# GraSPP Exchange and Double Degree AY 2017 Application Information

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# **Application Schedule**

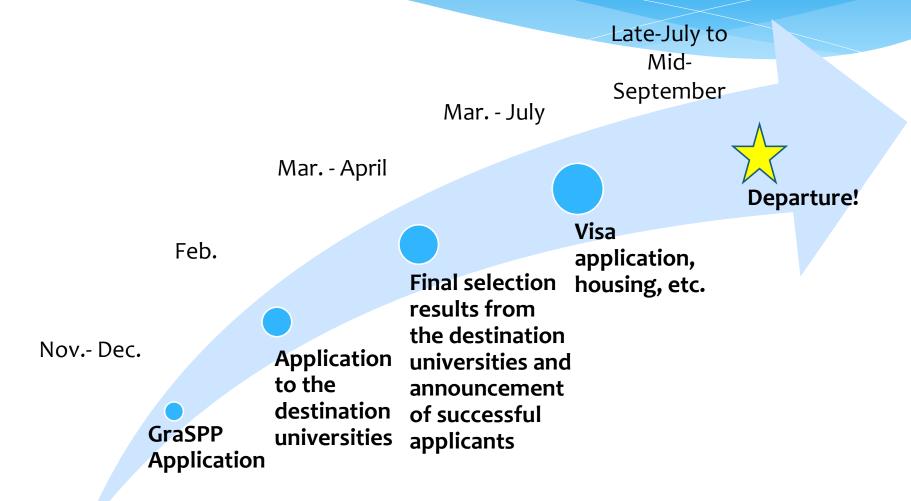
GraSPP <b>Application Period</b>	21 Oct - 20 Nov (6 Nov for FGV①)
GraSPP Paper Screening (1st stage)	Late-November
Interview by GrasPP Faculties (2 <sup>nd</sup> stage)	<b>Dec 2 - 9 (TBA)</b> 9am-5pm
<b>GraSPP preliminary announcement</b> of successful applicants for nominating up to the 3 destination universities	Mid December
Document submission to the destination universities	Early <b>February</b>
Selection results from the destination universities and final announcement of successful applicants	<b>March</b> to May

\*The schedule is subject to change.

We begin accepting applications from TODAY!



# Schedule for GraSPP Study Abroad





## **Documents Submission to GraSPP**

- 1. GrasPP Application Form \*D.D=Purple, Ex.=Orange
- 2. Statement of Purpose for all schools you wish to be nominated (500-1,000 words in English)
- 3. TOEFL Certificate (Copy)
- \*Should be no more than two years old by the month in the year you apply for partner university
- 4. Official Academic Transcripts
- 5. Recommendation Letters (2 for D.D; 1 for Ex) (those who pass the screening stage)

Submission only accepted by E-mail

exchange@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp



<sup>\*</sup>Documents submission for each destination universities depend on each university. Details will be notified to those of successful applicants of GraSPP.

#### Plan Ahead!

Online application

**CV** resume

1 - 2 Recommendation letters

**Academic transcripts** 

Student visa application

Financial statement/ scholarship application

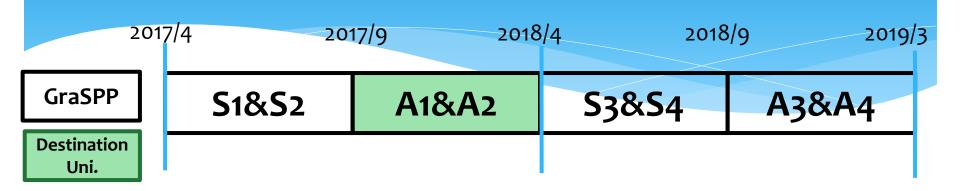
**Dormitory/ housing** 

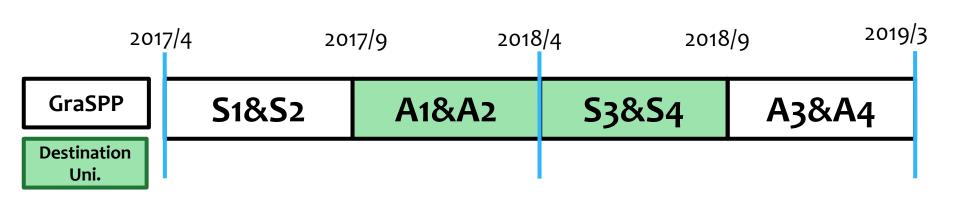
Class schedule, registration schedule/ Due Contacting with admin. Staff at your destination university

Study Plan
Check the requirements

Please process carefully for all the arrangements related to study abroad at your own responsibility.

