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Applications for 2023-2024 Admission Are Now Open

GRIPS are now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Admission. Ideal candidates for our Master's programs are mid-career professionals with strong leadership potential presently working in national or local governments and international organizations.

We also welcome applicants with strong academic abilities and the desire to be professional policy analysts or pursue an academic career.

Full scholarships are available for exceptionally qualified candidates.

Applications for the following programs must be made directly to GRIPS.

Master's Programs

- One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1)
- Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)
- Macroeconomic Policy Program (MEP-externally funded or self-financed applicants only)
- Public Finance Program (PF)
- Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP-externally funded or self-financed international applicants only)

5-Year Ph.D. Program

- Policy Analysis Program (PA)

3-Year Ph.D. Program

- GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program (STI)

Entry Deadlines

Applicants should fill out and submit the "Registration Form" by the following deadline:

- Master's programs (except the Public Finance Program and Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program): November 25, 2022
- Ph.D. programs: January 11, 2023
- Public Finance Program: February 24, 2023
- Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program: May 2, 2023

For full details and deadlines of ALL our programs please check the Admissions Office website:

<https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>

Inquiries: GRIPS Admissions Office (admissions@grips.ac.jp)

Our Goals

- Training of Policy Professionals and Researchers
- Promotion of Interdisciplinary Policy Studies
- Serving as an International Center for Policy Research

History of GRIPS

The Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), the predecessor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), was established at Saitama University, Japan in 1977 as a new kind of graduate school, aimed at promoting interdisciplinary policy research and fostering administrative officials and policy analysts equipped with policy analysis and policy-making skills backed by scientific methods. Succeeding GSPS, GRIPS was established in October 1997 as an independent national graduate university with the mandate to promote high-level policy research and respond to various domestic and international needs based on international intellectual cooperation and the cooperation of leading members of Japan's political, industrial, government, and academic circles.

GRIPS Features

- Independent postgraduate university
- Research environment with a global perspective
- Internationally-competitive research based on modern social science methodology
- Training of world-class public policy professionals
- Learning opportunities for professionals and a well-structured curriculum
- Comprehensive programs offered solely in English
- A wide range of scholarships
- Dynamic and diverse instructional environment
- Collaboration and partnership with other institutions

Basic Facts and Figures (as of May 2022)

- International programs: 8 Master's, 7 Ph.D.
- No. of students: 222 International, 141 Japanese
- Full time faculty: around 70
- Student-teacher ratio: 5.2 : 1
- Standard enrollment month: October

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Message from the President

Given situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the international community is facing unprecedented uncertainty. Meeting related policy issues, in sectors including the economy, security, food, human rights, and the global environment, is a daunting prospect. Never before has there been such an urgent need to get back to basics and generate spaces for calm dialogue and discussion. Given these circumstances, Japan, as a mature democratic nation in the developing Indo-Pacific region, has a major role to play, and in turn the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), as Japan's leading institute for policy studies and education, must also take on new challenges.

GRIPS was established in 1997 as Japan's first full-scale institution for education in and research on policy studies. Ever since its establishment, GRIPS has consistently carried out policy studies relevant to the current affairs of Japan and the world, providing graduate education primarily for administrative and government officials from Japan and overseas.

Over the years, thanks to its constant focus on new ventures, GRIPS has developed educational programs that would not be possible within the framework of a conventional university.

GRIPS is an educational institution with 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 international students, coming from more than 50 countries and regions each year, make up more than 60% of our student population. Importantly, our alumni network extends across more than 120 countries and regions.

An environment in which the future leaders of countries around the world can learn and work together in friendly competition is a precious commodity. Only GRIPS offers such an environment for both international students and Japanese students coming from government agencies, local governments, international organizations and companies. To make the most of this ideal environment, learning opportunities are also prepared to help all students improve their English communication ability and master academic writing in the Center for Professional Communication (CPC). For international students, the CPC also provides Japanese language classes and a variety of related learning opportunities, notably through the center's programs for rich exposure to elements of Japanese culture.

In the majority of GRIPS programs, students can earn a master's degree in one year. During that period of intensive study, we offer students an environment where they can acquire a wide range knowledge and skills, particularly related to theory and policy analysis, appropriate to their fields of study, primarily economics, public administration, international relations, systems engineering and political science. A key theme is an interdisciplinary approach to policy issues.

In FY2020, we also launched a two-year master's course, conducted in Japanese, enabling students to obtain degrees purely through evening and Saturday lectures. There are currently two such programs: the Global Leadership Development Program and the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program. GRIPS also actively provides training programs in response to demand from various organizations, including national governments.

