



Master of Public Policy, International Program (MPP/IP)
Information Session for 2026 enrollment

### Discover GraSPP

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#### Before we begin:

- 1. Please note that this session is being recorded and may be used for future public relations or uploaded to GraSPP's official YouTube channel.
- 2. You're welcome to submit your questions anytime using the Q&A box at the bottom of your screen. Please do not use the chat box for questions—this helps us keep track. Due to limited time, we may not be able to answer every single question.
- 3. For the questions you submitted during registration, please refer to the answers available on our website.



### 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" <a href="https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/grasppers-voice/">https://www.pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/grasppers-voice/</a>

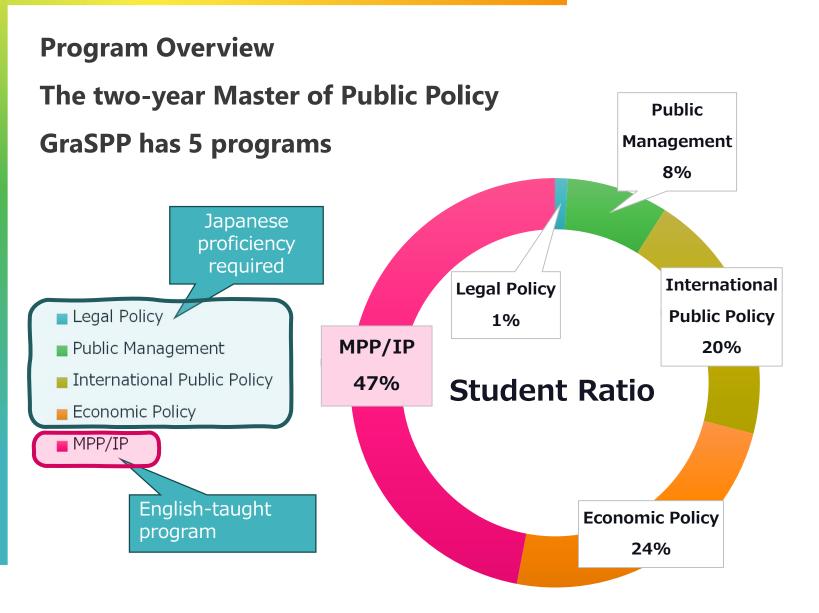
### UTokyo by the numbers: Ranked "28 in overall, #10 in teaching, and #10 in reputation

**Times Higher Education World University Ranking** 













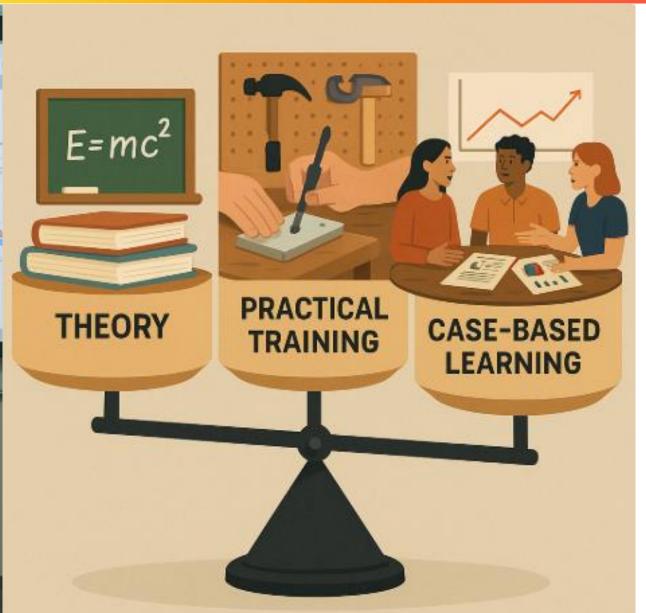


# Multidisciplinary curriculum

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





### **MPP/IP Curriculum Structure**

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

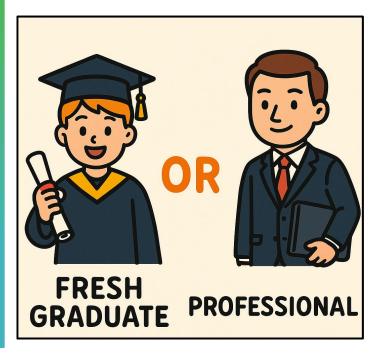
- Admissions for the 2026 intake will open end of September.
- Application deadline: January 2026



### **Three Things to Decide in Advance**

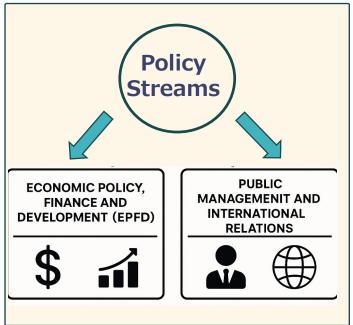
### **Categories**:

Fresh Graduates and Early Career Professional or Professionals?



