

# Discover GraSPP

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# Discover GraSPP

## Today's menu:

- + Overview of GraSPP
- + : Introduction to *Economic Analysis of Public Sector* by Professor Hikaru Ogawa
- + Student Talk
- + Information & tips on MPP/IP admission process

# Forging a Future in Public Policy

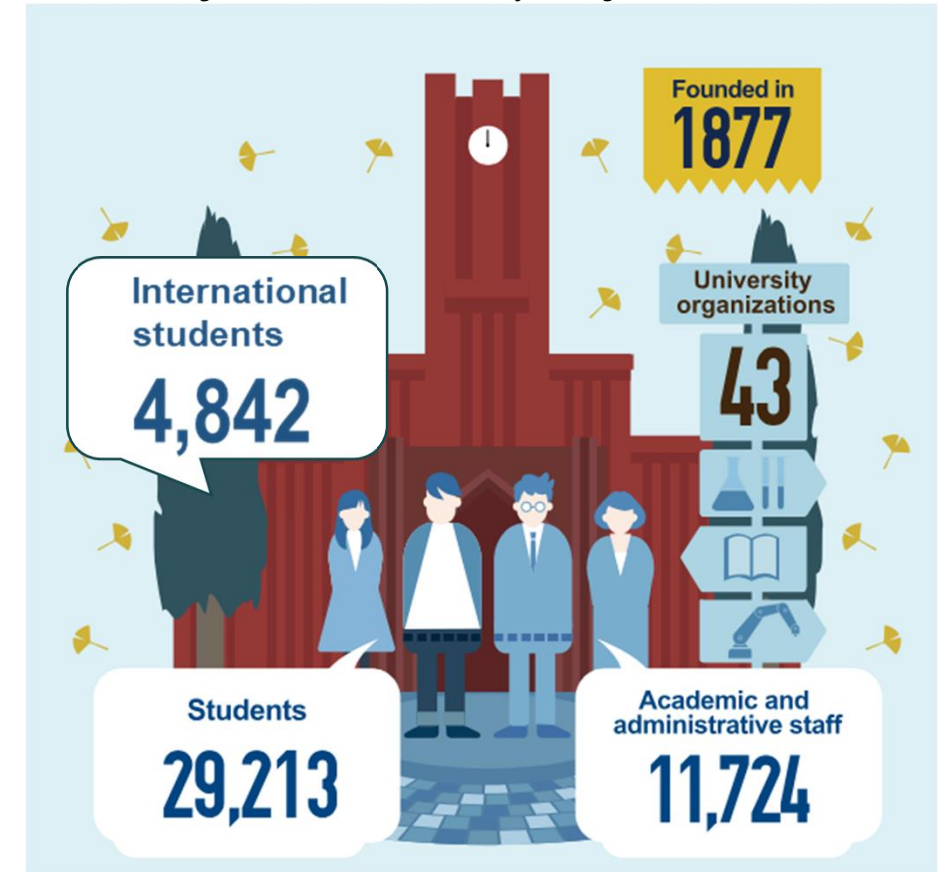
At Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP),  
The University of Tokyo

GraSPP facts:

- Established in 2004 (the youngest graduate school in UTokyo)
- 234 GraSPP faculty members
- 1933 total alumni from 71 countries and regions
- Female 51% and Male 49%
- International students 47% and Japanese students 53%
- To know our people, visit “GraSPPers Voice”  
<https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/grasppers-voice/>