GRIPS' talented faculty from diverse backgrounds make this possible. In addition to being leading researchers in their fields, GRIPS faculty members bring a vast range of experience in international organizations and governments; as such they are well equipped to provide both a thorough grounding in policy studies and instruction in practical matters. In FY2022, GRIPS' Center for Data Science was established as a base for research on and education in Evidence-Based Policy Making (EBPM). In recent years, policy-making has come to involve a wider and more diverse group, no longer limited to persons from government and political parties. Now companies, and even young people aiming to create businesses targeting issues, are also playing important, often leading, roles in the work towards the resolution of social issues, such as those related to global environmental problems and population aging.

Moreover, in recent years, GRIPS has been focusing on research and education to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and we aim to serve as a hub for the promotion of full-scale industry-academia collaboration and industry-government-academia collaborative projects targeting the resolution of various social issues. To that end, we have launched a trial educational program in which students work with individual companies to find solutions to social problems.

2022 marks GRIPS' 25th anniversary. With changes in the international order and changes in society arising from demographic trends and technological innovations, the scope of policy work is expanding and extending to new areas, and growing more complex. Accordingly, the methods of policy research and education also require tireless ingenuity. GRIPS has met new challenges over the past 25 years by looking towards the future, and we will continue pursuing optimum means of promoting policy studies and education, taking on new challenges, and acting with ingenuity, hand in hand with GRIPS faculty, staff, and students, as well as stakeholders outside the university.



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 1998, and continued in that position at GRIPS from 1997 until her appointment as professor in 2021. 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 Fukuoka 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 2013 to 2022. She was appointed president of GRIPS in 2022.

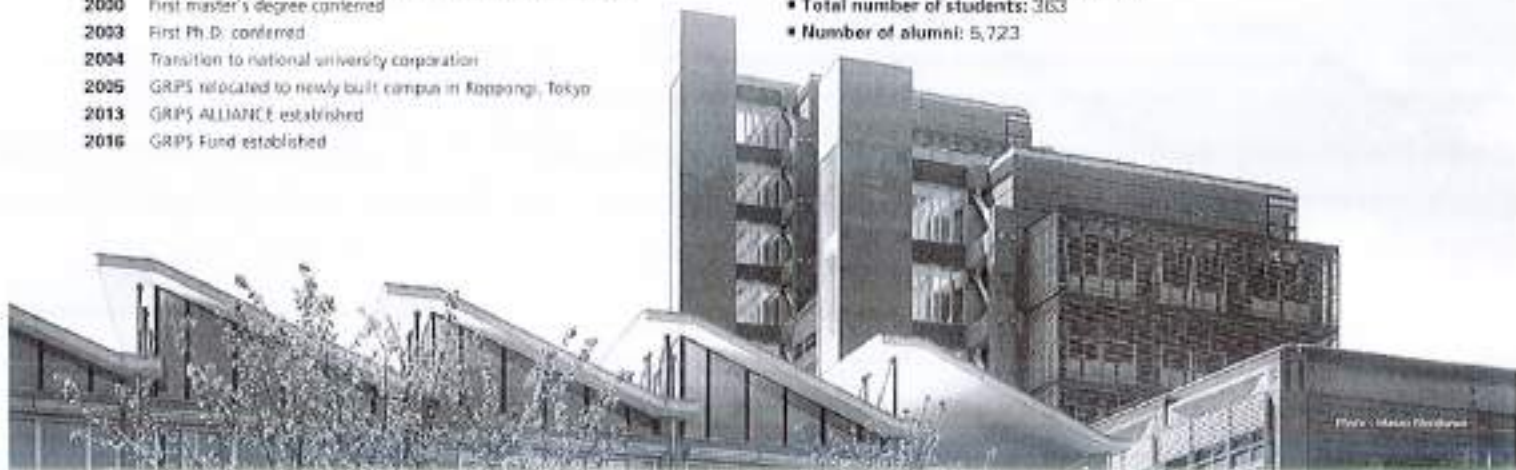
Hiroko Ota
President

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 Wakkamatsu-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:** 3,633
- **Number of alumni:** 5,723

