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Application Guidelines 2021

Graduate Research Students Program for International Applicants

Department of International Public Policy

The Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) offers the Graduate Research Students Program **for international applicants who wish to enroll in our doctoral program or for a doctoral student at our partner schools that have a Student Exchange Agreement with GraSPP.**

This program seeks for candidates who

- aspire to be leaders as public policy professionals with high ethical standards
- have a foundation of specialized knowledge in the fields of *Law and Politics* or *Economics at the Master's level* prior to the enrollment and who strive to enhance their research skills

A Graduate Research Student is able to conduct research on specific topics at GraSPP supervised by our faculty members **as a non-degree student.**

Note that a student in this program cannot obtain any credits or grades at our graduate school and should apply to our doctoral program separately in order to enroll in our graduate school as a doctoral student. (<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/doctoral-course/>). Also, an acceptance as a research student does not guarantee an enrollment in our doctoral program.

I. Field of Research

- International Finance and Development
- International Security
- Science and Technology

II. Enrollment Dates

April 2021 or September 2021

* Please note that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) does NOT allow their scholarship applicants through the Japanese embassy/consulate to choose "April 2021" enrollment this year.

III. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Persons who have a foreign citizenship must fulfill at least one of the following requirements in order to be considered eligible to apply for the program. Those who apply for the MEXT Scholarship also have to pass the preliminary selection by the Japanese embassy/consulate in your home country before application to our program.

- (1) Those who have obtained a Master's or a professional degree in Japan or abroad.
- (2) Those who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree in Japan or abroad.
- (3) Those 24 years or older before enrolment dates, whom the PhD Desk has recognized, through individual screening as having abilities that are at least equivalent to a Master's degree or professional degree holder.
(Note 1)

(Note) Those who wish to apply based on Eligibilities (3) above shall contact the PhD Desk by Monday, 17th August 2020 prior to the application as the eligibility for entrance will be confirmed individually in advance

IV. Selection Procedures

Applicants shall be assessed and selected based on all the applicant's submitted materials basically. Interview may be required at the discretion of GraSPP.

V. Schedule for Screening and Admission Decisions

1. Application Period:

MEXT Scholarship applicants

Monday, 7 September, 2020 to Friday, 13 November 2020 NOON (JST)

Other applicants

Monday, 7 September, 2020 to Monday, 5 October 2020 NOON (JST)

2. Announcement of Successful Applicants by e-mail:

MEXT Scholarship applicants

Friday, 4 December, 2020 (JST)

Other applicants

Friday, 6 November, 2020 (JST)

VI. Fees for the Program

- Application Fee: JPY 9,800
- Admission Fee: JPY 84,600
- Monthly Tuition: JPY 28,900

* Tuition payments are made in 6-month amounts twice a year: in May for the first term (April-September) and in November for the second term (October-March).

- Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) scholarship applicants are exempted from paying the application fee. In addition, the MEXT scholarship recipients do NOT need to pay the admission fee and the annual tuition after enrollment.
- The fees are subject to change. In the case of a change the fees, applicants and students are liable for the new fees that will be set.

VII. Documentation Requirements

Applicants must obtain the necessary forms from the GraSPP website and prepare the documents according to the list below. All the documents must be submitted by the application deadline,

Monday, 5 October 2020 NOON (JST), in PDF format.

Once all the application documents are ready, please contact the GraSPP PhD desk at <ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp> in order to obtain an upload link.

- All the documents must be provided in English unless otherwise instructed. If they are not written in English, an official English translation certified by a notary public must be attached.
- Apart from the items listed below, do not attach any additional documents.
- None of the submitted documents and materials shall be returned.

1. Application Form (Form #1)

- Application Form must be typed in English.

2. Research Proposal (Form #2)

- Applicants must submit a Research Proposal for studying as an International Research Student the Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Public Policy.
- This document must be typed and written in English.
- The length of the Research Proposal should not exceed 1,500 words.

3. Master's Thesis or its equivalent

- Master's Thesis or its equivalent can be submitted in its original language.

4. Summary of Master's Thesis or its equivalent

- Summary must be written in English and the length of it must be 1,000 to 1,500 words.