**UTokyo by the numbers:  
Ranked “28 in overall, #10 in  
teaching, and #10 in reputation**

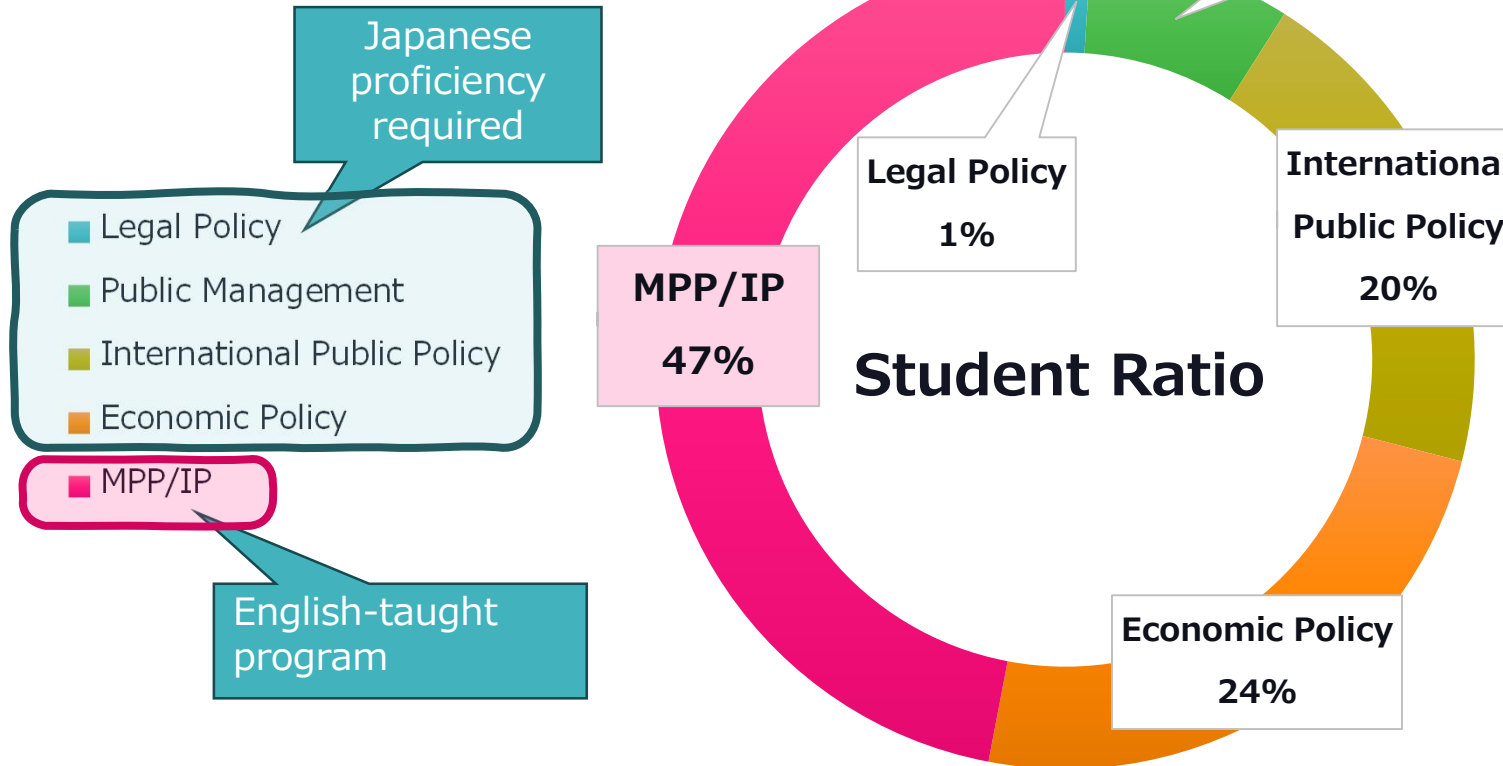
Times Higher Education World University Ranking



