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**Application Package for  
International Public Policy, Doctoral Program  
Academic Year 2023/2024 (Second Recruitment)**

**Graduate School of Public Policy  
The University of Tokyo**

## Application and Admissions Procedures

For Academic Year 2023/2024

### Program Description

The purpose of the doctoral program at the Graduate School of Public Policy is to foster highly-principled professionals who

- possess outstanding research skills
- can creatively set a policy agenda based on their own research
- can plan and evaluate solutions employing their full range of expertise
- can promptly implement outcome solutions on a global stage

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

### I. Field of Research

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

### II. Degree Program

- Doctor of philosophy in Public Policy
- 20 credits and doctoral thesis, 3 years

### III. Annual Intake

- 8 places\*
- \* About half of the 8 places will be recruited from this second recruitment.

### IV. Enrollment Dates

Late September, 2023  
Enrollment on April 1, 2024 is also available

## **V. Eligibility Requirement for Applicants**

Persons must fulfill at least one of the following requirements in order to be considered eligible to apply to the program:

- (1) Those who are expected to obtain before the enrollment dates a professional degree from this graduate school of the University of Tokyo.
- (2) Those who are expected to obtain before the enrollment dates a Master's or professional degree from other graduate schools of the University of Tokyo.
- (3) Those who have obtained a Master's or professional degree from the University of Tokyo.
- (4) Those who have obtained or are expected to obtain before the enrollment dates a Master's or professional degree from a Japanese university other than the University of Tokyo. (Note 1)
- (5) Those who have been conferred a Master's degree or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment dates from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD).
- (6) Those who have been conferred or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment dates a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree abroad. (Note 2)
- (7) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete before the enrollment dates, a program in an educational institution in Japan that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, which provides program of a foreign graduate school within the school education system of a foreign country, and have conferred or are expected to be conferred a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree.
- (8) Those who have completed or are expected to complete a program at the United Nations University and have been conferred a degree equivalent to that of a Master's degree or are expected to be conferred before the enrollment dates.
- (9) Those who have passed or are expected to pass before the enrollment dates a screening for the fundamental ability for doctorate dissertation research as specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools at a school abroad, an educational institution mentioned in eligibility (7) above, or the United Nations University, shall be recognized by the PhD Desk as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree. (Note 3)
- (10) Those who have graduated from a Japanese university or have completed at least 16 years of academic education overseas, and have been engaged in research at a university, research institute or other institution in Japan or abroad for at least 2 years, or are expected to have been engaged in research for at least 2 years before the enrollment dates, and shall be recognized by the PhD Desk as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree or a professional degree as a result of said research. (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3)
- (11) Those 24 years or older as of September 24, 2023 (for September enrollment) or March 31, 2024 (for April enrollment), whom the PhD Desk has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to a Master's degree or professional degree holder. (Note 4)

(Note 1) Japanese universities mentioned in Eligibilities (4) and (10) above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

(Note 2) Eligibilities (6) and (10) above includes the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

(Note 3) Those who wish to apply based on Eligibilities (9) or (10) above shall contact the PhD Desk by April 3, 2023 prior to the application as the eligibility for entrance will be confirmed individually in advance.

(Note 4)

- ① Those covered under Eligibility (11) above include those who are not covered under Eligibilities (1) through (10) above shall be recognized by the PhD Desk through individual screening of entrance eligibility as having abilities at least equivalent to that of a Master's degree or a professional degree holder.
- ② Those who wish to apply based on Eligibility (11) above must submit all the documents specified by the PhD Desk by April 10, 2023 as the eligibility for application is confirmed individually in advance by document screening. Please inquire at the PhD Desk by April 3, 2023 about the eligibility for application and the documents to be submitted.
- ③ Those who are recognized as having abilities at least equivalent to a Master's degree or professional degree holder through screening of qualifications will be permitted to apply for the doctoral program. The results of this screening will be notified on directly by April 21, 2023.

