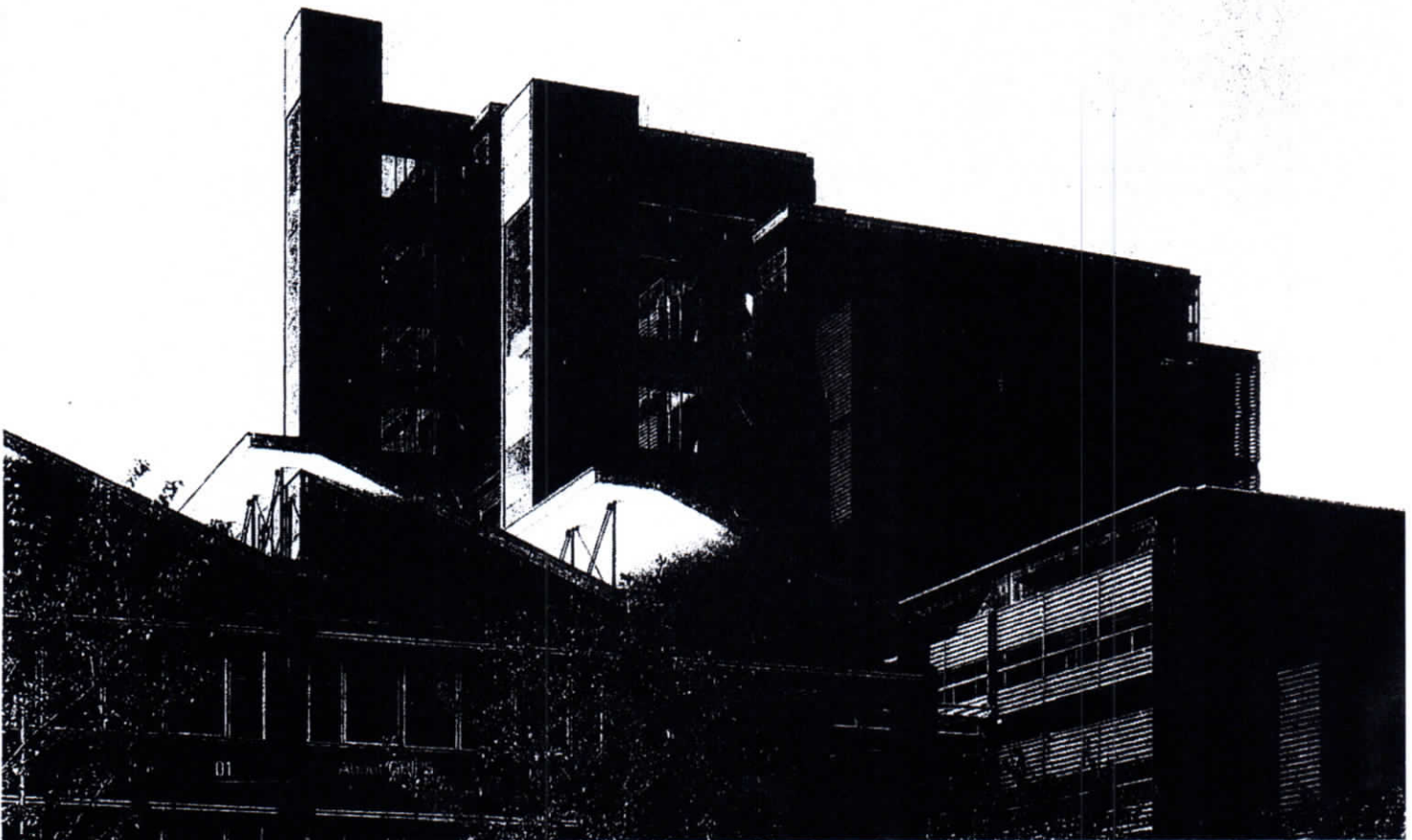
Your Gateway to Global Leadership

GRIPS is a graduate school specializing in education and research for policy studies. The predecessor of GRIPS was the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), which was established in 1977 at Saitama University as the first graduate school for policy studies in Japan. Established in 1997 by the Japanese government, GRIPS inherited the GSPS mantle and eventually moved to Roppongi, an international and cultural hub of Tokyo. GRIPS aims to produce first-class policy makers and conduct cutting-edge research in policy studies. Our slogan, "Gateway to Global Leadership," summarizes the mission of GRIPS: We seek to identify and nurture leaders and managers involved in policy-making on a global scale.