## Program Overview

### The two-year Master of Public Policy

GraSPP has 5 programs

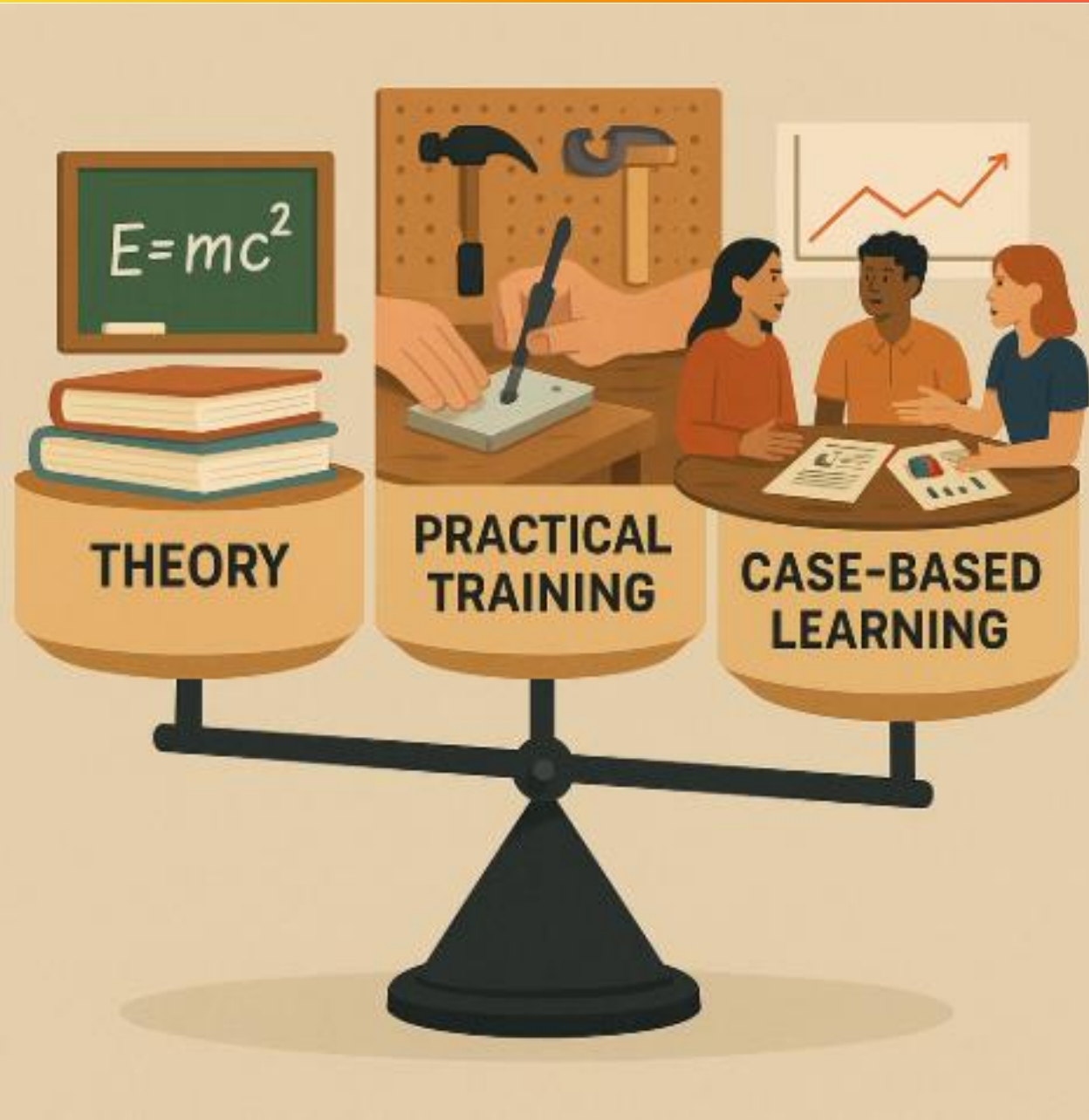






# Multidisciplinary curriculum

Studying public policy is like fixing a machine with gears of politics, law, and economics. If you only understand one, you might jam the system. But if you see how they work together, you can keep it running smoothly and you're better prepared to shape practical, effective policies. That's why a multidisciplinary approach is essential.



**A balanced offering of theoretical, practical training, and case-based courses**

## Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP)

- Two-year program
- Taught entirely in English
- Choose a policy stream between **“Economic Policy, Finance and Development (EPFD)”** and **“Public Management and International Relations (PMIR)”**
- Case Studies are mandatory
- Thesis/Research Paper writing is optional

## MPP/IP Curriculum Structure

<b>MPP/IP 2-year program 46 credits</b>	<b>Economic Policy, Finance and Development (EPFD)</b>	<b>Public Management and International Relations (PMIR)</b>
<b>Law and Political Sciences</b>	6 credits	10 credits
<b>Basic Economics</b>	12-15 credits	8-10 credits
<b>Case Studies</b>	8 credits	
<b>Elective Courses</b>	17-20 credits	
<b>Practical Training</b>	4 credits	



# Admission Process





## Platforms of Application

### (1) GraSPP Web Entry System

For most applicants including applicants for double degree programs (excl. Sciences Po), ADB-JSP, JJ/WBGSP, JICA-SDGs, JDS-India scholarships

### (2) IMF-JISPA Online System

- Applicants who apply for IMF-JISPA Scholarship are required to apply directly through [IMF](#) website.  
[JISPA Online Application flow 2024-25](#) (for reference)
- Application period: September 1 – November 1, 2025 (subject to change)

### (3) Sciences Po Online Application

#### [Double Degree Program with Sciences Po](#)

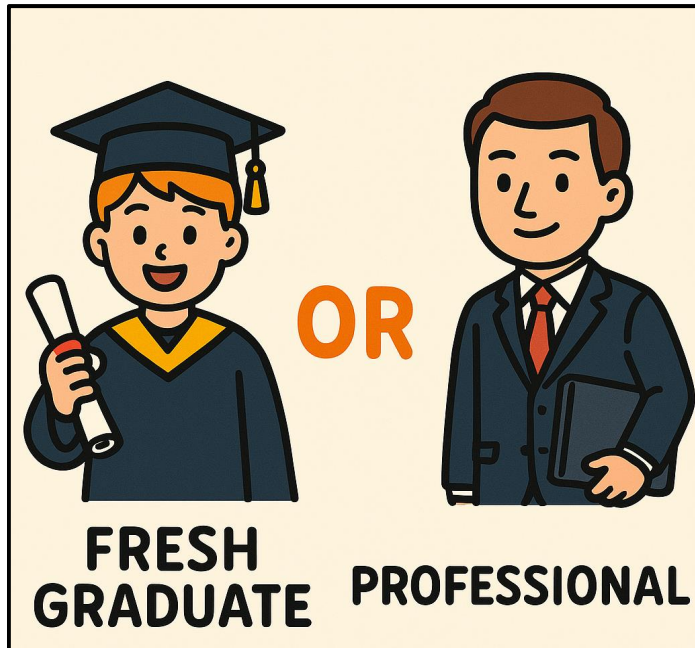
- Admissions for the 2026 intake will open end of September.
- Application deadline: January 2026