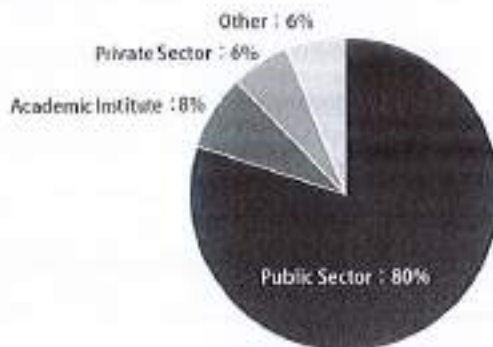


Meet Policy Professionals from Around the World

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 nearly 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 2021)



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 5,700 and hail from 120 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 2022)

Asia 25 countries & regions	Bangladesh	204	Bhutan	62	Brunei	4	Cambodia	119	China	223	India	77	
	Indonesia	659	Japan	2,020	Kaz	47	Malaysia	126	Maldives	17	Mongolia	80	
	Myanmar	128	Nepal	91	Pakistan	124	Philippines	206	Singapore	10	South Korea	30	
	Sri Lanka	101	Taiwan	2	Thailand	202	Timor-Leste	3	Vietnam	187			
Pacific 5 countries	Australia	45	Fiji	11	New Zealand	1	Republic of Korea	6	Samoa	1	Solomon	1	
	Tonga	3	Vanuatu	5									
North America 2 countries	Canada	1	USA	3									
Latin America 17 countries	Belize	1	Brazil	13	Chile	9	Colombia	9	Costa Rica	4	Cuba	1	
	Dominican Republic	6	Ecuador	7	El Salvador	25	Guatemala	4	Haiti	1	Jamaica	2	
	Mexico	3	Nicaragua	16	Paraguay	4	Peru	13	Venezuela	3			
Europe Including 95 countries 31 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	6	Bulgaria	13	Croatia	1	Czech	14	
	France	1	Georgia	13	Germany	9	Greece	7	Hungary	15	Iceland	1	
	Italy	3	Kazakhstan	83	Kyrgyz Republic	37	Latvia	1	Lithuania	2	Moldova	2	
	Netherlands	3	North Macedonia	3	Poland	20	Romania	14	Russia	1	Serbia	2	
	Slovakia	1	Spain	1	Switzerland	3	Tajikistan	16	Tajikistan	3	Ukraine	2	
	Uzbekistan	108											
Middle East 7 countries	Afghanistan	13	Iran	3	Jordan	1	Lebanon	2	Syria	2	Turkey	16	
	Yemen	2											
Africa 22 countries	Algeria	7	Botswana	4	Burundi	1	Dominican	3	Cote d'Ivoire	3	DR Congo	1	
	Egypt	12	Ethiopia	3	Ethiopia	85	Ghana	53	Gambia	1	Kenya	43	
	Lesotho	1	Liberia	3	Madagascar	3	Malawi	6	Mauritius	8	Morocco	1	
	Mozambique	3	Namibia	2	Nigeria	4	Rwanda	5	Saint Lucia	8	Somalia	1	
	South Africa	1	South Sudan	1	Sudan	3	Tanzania	41	Tunisia	1	Uganda	46	
	Zambia	31	Zimbabwe	20									

Total number of countries and regions: 120. Total number of alumni: 5,723.

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 69 full-time and many part-time professors to our 363 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.



Boukaijō Hall

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

The mankind in the 21st century is facing unpredicted and unprecedented various new problems including global warming, resulting increases in natural disasters and threats in public health represented by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the meantime, the progress of digital innovation has been making it possible to utilize diverse big data via the internet, and there arise immense expectations to the government for implementing effective policy based on precise predictions by the use of big data to provide better solutions to social problems. Needless to say, data science is crucial

in this context. To deal with this circumstance, GRIPS launched the Center for Data Science in April 2022 for the purpose of promoting deeper data science education and research. Taking advantage of holding both specialized policymakers with extensive practical experience who are well-versed in actual policymaking processes and researchers in the field of policy science in academia, GRIPS will carry out activities to develop the Center for Data Science as a pioneering and unique data science research hub in the field of policy science, aiming at fostering policymakers suited for the 21st century.

Short-Term Executive Training

Based on experiences of short-term training of Executive Government Officials, GRIPS established the Executive Development Center for Global Leadership (CGL) in 2013. CGL 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.

From 2020, GRIPS started implementing online programs. GRIPS professors plan and provide lectures and discussions through various tools and methods.

※ Subjects of Short-Term Executive Training Program include:

- Leadership Development and Management for the 21st Century
- Public Management in General
- Structures and Processes of Government
- Organization Management
- Civil Service Systems and Human Resource Management
- Tools of Government
- Legal Systems and Legislative Review
- Administrative Reform and Innovation
- Good Governance
- 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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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/edge/en/>