## **VI. Selection Procedures**

Applicants shall be screened and selected through a comprehensive process. Selection is based on the evaluation of all of the applicant's submitted materials.

After screening the application documents (see X. Documentation Requirements), applicants who passed the screening process will be invited to an online interview.

## **VII. Schedule for Screening and Admission Decisions**

1. Application Period: **Monday, April 3, 2023 to Friday, May 12, 2023 5pm (JST)**
2. Announcement of Candidates to be interviewed on the GraSPP website: **Friday, June 2, 2023 2pm (JST)**. (<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/index.htm>)
3. Interview: **Friday, June 9, 2023 and Monday, June 12, 2023**
4. Announcement of Admitted Candidates on the website: **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2pm (JST)**
5. Sending of Admission Certificate together with Admission Package: **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (to September enrollment) / the end of February, 2024 (to April enrollment)**

## **VIII. Application Fee, Admission Fee and Tuition Fee**

- Application Fee for applicants (JPY 10,000) is payable at the time of application via e-shiharai website. (for details, refer to X. Documentation Requirements 12.).
- Admission Fee (JPY 282,000) is payable at the time of enrollment.
- Annual Tuition Fee for AY2023/2024 (JPY 520,800) is payable in two annual installments.

Note 1: Japanese government (Monbukagakusho, MEXT) scholarship students are exempted from paying the application fee, the admission fee and annual tuition fee. Such applicants who are not currently studying / conducting research at the University of Tokyo must submit a certificate of proof of MEXT scholarship status.

Note 2: Those who are expected to obtain a Master's or a professional degree from the University of Tokyo in either September 2023 (for September 2023 enrollment) or March 2024 (for April 2024 enrollment) are exempted from paying the application fee and the admission fee.

Note 3: The fees are subject to change. In the case of a change the fees, students are responsible for the new fees that will be set.

## **IX. Application Procedure**

Application documents (see X. Documentation Requirements) must reach in PDF format during the period:

**from Monday, April 3, 2023 to Friday, May 12, 2023 5pm (JST)**

Also, documents in their original forms must be sent out to the Graduate School of Public Policy (See XI. Address) via registered mail or an international delivery service (such as UPS or FEDEX) by the application deadline so that applicants can track delivery status of their application. The PhD Desk does not respond to inquiries about individual delivery status.

<Application Number Assignment>

- Applicants are required to submit the Application Form (Form#1 only in Excel format) to [ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) by email. If available, include the information of the date of sending the application, means of shipping and its tracking number in the email. The PhD Desk will notify the applicant an application number and an upload link for PDF documents within three working days after receiving the email. Applicants should refer to this application number for all communications thereafter.
- Applications in PDF format that arrive after May 12, 2023 shall not be accepted.
- We do not accept applications by fax.

## **X. Documentation Requirements**

Applicants must obtain the necessary forms from the Graduate School of Public Policy's website and prepare the documents according to the list below and "Checklist (Form#4)".  
(<http://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/education/doctoral-course/#doctoral2>)

- All the documents must be written in English unless otherwise instructed.
- In case the applicant cannot submit the original document, a certified copy issued by the university must be submitted.
- In case the university does not issue an official document in English, 1) the original document and 2) an English translation carried out by a translator who is accredited by the university or by a notary public must be submitted.
- We do not accept applications by fax.
- Apart from the items listed below, do not attach any additional documents.
- No stapler on documents.
- None of the submitted documents and materials shall be returned.

### **1. APPLICATION Form (Form #1)**

- Application Form must be typed in English.

### **2. Official Proof of Graduation**

- One official document of graduation issued by the university from which you earned bachelor and master's or professional degree.
- Those who have not yet earned master's or professional degree at the time of application are requested to submit an authorized statement of anticipated graduation.

### **3. Official Transcript**

- All official transcripts listing all courses and grades issued by the university in which you are or 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 by the university. It must include an explanation of the numerical values used to calculate the average.