## Three Things to Decide in Advance

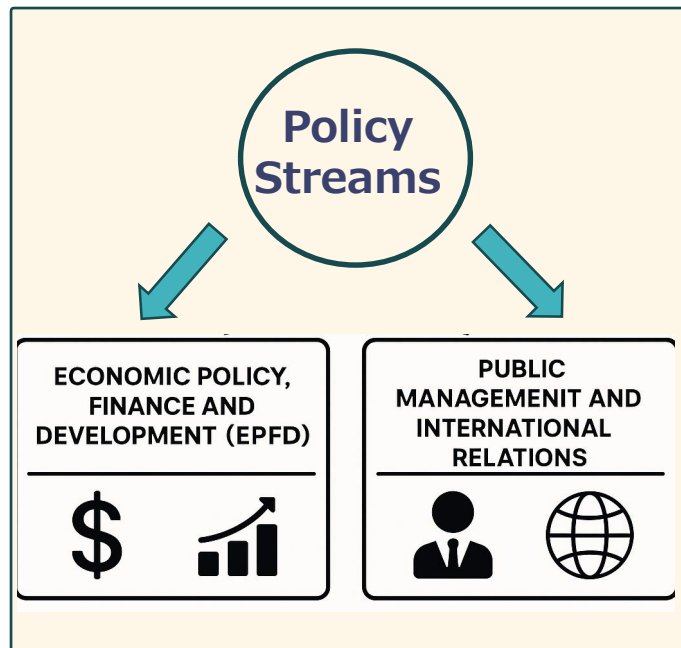
### Categories:

Fresh Graduates and  
Early Career  
Professional or  
Professionals?



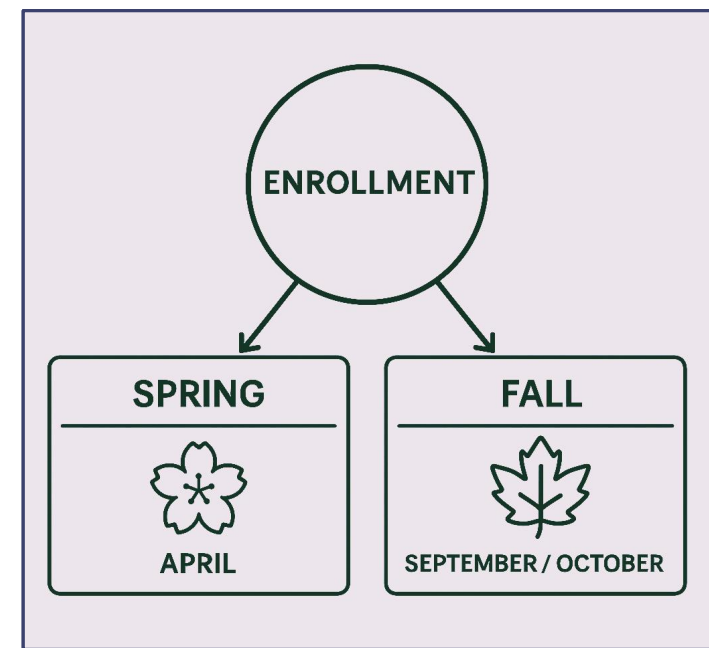
### Policy Streams:

Economic Policy, Finance  
and Development or  
Public Management and  
International Relations?



### Enrollment:

Fall (September  
/October) enrollment or  
April enrollment?