5. Official Proof of Graduation

- One official document of graduation, certified with the seal/stamp of the university from which you earned bachelor and master's or professional degree.

Note:

If the name of the degree awarded and the date of award are contained in the Official Transcript, applicants do not need to submit this document.

6. Official Transcript

- All official transcripts listing all courses and grades, certified with the seal/stamp of the university in which you were enrolled.
- If available, a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) must be included. The GPA statement must be part of the official transcript, or, if separate, must be certified with the seal/stamp of the university. It must include an explanation of the numerical values used to calculate the average.
- If the applicant has changed his/her university, or participated in an exchange programs, he/she should include all official transcripts from the former universities or colleges. If the official transcripts are not written in English, certified translation of transcripts into English are necessary as additional documents.

7. Proof of English Proficiency

Applicants must submit either TOEFL or IELTS (academic module) test score as a proof of English competency (Note 1). Be sure to take the test well in advance so that scores will arrive at the PhD Desk in time.

- In the application, please include a digital copy of TOEFL or IELTS score sheet from the website with applicants' name, scores, and test date.
- TOEFL or IELTS test must have been taken within two years prior to the application's arrival date. (Note 2)
- The Institutional Score Report of PBT or iBT is acceptable. (ITP score is not acceptable). Test Date Scores are only accepted. Applicants cannot use TOEFL iBT My Best scores for application.
- IELTS: IELTS Academic module test score is acceptable.

Note 1: The TOEFL or IELTS requirement does not apply to applicants as below.

- A native speaker of English
- An applicant who earned a bachelor's degree, or the international equivalent thereof, from an institution, where the primary language of the entire institution (not only your faculty or course) is English, in the U.K., Ireland, the U.S.A., Canada, Australia or New Zealand
If the qualification does not appear above, there will be no English Proficiency Test exemption.

Note 2: In case the applicant cannot submit TOEFL nor IELTS scores due to the reason that the applicant is not responsible for, the applicant must describe the reason in the application form. The reason stated in the application form may affect the screening results decided by the Admissions Committee.

8. Receipt of Application Fee

JPY9,800

- Payment of application fee can be made from the beginning of September, 2020 by credit card through the university's e-payment system. Refer to <https://e-shiharai.net/english/> for instructions.
- The MEXT scholarship applicants who pass the preliminary selection by the Japanese embassy/consulate are exempted from paying the examination fee.

9. Certificate of preliminary selection issued by the Japanese embassy/consulate

- Only for the MEXT scholarship applicants

10. All the application documents submitted for the MEXT scholarship with the Japanese embassy/consulate seal

- Only for the MEXT scholarship applicants

VIII. Contact Information

PhD Desk, Graduate School of Public Policy
The University of Tokyo
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan
E-mail: ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Any inquiries relating to application and admission must be made by e-mail.

IX. Miscellaneous

1. No documents submitted for the application will be returned to the applicants. The Application Fee is non-refundable.
2. Applicants with disabilities must consult with the PhD Desk prior to the application, so that considerations for facilitating them in interviews and classrooms, etc. may be arranged.
3. After enrollment registration has been made, the Admission Fee is non-refundable.
5. International students are required to obtain an appropriate visa according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No.319 of 1951) prior to undertaking the enrollment procedure.
6. The University of Tokyo shall use personal information received only for the purpose of (1) Selection procedures, (2) Notification of results and (3) Enrollment procedures. For those students that enroll, this information will also be used for (4) Educational affairs, (5) Student support and (6) Collection of tuitions.
7. The examination results used in the selection of entrants may be used in future studies for the improvement of both the entrance examination and the education at the University of Tokyo.
8. The offer of admission may be withdrawn at any time, even after enrollment, if any of the submitted set of documents contains falsified record or documents, or plagiarized statements.
9. The University of Tokyo has established "The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations" in accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act", and rigorously screens potential international students on the basis of these regulations.
Please be aware that international applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may fail to receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted.
Details can be obtained from the following website : Office of Export Control
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/export-control/ja/rule.html> (Only in Japanese)