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- If the applicant has changed his/her university, or participated in exchange program, he/she should include all official transcripts from the former universities or colleges.

Note: The name of the degree awarded and the date of award should be contained in either the Official Proof of Graduation or the Official Transcript.

### ***4. Master's Thesis or its equivalent***

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

Additional supplemental works can be submitted.

### ***5. 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.

### ***6. 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 the printed 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)
- Applicants must request the testing organization to submit the TOEFL Institutional Score Report (Official Score Report) or IELTS Test Report Form to the Graduate school of Public Policy before sending the application package.
- TOEFL: TOEFL Institutional Score Report (Official Score Report) must be sent by ETS (Educational Testing Service) directly to the Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo (**Institution Code: 8554**). The Institutional Score Report of PBT, iBT and Home Edition is acceptable. (ITP score is not acceptable). Test Date Scores are only accepted, not My Best scores.
- IELTS: IELTS Academic module test report must be sent by the testing organization directly to the Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo. IELTS Indicator 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.

Note 3: Applicants who have obtained, or are expected to obtain a professional degree from Graduate School of Public Policy of the University of Tokyo can use the TOEFL or IELTS score submitted at the time of application for the professional degree program.

### ***7. GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) General Test Official Institution Score Report***

Applicants must submit a GRE General Test Official Score.

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- GRE test must have been taken within five years prior to the application's arrival date. (Note 1)
- In the application, please include the printed copy of GRE score sheet with applicants' name, scores, date of birth and test date from the website in the package.
- Applicants must request ETS to submit the Official Score Report to the Graduate school of Public Policy before sending the application package.
- The Official Institution Score Report must be sent by ETS directly to the Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo (**Institution Code: 3944**).  
The Test Taker Score Report sent to applicants from ETS is not acceptable. ETS will issue the Official Institution Score Reports only for tests taken within five years.
- GRE General Test at home is acceptable.

Note 1: In case the applicant cannot submit a GRE score 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.

Note 2: Applicants who have obtained, or are expected to obtain a professional degree from Graduate School of Public Policy of the University of Tokyo can use the GRE score submitted at the time of application for the professional degree program.

### **8. Two Letters of Reference (Form #2)**

Applicants must request two referees to write a letter of reference.

- Must be written in English.
- At least one letter must be written by academic supervisor or a person who can attest academic performance.
- The Letters of Reference with Form#2 in PDF format must be sent by e-mail no later than **May 12, 2023** directly from a referee.

### **9. Research Proposal (Form #3)**

- Applicants must submit a Research Proposal for studying at 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.

### **10. One Photocopy of the Applicant's Passport Photo Page** (Except for Japanese nationals)

- Applicants who do not currently possess a passport may submit a copy of a census register or other proof of citizenship.

### **11. Receipt for Remittance of Application Fee**

JPY10,000

- Payment of application fees can be made from the middle of March, 2023 by credit card through the university's e-payment system. Refer to <https://e-shiharai.net/english/> for instructions.
- Japanese government (Monbukagakusho, MEXT) scholarship students are exempted from paying the application fee.
- Not required for applicants who are expected to obtain a Master's or a professional degree from the University of Tokyo in September 2023 (for September 2023 enrollment) or March, 2024 (for April 2024 enrollment).

### **12. Checklist (Form #4)**

## **XI. Address**

**All the application documentations must be sent to the following address:**

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](mailto:ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)  
Any inquiries relating to application and admission must be made by e-mail  
([ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:ppin.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)).

## **XII. 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.
4. Applicants who will enroll in GraSPP during their employment will be required, prior to the time of admission procedure, to obtain approval from their employer stating that they can enroll in a graduate school without hindrance.
5. If needed, a student who enrolls in GraSPP with a job is able to complete his/her doctoral program in a planned manner during a certain period that exceeds the standard duration of the program, which is 3 years. For details, please see the Appendix.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The screening results used in the selection of entrants may be used in future studies for the improvement of both the selection procedures and the education at the University of Tokyo.
9. 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.
10. 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)