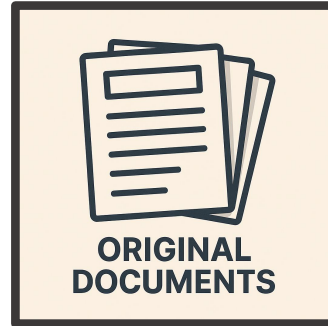
## Two-stage Admission Process

1. Document Screening
2. Interview



Submission through  
GraSPP Web Entry  
System

+



Submission directly  
by authorized  
organizations

+



**Kira Talent**

timed video and  
timed written  
assessments

Submission through  
Kira Talent platform

November to early December



Stage 2  
Interview by  
Zoom

Early February



### Stage 1

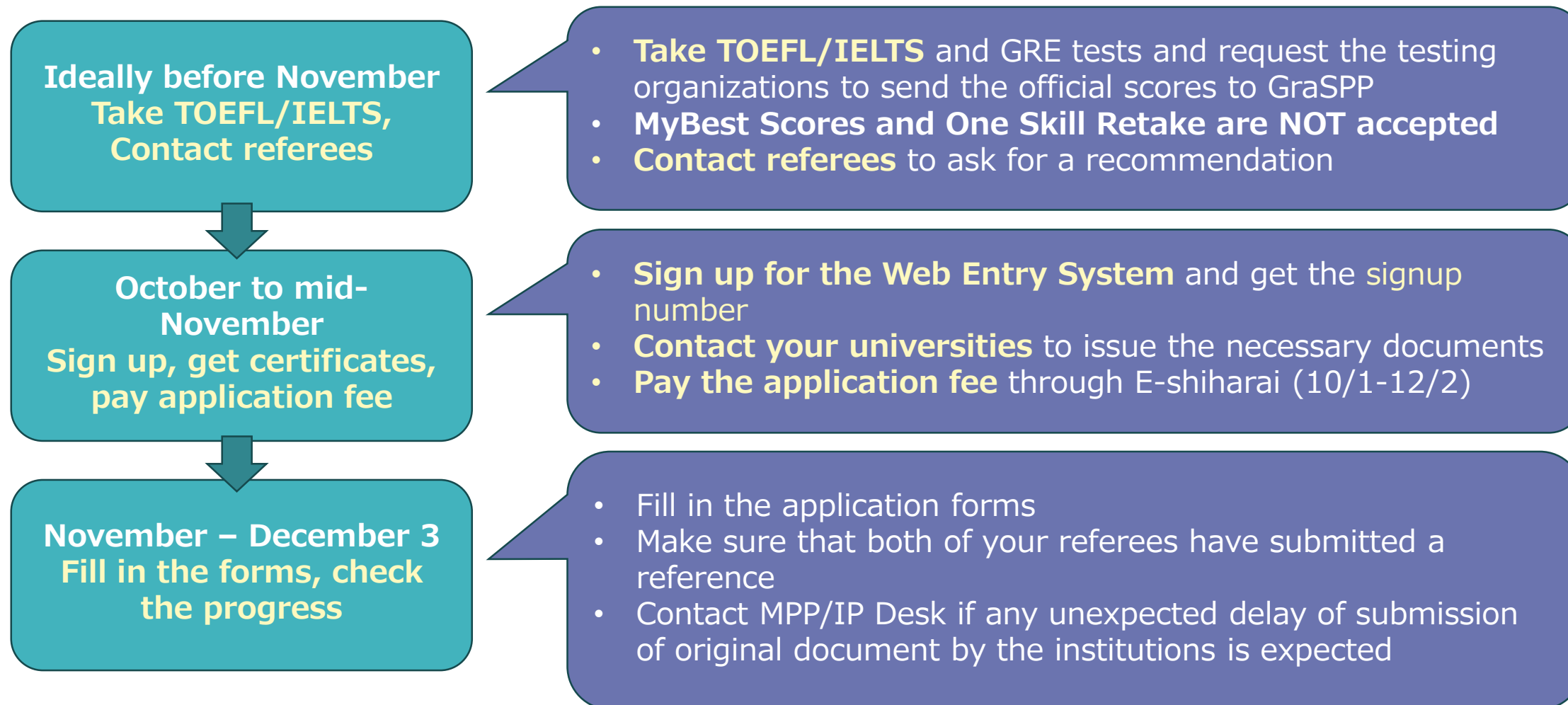
#### Document Screening

Missing any of these materials  
by the deadline will be  
considered an **INCOMPLETE**  
application!





# Application Procedures – Step 1: Preparation for the GraSPP Web Entry System



# Tips



## CERTIFICATE

To check your eligibility, GraSPP needs to know:

**(1) Name of bachelor's degree** and  
**(2) its (expected) award date**

→ must be written in the certificate of (expected) graduation

## TRANSCRIPT

Cumulative GPA, Grading Policy or Scale with the information of full score

→ must be included in the Transcript

## TOEFL/IELTS

No exceptions for English scores exemption rules

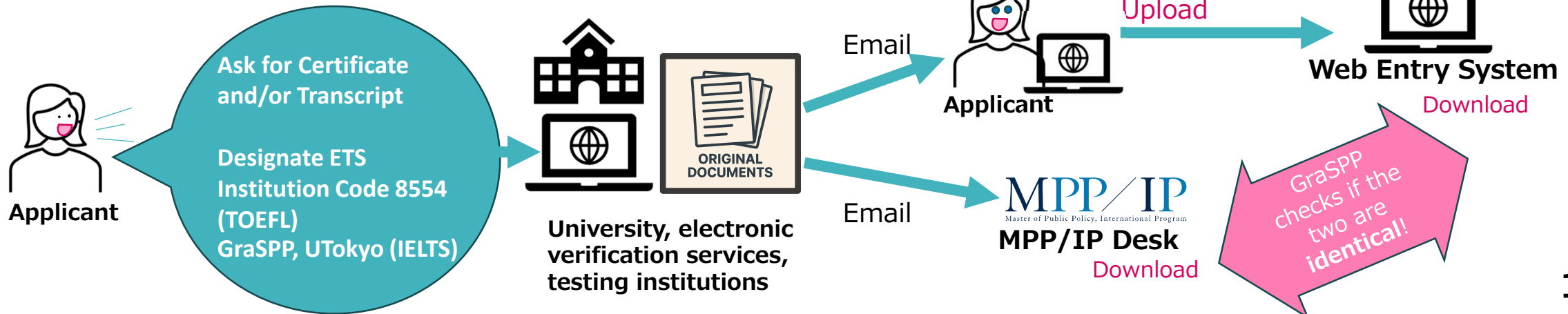
→ Bachelor's degree holders from **outside** Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK, or the U.S.A. must submit English proficiency test scores

## ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

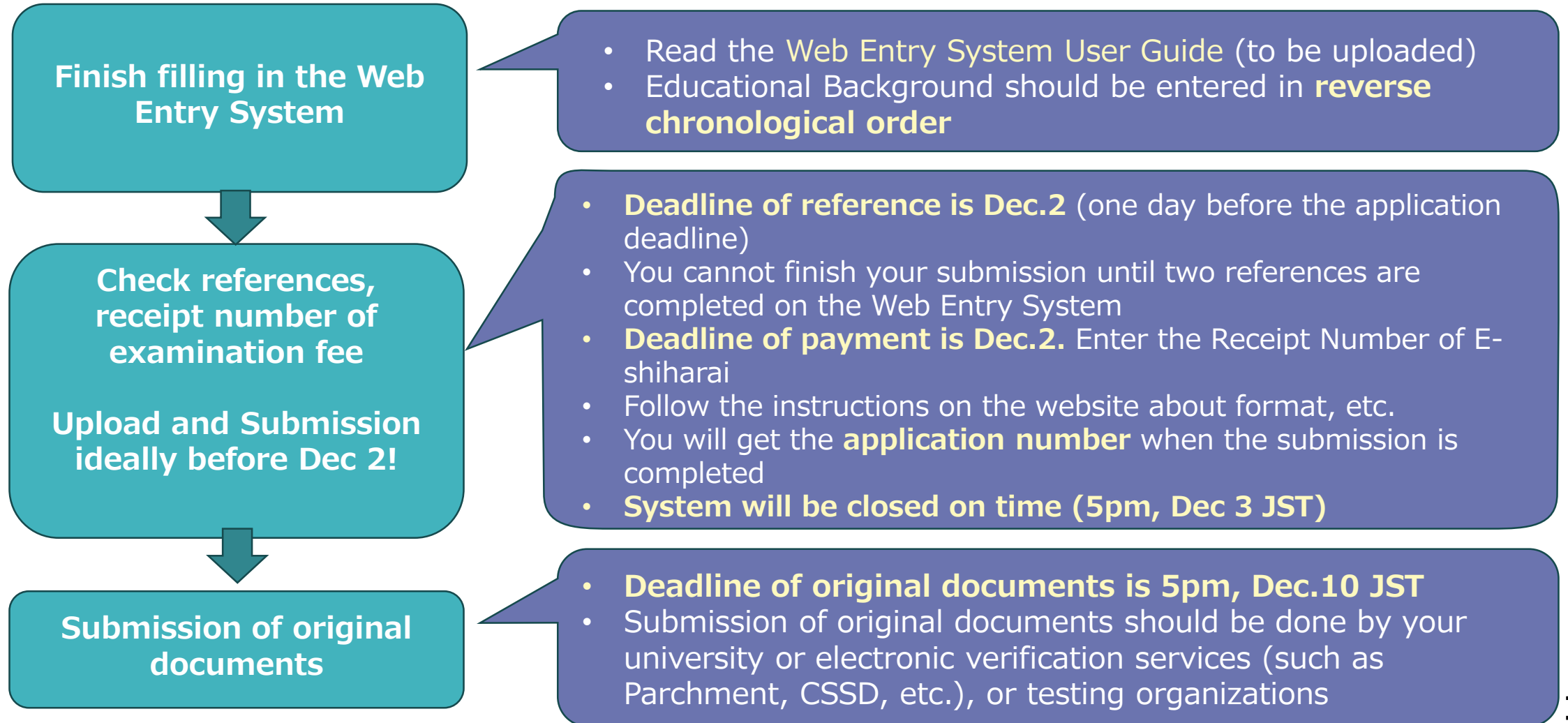
→ must be sent directly from the institutions (not by the applicants):

