

# Call for Application - GraSPP Policy Challenge 2017

**Apply, collaborate internationally and go to New York!**

GraSPP Policy Challenge (GPC) is a new initiative at GraSPP, in which Japanese and international students collaborate and seek to improve their teambuilding and policy-making skills. Participants are tasked with responding to pressing real-world policy challenges as a group, and with designing policies and proposals in response to those challenges.

All GraSPP students are strongly encouraged to apply. Finalist groups will be ultimately invited to present at the GPPN Student Conference\* at Columbia University in New York in February 2018.

## <Submit Your Proposal!>

Students are invited to identify an important policy challenge associated with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be addressed through creative applied solutions be it via private, public or hybrid approaches. Students will work in teams and consider solution-oriented prototypes that use ICTs, policy innovation, and/or data analytics to address public policy challenges that have been identified by the SDGs below. The policy solution does not necessarily require a technological component, but should provide concrete solutions.

**You will be tasked to develop creative solutions around the below core Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**

- **SDG 3: Good Health & Well-Being**
- **SDG 7: Affordable & Clean Energy**
- **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities** - *making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*
- **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption & Production** - *ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns to encourage innovation across sectors (e.g. water, energy, food, ending hunger, nutrition, extractive industries, transport systems, climate change, etc.)*
- **SDG 13: Climate Action** - *taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions** - *promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies*

## <Eligibility>

**Must be a student who is currently enrolled in GraSPP, STIG, or/and GSDM**

-For those who will take A2 Intensive "Case Study: International Field Workshop" are not allowed to join GraSPP Policy Challenge.

### <Credits>

You can register this initiative as a Case Study course “**GraSPP Policy Challenge – SDG Technology and Policy Innovation Lab I’** (5140735 / PhD: 5179003) in A2 term. Those who submit a policy proposal or prototype of quality by the deadline (31st January) will earn 2 credits.

Grades: Pass/fail      \*For more information on the course, please check the course syllabus.

### <Application>

Please apply individually through the online form: <https://goo.gl/forms/O5bc5i1WDe9LetXb2> by **1 November**. Each student will be assigned into a group considering the themes and nationality etc. Announcement of the working groups will be made by 6 November. Course registration for A2 term is required separately to earn credits.



### <Schedule>

- **1 November:** Application deadline
- **By 6 November:** Announcement of the Groups
- **23 November:** Deadline for Research Proposal\*  
\*Submit research proposals within 2,000 words describing a problem, its significance for the SDGs outlined and outlining a possible solution.
- **24 - 30 November:** Feedback on research proposals
- **28 November - 4 December:** A2 Course Registration
- **22 December:** Presentation and selection of GPPN Delegation
- **By 25 December:** Announcement of Finalists
- **31 January 2018:** Deadline for submission of a) final policy proposal (7000 words) or b) prototype with PowerPoint presentation
- **23 - 25 February (TBC):** Attend the GPPN Student Conference 2018 at Columbia University, NY

-SMBC Academia Hall will be available for GPC group work between 8:30 - 10:15 (Period 1) on every Fridays starting from Nov. 10. Lectures by professors or guest speakers may be arranged irregularly.

### <Financial Support for attending the GPPN conference in New York>

For those who will attend the GPPN Student Conference 2018 to be held in New York, a flat amount of JPY 100,000 will be subsidized as travel expenses.

-The reimbursement will be made after your return. You must submit your air ticket stubs and a report within one week after the conference.

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**\*GPPN Student Conference 2018 hosted by Columbia University, New York**

Date: 24 - 25 February, 2018 (TBC)

Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) will host the annual Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) conference on February 24-25, 2018 in New York City. Founded in 2005, GPPN is an international group of seven top public policy schools\*\*. GPPN's mission is to address the most pressing public policy challenges of the 21st century, including public policy education and training.

Students from each partner university will have the opportunity to apply to present a project/idea before the deans and students from GPPN schools, as well as special invited guests. A jury will select the best project(s) to receive the GPPN prize. Students will also enjoy guest lectures from world leaders and other activities.

*\*\*The Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) is a partnership between SIPA-Columbia University, FGV-EAESP, GrasPP-University of Tokyo, Hertie School of Governance, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Institute of Public Affairs at LSE and Sciences Po, Paris.*

To learn more about the GPPN annual conferences and to view videos of past student proposals, please visit the following links:

<https://www.gppnetwork.org/>

<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/international-exchange/gppn/>

<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/international-exchange/gppn/annual-conferences/>

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