GRIPS is one of the most internationalized graduate schools in the world, with international students comprising nearly 66% of the student body. The class of 2016-2017, for example, which consisted of 421 students, included 279 foreign students from 62 countries. Most GRIPS students are professionals from central and local governments.

GRIPS has been a partner of the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP) since 2000. In addition, GRIPS has been selected by the Japanese government and international organizations such as the World Bank, the World Customs Organization, and the International Monetary Fund to train mid-career government officials from emerging and developing countries.

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2 GRIPS' Flagship Program

The Public Policy Program

The Public Policy Program (PPP) is GRIPS' flagship program and it has roots going back to the GSPS. The mission of the PPP is to educate leaders, public managers, and public policy analysts, providing them with the policy tools and ethical principles needed for democratic and efficient governance in the public policy arena. The PPP has produced a steady stream of highly qualified managers and leaders for many important areas of public policy. Graduates of this program become part of an international network of policy professionals.

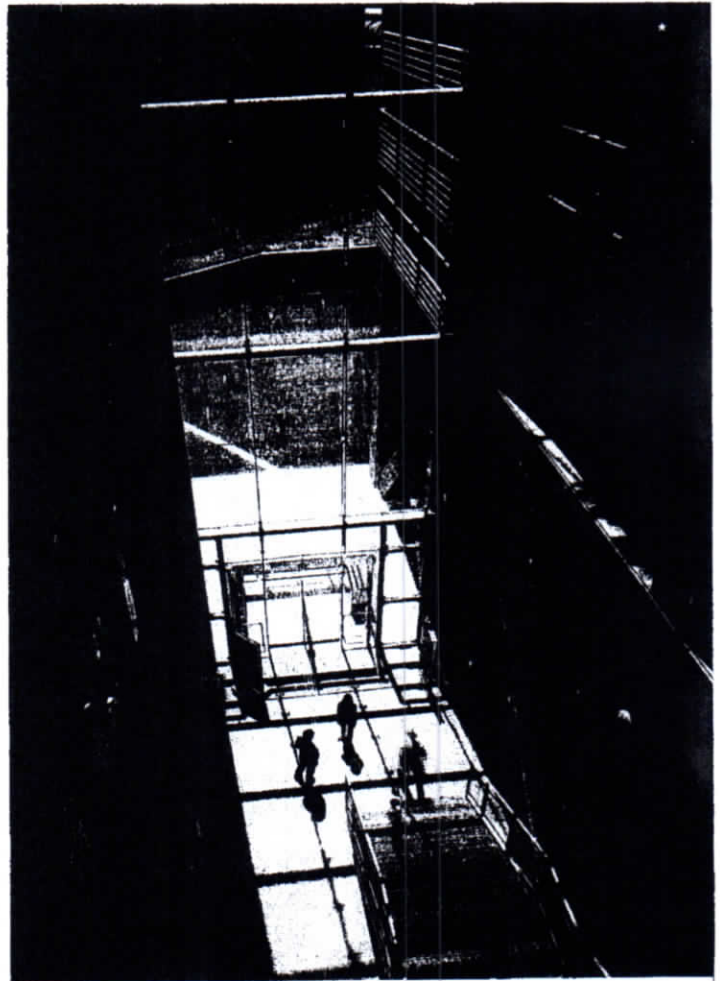


Director:
Makoto Tanaka
(Applied Economics)

The Public Policy Program has two tracks—a one-year track (MP1) and a two-year track (MP2). The working and teaching language of the PPP is English and all courses are offered in English.