- TOEFL/IELTS
- Transcript
- Certificate of (expected) graduation

## How to submit supporting materials

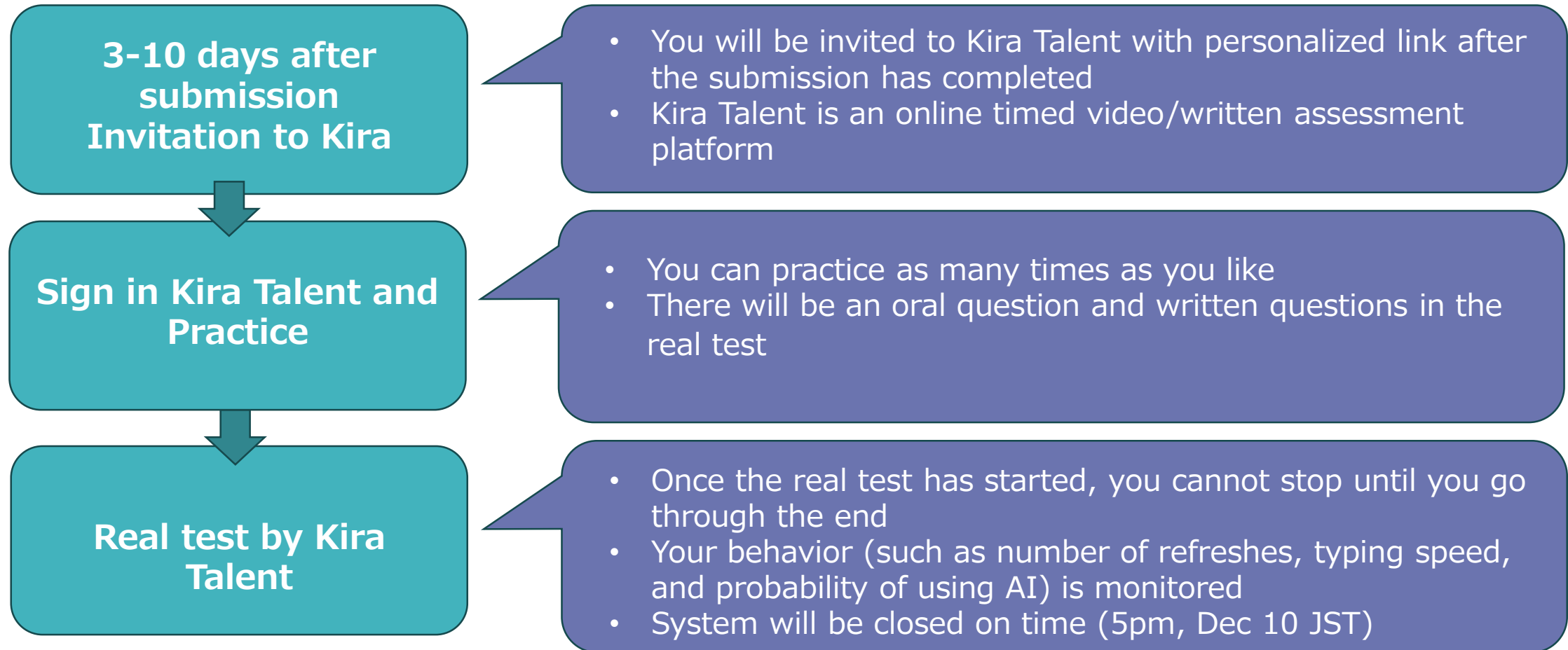


# Application Procedures – Step 2: Submission through the Web Entry System and Original Documents sent from Institution

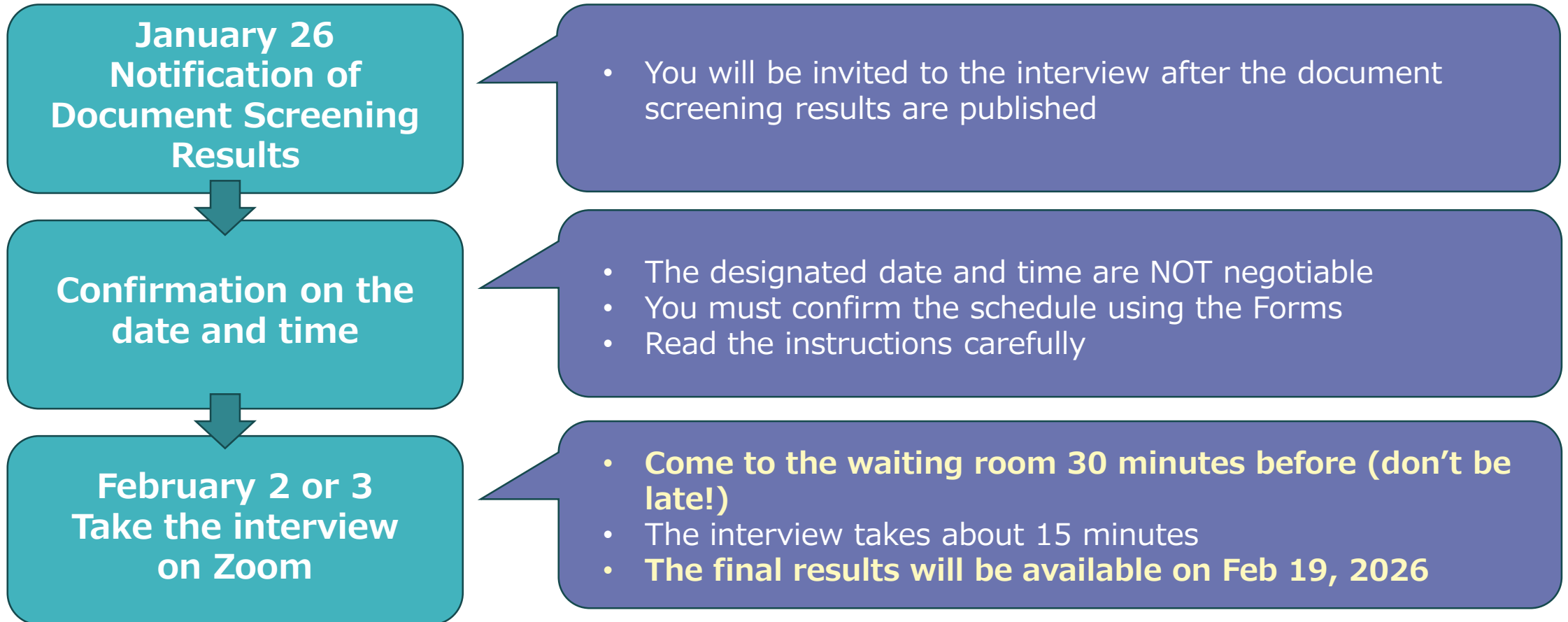




# Application Procedures – Step 3: Response through Kira Talent



# Application Procedures – Step 4: Oral Exam





# Recap!

**Everything you need to know is on the Application Guidelines.  
Read it very carefully!**

**Failure to submit any required documents, or submitting them after the deadline, will be considered an “incomplete application” and will result in disqualification. If any delay is expected in submitting the original documents, contact the MPP/IP Desk as soon as possible.**

- Check your eligibility: when your Bachelor’s degree was/will be conferred
- TOEFL, IELTS: conditions for exemption are limited
- Transcripts: must be in English, the grading scale is required
- Ask your referees well in advance
- Certificate of (Expected) Graduation: name of degree and award date are required
- Submission of original documents: arrange through your university, testing organization



# Scholarship Opportunities for professionals



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## <Nomination by GraSPP after admitted>

- World Bank-sponsored “Joint Japan/World Bank Scholarship Program” (**JJ/WBGSP**)  
**Window#1**  
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/scholarships>
- ADB-sponsored “Japan Scholarship Program” (**ADB-JSP**) <https://www.adb.org/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program/institutions>

## <Nomination by scholarship institution before applying>

- JICA-sponsored “SDGs Global Leader” program (**JICA-SDG**)
- JDS-India

## <Separate selection process>

- IMF-sponsored “Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia” (**JISPA**)  
<https://www.imf.org/en/Countries/ResRep/OAP-Home/JISPA-Home>

**Check eligibility for each scholarship!** (working experience after obtaining bachelor’s degree, nationality, etc.)

JJ/WBGSP, ADB-JSP, JICA, JDS-India  
Apply through GraSPP Web Entry system and pass

### JJ/WBGSP Window#1

- Very tight schedule for JJ/WBGSP so you need to prepare well in advance to meet the scholarship application deadline
- You need a reference from TWO of your **professional supervisors**

### JISPA

Apply through JISPA website  
Choose EPFD



# For inquiry...

**1. Check the website and FAQs**

**2. Email MPP/IP Desk**

mppipdesk.j@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

# THANK YOU!