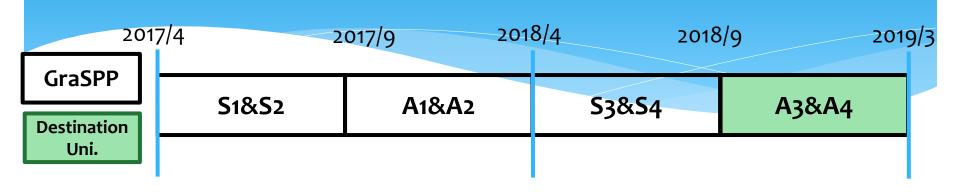
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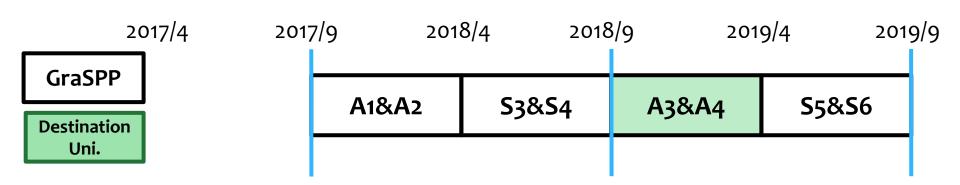




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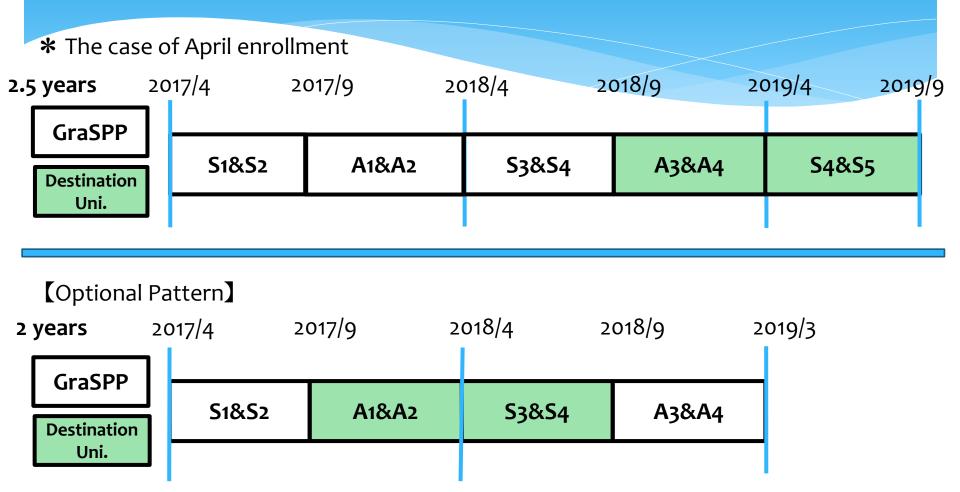


\* The case of MPP/IP or September enrollment students.





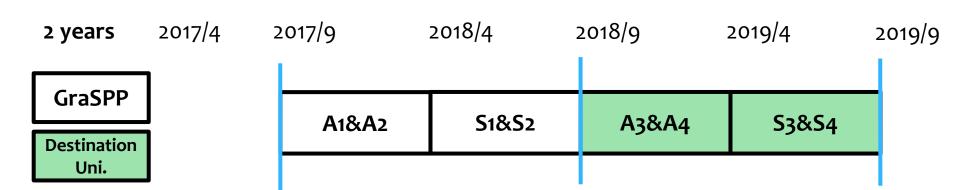
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# Scholarship programs

The University of Tokyo International Relations Institution of Student Scholarship

東京大学国際学術交流活動等奨励事業

Monthly stipend: ¥100,000 Usually 2-3 students

Student Exchange Support Program- Scholarship for Long-term study abroad (JASSO)

日本学生支援機構(JASSO) 平成 2 9年度海外留学支援制度(長期派遣)

Monthly Stipend: ¥89,000-148,000 Tuition covered

Student Exchange Support Program- Scholarship for <u>Short-term</u> study abroad (JASSO)

日本学生支援機構(JASSO) 平成 2 9年度海外留学支援制度(海外派遣)

Monthly stipend: ¥60,000 - 80,000

You can find more programs via below link  $\downarrow$ 

http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/scholarship/list.html

\*Available upon successful application \*Subject to change on AY 2017 application

No guarantee that you will be awarded above scholarship **VERY IMPORTANT to secure financial aid** on your own



#### GraSPP Ex. & DD information website

- \* Please check the website for the latest info
- \* PPT slides of today's session will be available on GraSPP home page

GraSPP> Student Bulletin Board

http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/student-bulletin-board/ (FYI) 留学生便り Study Abroad Report

http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/international-exchange/international-studentsnews/