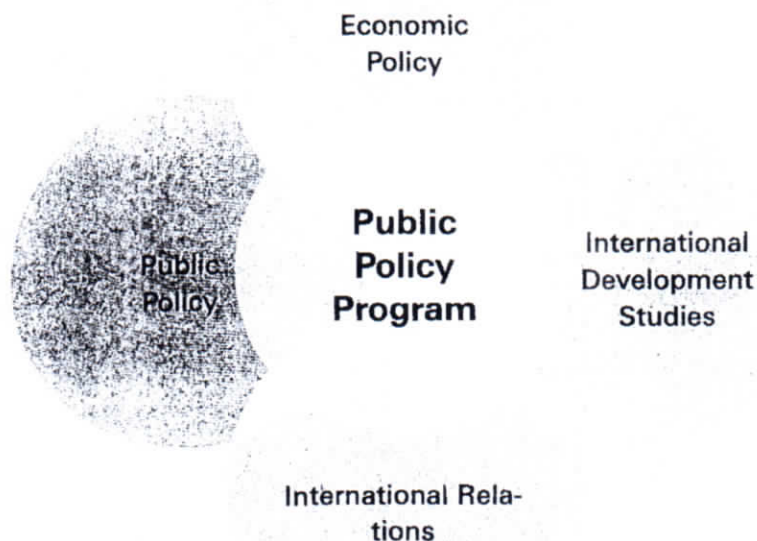
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The two-year master's program (MP2) provides early- and mid-career professionals and junior staff members with the technical skills needed to be professional policy analysts. The program builds a strong foundation for advanced research (including doctoral studies). The program awards the degree of Master of Arts in Public Policy. Students are required to write a master's thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree.



Program Design: Interdisciplinary Academic & Professional Education

The curriculum is composed of an introductory course in policy studies, policy debate seminars, and a wide variety of elective courses. All PPP students are provided a common interdisciplinary and analytical foundation through required courses. Students acquire more specialized knowledge by taking recommended courses. A wide range of elective courses enables students to enhance their academic and pragmatic skills. Practical courses are taught by government officials who have extensive experience in policy formulation and implementation. This combination of academic and practical knowledge is the hallmark of a GRIPS education.



Students are provided considerable guidance in the preparation of their policy reports. Students develop research skills, choose a research topic, and develop their policy reports in two policy debate seminars. The Center for Professional Communication (CPC) offers guidance and support at every stage of the writing process, from selecting a topic to writing the final draft.

In addition to the knowledge and skills acquired in the first year, MP2 second-year students receive advanced training and guidance in the technical and practical skills needed for public policy analysis. Students develop and apply their research skills to writing and defending compulsory master's theses. Thus, MP2 provides a strong platform for advanced policy research (including doctoral studies).



Faculty: Cutting-Edge Academic Research for Practical Policy Solutions

MP1 and MP2 are taught by full-time faculty as well as visiting lecturers. The core GRIPS faculty is composed of domestic and international scholars with solid academic backgrounds and outstanding publication records as well as practitioners with extensive experience in the civil service and public policy management.

Concentrations: Your Field of Study

Students can enroll in a wide variety of courses covering the social sciences, including economics, international relations, development policies, operations research, as well as their chosen fields for in-depth policy study. The PPP provides students with a choice of four concentrations (specialties): Economic Policy (EP), International Development Studies (IDS), International Relations (IR), and Public Policy (PP).

Economic Policy (EP) Concentration

The objective of the Economic Policy (EP) Concentration is to provide policy professionals with the skills needed to design and evaluate policy alternatives while emphasizing the application of economic tools to real-world policy problems. Students are strongly recommended to take core and applied courses in economics. Each student is required to produce a policy report/thesis, for which GRIPS faculty members will provide guidance and advice.



**Associate Deputy
Director and
Concentration
Leader: Nobuhiro Hosoe**
(Computational Economics)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Financial Development and Economic Growth in Developing Countries
- Non-Interest Income and Risk: The Empirical Evidence of Thai Commercial Banks
- Assessing the Impact of International Trade on Economic Growth: A Case Study of Ghana
- The Impact of Exchange Rate Movements on Foreign Direct Investment in Uganda
- The Impact of Monetary Policy towards Investment in Indonesia

International Development Studies (IDS) Concentration

The International Development Studies (IDS) Concentration aims to foster technical skills for solving development problems using economics as the basic tool. Specially designed for researchers and policy makers interested in development issues, the curriculum of this concentration covers a wide range of topics in development including gender, poverty, agricultural development, trade and industry, environment, and government and market.



**Concentration Leader:
Jonna P. Estudillo**
(Development Economics)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- An Essay on the Evolution of Modern Rice Farming Systems in Asia
- Women in the Labor Market in Vietnam Since the Start of Doi Mo
- Is There a Difference in Outreach by the Legal Status of Microfinance Institutions?
- Nonfarm Sector Development and Women Empowerment in Bangladesh
- Contribution of Community Forestry to Sustainable Forest Management in Nepal

International Relations (IR) Concentration

The International Relations (IR) Concentration aims to foster the development of future policy leaders through intensive training in the methods and approaches necessary for understanding and solving major contemporary challenges in the world. We welcome students with interests in international affairs, covering a variety of issues from security to political economy, as well as those who wish to analyze domestic politics or political economy within the context of an individual country or from a comparative perspective. Both qualitative and quantitative methods can be adopted for analyses.



