

Call for Application

GraSPP Policy Challenge: Innovative Solutions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Apply, collaborate internationally and go to Singapore!

Do you have an innovative idea for solving a public policy problem?

Want to showcase your idea during an international conference?

Want to meet creative students from all around the world?

GraSPP Policy Challenge (GPC) is a new initiative at GraSPP, in which students from different background 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/STIG/GSDM students are strongly encouraged to apply. Finalist groups will be ultimately invited to present at the GPPN Student Conference* at Lee Kuan Yew School in Singapore in March 2019.

<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

<Credits>

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

Grades: Pass/fail

* Course registration for A2 term is required separately to earn credits.

<Application>

Form a group of 4-5 students and apply through: <https://goo.gl/forms/tYoNHTXITgzQGqoy1> **by 31 October.** If you face difficulties with finding your group members on your own, you can also apply individually and leave GraSPP to find your team mates. Announcement of the groups and advisors will be made by 9 November.

Your group must consist of:

-4-5 students who are currently enrolled in GraSPP, STIG or/and GSDM

-students from diverse background including at least one Japanese student and preferably include STIG or/and GSDM students

<Schedule>

- **31 October:** Application deadline
- **2 November and/or 9 November:** Briefing Session
- **9 November:** Announcement of the Advisors and groupings
- **25 November:** Deadline for Research Proposal* (*within 2,000 words describing a problem, its significance for the SDGs outlined and outlining a possible solution)
- **26 - 30 November:** Feedback on research proposals
- **26 - 30 November:** A2 Course Registration
- **21 December:** Presentation and Selection of GPPN Delegations (mandatory for all participants)
- **By 25 December:** Announcement of Finalists (Announcement of GPPN Delegations)
- **21 January 2019:** Deadline for submission of PowerPoint presentation material and a) final policy proposal (7,000 words) or b) prototype
- **Between 4 – 8 February:** Presentation Rehearsal (*GPPN participants only)
- **28 February – 2 March:** Attend the GPPN Student Conference 2019 at LKY, Singapore

<Financial Support for attending the GPPN conference in Singapore>

For those who will attend the GPPN Student Conference 2019 to be held in LKY School, National University of Singapore, JPY70,000 will be subsidized as travel expenses.

*Accommodation will be covered by LKY School during the conference period.

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

***GPPN Student Conference 2019 hosted by Lee Kuan Yew School, National University of Singapore**

Date: **28 February - 2 March, 2019 (TBC)**

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore will host this annual international conference from February 28th to March 2nd, 2019.

Selected students from each partner university will have the opportunity to present their applied prototypes to the deans of 7 of the most prestigious schools of public affairs and special invited guests, as well as network with students from all over the world.

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.

***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/annual-conferences/>

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