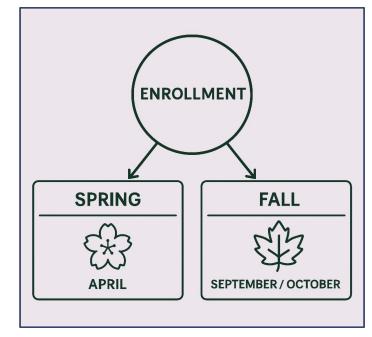
### **Policy Streams:**

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

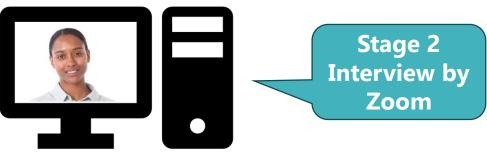


Submission directly by authorized organizations



**Submission through Kira Talent platform** 

### **November to early December**



**Early February** 





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



Ideally before November Take TOEFL/IELTS,
Contact referees

 Take TOEFL/IELTS and GRE tests and request the testing organizations to send the official scores to GraSPP

- MyBest Scores and One Skill Retake are NOT accepted
- Contact referees to ask for a recommendation

October to mid-November Sign up, get certificates, pay application fee

- Sign up for the Web Entry System and get the signup number
- Contact your universities to issue the necessary documents
- Pay the application fee through E-shiharai (10/1-12/2)

November – December 3
Fill in the forms, check
the progress

- Fill in the application forms
- Make sure that both of your referees have submitted a reference
- Contact MPP/IP Desk if any unexpected delay of submission of original document by the institutions is expected

## 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

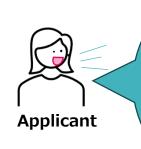
No exceptions for English scores exemption rules

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

#### **ORGINAL DOCUMENTS**

- → must be sent directly from the institutions (not by the applicants):
- TOEFL/IELTS
- Transcript
- Certificate of (expected) graduation

### How to submit supporting materials



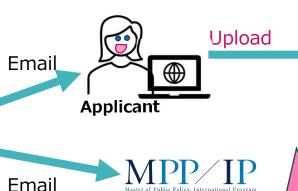
**Ask for Certificate** and/or Transcript

**Designate ETS Institution Code 8554** (TOEFL) **GraSPP, UTokyo (IELTS)** 





University, electronic verification services, testing institutions



MPP/IP Desk

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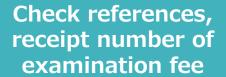


**Web Entry System** 

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

Finish filling in the Web Entry System



**Upload and Submission ideally before Dec 2!** 



- Read the Web Entry System User Guide (to be uploaded)
- Educational Background should be entered in reverse chronological order
- **Deadline of reference is Dec.2** (one day before the application deadline)
- You cannot finish your submission until two references are completed on the Web Entry System
- Deadline of payment is Dec.2. Enter the Receipt Number of Eshiharai
- Follow the instructions on the website about format, etc.
- You will get the application number when the submission is completed
- System will be closed on time (5pm, Dec 3 JST)
- Deadline of original documents is 5pm, Dec.10 JST
- Submission of original documents should be done by your university or electronic verification services (such as Parchment, CSSD, etc.), or testing organizations

# Application Procedures – Step 3: Response through Kira Talent



3-10 days after submission Invitation to Kira

 You will be invited to Kira Talent with personalized link after the submission has completed

• Kira Talent is an online timed video/written assessment platform

Sign in Kira Talent and Practice

- You can practice as many times as you like
- There will be an oral question and written questions in the real test

Real test by Kira Talent

- Once the real test has started, you cannot stop until you go through the end
- Your behavior (such as number of refreshes, typing speed, and probability of using AI) is monitored
- System will be closed on time (5pm, Dec 10 JST)

### Application Procedures – Step 4: Oral Exam

January 26
Notification of
Document Screening
Results

 You will be invited to the interview after the document screening results are published

Confirmation on the date and time

• The designated date and time are NOT negotiable

• You must confirm the schedule using the Forms

Read the instructions carefully

February 2 or 3
Take the interview
on Zoom

- Come to the waiting room 30 minutes before (don't be late!)
- The interview takes about 15 minutes
- The final results will be available on Feb 19, 2026



### Recap!

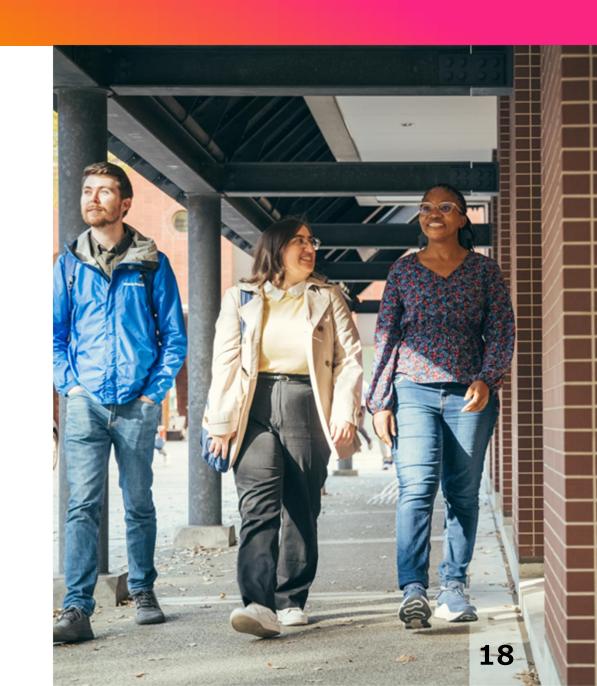
Everything you need to know is on the <u>Application Guidelines</u>. Read it very carefully!

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



### **Scholarship Opportunities**

### < 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) <a href="https://www.adb.org/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program/institutions">https://www.adb.org/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program/institutions</a>

### < 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 <u>TWO of</u> your <u>professional supervisors</u>

#### **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!