Concentration Leader:
Hyoung Kyu Chey
(International Political Economy)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Question of Existence: Rising Sea Levels in the Pacific and New Zealand Policy Options
- R2P in East and Southeast Asia
- Small States as Negotiators: A Comparison of Cambodia and Laos with Reference to the South China Sea Issue
- Ghana's Regional Integration Efforts in Africa: The Post-Nkrumah Era in Review
- Building Trust in the Relationship with China: From Vietnam's Perspective

Public Policy (PP) Concentration

The objective of the Public Policy (PP) Concentration is to provide students with knowledge of various policy issues from many different disciplinary viewpoints to support their understanding and investigation of policy-related problems. Students are required to write a policy proposal based on the application of either quantitative or qualitative analytical tools to a policy issue. In preparing policy reports, students should (a) collect quantitative and/or qualitative data, (b) analyze the data, and (c) write a policy proposal based on their investigation.



Concentration Leaders:
Tatsuo Oyama
(Operations Research)

Titles of Past Policy Reports and Theses

- Public Service Reform Programme in Tanzania
- Thai Consumers' Purchasing Perception toward Payment Instruments for Point-of-Sale Transactions
- Optimal Mechanisms for Knowledge Sharing in International and Development Cooperation
- Food Safety Concerns in Bangladesh



Concentration Leaders:
Ikuo Shimomura
(Public Administration)

Curriculum

Required Courses

Introduction to Public Policy Studies
 Policy Debate Seminar I & II
 Independent Study (Thesis) [only for MP2]

Required or Recommended Courses by Concentration

Economic Policy	International Development Studies	International Relations	Public Policy
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics I	International Relations	Government and Market
Microeconomics II	Microeconomics II	International Security Studies	Introduction to Applied Econometrics
Macroeconomics I	Essential Microeconomics Macroeconomics I	International Political Economy	Trade and Industrial Development
Macroeconomics II	Macroeconomics II	International Relations in Europe	Public Economics
Introduction to Applied Economics	Essential Macroeconomics	Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy	Resource and Energy Economics
	Development Economics Introductory Statistics	Development Cooperation Policy	Development Economics
	Development Economics Introductory Statistics Strategies of Economic	Transnational Organized Crime and Security	International Security Studies
	Development	Non-Traditional Security	Structure and Process of Government
	Poverty Alleviation	Comparative Politics	International Political Economy of Money and Finance
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Comparative Political Economy	Introduction to Quantitative Methods
	Trade and Industrial Development	Comparative State Formation	Introductory Statistics
	Gender and Development	Structure and Process of Government	
	Government and Market	Political Economy of Modern Japan	
	Agricultural Economics	Government and Politics in Japan	
	Environmental Economics	Comparative Development Studies of Asia	
	Cost-Benefit Analysis I	State and Politics in Southeast Asia	
	Cost-Benefit Analysis II	State and Politics in Africa	
	Structure and Process of Government	Politics of Global Money and Finance	
	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	Topics on International Relations	
	Comparative Analysis on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy	Institutions in Policymaking	
	Introduction to Applied Econometrics		
	GRIPS Forum		
	Resource and Energy Economics		
	Agricultural Development		
	Comparative Political Economy		
	Comparative Development Studies of Asia		

Note : The above table lists some of the required and recommended courses by concentration.



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GRIPS Summer Program

The mission of the GRIPS Summer Program is to enhance participants' practical policy-making skills through activities that require participants to apply their discipline-based knowledge to various real-life policy issues. The GRIPS Summer Program is organized into four major activity areas: seminars, symposia, and conferences; skill-enhancing workshops; research tours and field trips; and sports, entertainment, and culture.