Contact: International Affairs Office

03-5841-0220

exchange@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp



# FAQ (TOEFL, IELTS, GRE)

- Q: Can I submit a proof of my **TOEFL** score as **online certificate** format? Can I replace my TOEFL score after submitting application?
- A: Yes, a copy of online certificate or screen shot as an email attachment is also acceptable.
  - You can replace your TOEFL score anytime before Nov 20.
- Q: Can I submit my IELTS certificate, instead of TOEFL (iBT) certificate?
- A: GraSPP does not accept IELTS certificate as a replacement of TOEFL (iBT); however, we can receive IELTS certificate for partner schools' application.
- Q: Some university require **GRE** score, when do I submit GRE score to them
- A: If you are applying for the double degree program of SIPA, Columbia University, you will be required to submit your GRE at the time of their application in February. Please be sure to take GRE test before February.



Q: Some universities require completion of macroeconomics and microeconomics courses. Should I have taken those courses the time of application to GraSPP?

A: You can take macro & microeconomics in the semester anytime <u>before</u> your departure.

Q: How **competitive** to apply to these programs? How many apply and how many will be nominated?

A: Roughly speaking, about the half of the applicants are nominated to the destination universities, in the past years. Usually, 1 - 2 students are nominated to each university both Ex. and DD programs. However, the competitiveness quite depends on which school you wish to apply for.



Q:Is there any case in the past that students being rejected from the host university after the GraSPP preliminary nomination?

A: There have not been many such cases; however, it totally depends on the host university's decision. We had a few rejection cases in the last few years for double degree programs. Due to the nature of the program and it's course requirements, they expected students to have good professional backgrounds, international exposure, as well as high English competency.



Q: I am a MEXT scholar, am I eligible to apply this exchange/ double degree program? If so, what would happen to the tuition support and the scholarship stipend?

A: MEXT scholars are also eligible to apply; <u>however</u>, <u>MEXT scholarship will be</u> <u>suspended during the period of study abroad</u> since it is funded by the Japanese government and its purpose is to support international students who are studying in Japan.

Q: I am a ADB scholar, am I eligible to apply this exchange/ double degree program? If so, what would happen to the tuition support and the scholarship stipend?

A: ADB, IMF and WB scholars are not eligible to apply for exchange study program.



Q: Will the school apply visa for me?

A: Obtaining **certificate of admission**, **I-20**, **financial-aid**, making reservation at embassy for **visa** application are all part of the procedures for study abroad.

Make sure that you plan ahead and obtain necessary documents for visa application early enough, since it takes time to receive visa in July and August.

Each country has different procedures for visa application and immigration system, so research carefully and apply at your own responsibility.



Q: I had been nominated as an successful GraSPP applicant; however, I was told to take some **summer preparatory programs** at the destination university. Do I have to do so? What about the tuition fees? And what about my UT summer term finals?

A: If your destination university requires so, it is then necessary to take those courses at your own expense.

Be careful with the course schedule of the joint courses, in particular with the Law faculty at UT, as they usually have finals in September. Please consult with the course professor at the beginning of the summer semester.



Q: What about insurance? Should I have one?

A: Yes, please be sure to have your international/ study abroad insurance covered the whole period of your study abroad to prepare for sickness, injury, accident, and property loss.

Also, you might be required from your destination university to purchase their designated university insurance, so you might want to check what it would cover first.

Q: I was not admitted to the school dormitory. Will UT help me to arrange a housing, or introduce me an agency?

A: Arranging housing is also a part of study abroad. Please research on housing information well at your destination school's international student office information site and/or directly consult with the program coordinator of your destination school.

Q: Is there any site that I can look up for the safety information for study abroad?

A: Once you are admitted to Ex./DD programs, please refer to the "The University of Tokyo, Going Abroad Crisis Management Guidelines" and be well prepared. 「海外渡航危機管理ガイドブック」
<a href="http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/voyage/index.html">http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/voyage/index.html</a>

Please also be sure to visit the MOFA site <a href="http://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/">http://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/</a> (外務省海外安全ホームページ) and check safety condition of your destination country periodically.



Q: Are there other scholarship programs available?

A: There are many types of scholarship programs listed at the "Todai Go Global" site. Please refer to the site below.

http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/administration/go-global/scholarship/list.html

Q: I would like to go exchange program with UCSD in my last semester at GraSPP. If I go for two quarters, from September to March, will I still be able to graduate from GraSPP in March?

A: Yes, as long as you have already met the GraSPP graduation requirements without any credits transfer/accreditation needed. Technically speaking, on the other hand, it may be unrealistic for you to graduate as scheduled, considering the processing time of credit accreditation for your graduation to be confirmed.

