

INFORMATION SESSION CASE STUDY (INTERNATIONAL FIELD WORKSHOP) AT GRASPP ON OCTOBER 7, 2016



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in Asia at hand!**



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the IFW in the US!**

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Objectives

- Motivate students to seek ways to collaborate with diverse stakeholders in the international fora
- Help students to identify today's societal challenges from global perspectives and to learn solution design
- Encourage students to fill the gap between their own specialized knowledge/skills and the societal demand
- Give students a chance to advance their communication skills and to develop their leadership mindset

Application and Selection Procedure

- The field workshop is *tentatively* scheduled for a period from January 29 to February 5, 2017. Please see the updated Course Syllabus for details.
- Those who want to register for this course should submit an essay as instructed below. Only those who have passed selection process based on the essay, and interview as needed, are allowed to register.

*Students who have participated in the past IFWs could apply again and might be admitted, but will not earn credits.

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

- Please choose one of the target organizations on the list and make a proposal on how you will plan to organize a discussion session on a particular subject with professionals at the organization you select.
- You might want to make a proposal for more than one organization, but within the word limit.

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

- In the essay (your proposal), please make sure to do the following.
 1. Define what to be discussed as well as how to organize the session, and explain the motivation behind your proposal.
 2. Include description of your academic interests and strengths as well as implications of the activities during the IFW for your future career goal.
 3. Indicate whether you are interested in a future internship opportunity at the organization you select.

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

- The length of the essay should be **no more than 600 words (12-point font size in A4 paper) in two pages or less**. Please make sure to follow this limit—otherwise, the essay will not be accepted.

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

- Please submit your essay **together with your CV** by e-mail to the following addresses with the subject line starting with "IFW2016A2" and your family name (for example, Subject: IFW2016A2: Nishizawa).

TO: GSDM Office <gsdm-ppoffice@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp>

CC: Toshiro Nishizawa <tnishizawa@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp>

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

- The deadline for the submission is **17:00 on Friday, October 14 (Tokyo time)**.

Application and Selection Procedure (continued)

Important factors considered in evaluating the essay

- how the applicant ties his/her academic interest to the subject to be discussed;
- how the applicant could make the good use of the proposed activity to help achieve her/his future career goal;
- how the essay reveals the applicant's maturity, professional knowledge, communication skills and leadership potential; and
- *most importantly*, how the proposed subject and activities attract attention and interest of professionals at the organization you select.

Course requirements

- Students are required to actively participate in discussion in a series of meetings and discussion sessions with senior officials, management staff and experts in government agencies, international organizations, global business entities, NPOs, and research institutions located in the United States.

Course requirements (continued)

- Each student is required to submit a report with no more than 1,200 words (A4 size) by Friday, February 10, 2017.
- ✓ Focus on your thoughts on how you could fill the gap between your own specialized knowledge/skills and the social demand and connect both to maximize the value of your own research in addressing challenges in the real world, based on discussion during the field workshop.
- ✓ Propose an action plan to achieve your professional goal in line with your expressed thoughts.

Grading

The course grade will be based on:

- Preparation 20%
- Participation ~~50%~~ 40%
- Individual report ~~30%~~ 40%

What will follow next?

- Interviews of short-listed candidates: Oct 17-19
- Nomination by Friday, Oct 21
- Orientation in late Oct
- Preparation (including a few team meetings) from Nov to mid-Jan
- Scheduled departure: Jan 29

**I look forward to working with
you this time or going forward.**

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