1. Seminars, Symposiums, and Student Conference
 - BBL Seminars
 - H-LAB Talent Show by students
 - Japan's Lessons for Europe's Crisis Management
 - Student Conference—Public Policy, Innovation and Development
2. Skill Enhancing and Policy Workshops
 - Workshop on strategic negotiations
 - Media skills for policy makers
 - English for social networking
 - Twitter for better government
 - Grant proposal writing
3. Research Tours & Fieldtrips
 - Haneda Chronogate Logistics Terminal tour
 - Mt. Fuji hiking
 - J-Power thermal power plant tour
 - Miraikan Science Museum tour
 - Visits in Ministry of Defense, Bank of Japan, and Embassies
4. Sports, Entertainment, and Culture
 - Bon Odori Dance: "Ropponjin Ondo"
 - Introduction to Japanese Tea Ceremony
 - Cultural exchange with junior high school students



4 Alumni



Among the greatest benefits and joys of studying at GRIPS are the quality and diversity of the student community. The connections you make at GRIPS are a valuable part of your degree. The GRIPS Alumni Network will ensure lifetime bonds by keeping you in touch with fellow alumni and the school.

As a GRIPS graduate, you will join an impressive network of around 3,700 alumni who are actively shaping and administering public policies in more than 98 countries around the world. We offer a variety of ways to remain engaged with GRIPS and strengthen your ties with fellow alumni around the globe. These include alumni reunions, seminars, a searchable alumni directory and online networking opportunities utilizing social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Alumni Voices



Bojan Petrovski (Macedonia, 2008) Public Policy Program
State Counselor, Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia

Studying at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies was a life changing experience for me from many viewpoints. First and foremost, it enabled me to grow academically, and learn many new aspects of policy making and implementation that had been missing in my prior education. Then, it allowed me to get acquainted with Japan, one of the most exciting places in the world, rich with both tradition and modern life. Finally, graduating from GRIPS turned out to be the key asset for career advancement that brought me to the next level within the public institutions of my country. I warmly recommend taking up studies at GRIPS to any public service professional.



Edward Tenywa (Uganda, 2011) One-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Personal Assistant to Deputy Governor, Governor's Office, Bank of Uganda

Further advancement of my central banking career required the search for breadth and depth of theoretical and practical knowledge in economics and public policy. The selfless and dedicated staff, the multidisciplinary approach to studies and multicultural environment at GRIPS, all ensured that I got more than I had envisaged. This life defining and changing experience was truly my gate way to institutional and global leadership.



Marcelo Echague Pastore (Paraguay, 2013)

Two-year Master's program of Public Policy

Director, Economic Studies and Financial Analysis, Securities and Exchange Commission of Paraguay

The discovery of GRIPS was a great joy, as it offers programs that are very inter-disciplinary in their scope, by mixing Economics, Political Science, International Security Studies, and so on. Moreover, the university also proved to be extremely international, enabling me to interact and exchange experiences with people that I would certainly not easily meet in other parts of the world. Studying at GRIPS has also been extremely positive in terms of learning. By giving me the chance to take leadership roles such as within the International Student Council, together with the numerous invitation to several high-level discussions, meetings and panel debates with top professionals in their fields, including public servants, academics, and executives from the private sector. Such an experience has definitely been helpful in preparing me for my present and future endeavors. Honestly, I do not think I would have gotten my current job at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Paraguay if it was not for GRIPS.



Ugyen Wangchuk (Bhutan, 2014) Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Program Officer, Children Division, National Commission for Women and Children Royal Government of Bhutan

Greeting from Bhutan, the Land of Happiness! To be honest, initially for about few weeks I was, literally feeling homesick wanting to go back to my country. With the support from the student office I slowly acclimatized myself into the system. Days, Weeks and Months passed and I started feeling like "yes, this is the place I wanted to live and study. GRIPS, with lot of international students and Japanese students is another beauty by itself. Where we get to know many friends across the world and knowing their culture has broadened my thinking and understanding of the Universe. The Professors are talented and full of knowledge and the most important was their willingness to help the student at any point of time. Facilities working in GRIPS were such a lovely person, making us feel like home. I say my two years stay in Japan had trained and prepared me both mentally and professionally to take up any responsibilities.



Keiko Fukumori (Japan, 2014) One-year Master's Program of Public Policy

Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency Indonesia Office

GRIPS is a unique school with an excellent public policy and administration program. It offers not only theoretical studies but also various case studies from other countries, including developing countries, which are useful for actual work in business and administration. The learning environment at GRIPS is so international that you can forget that this is a school in Tokyo. You can take all your course in English and the program can be customized based on your personal interests. I focused on economics and econometrics, and I acquired many theoretical and analytical skills for public policy work. The student-faculty ratio is very good and you can ask the teacher to raise the level if you would like to learn more. Sharing such a unique and precious time in academics with people from various countries will surely be one of my lifetime treasures.