



Application Package

For MEXT-PGP Scholarship

Asian Public Policy Program
for
Master in Public Policy (Public Economics)



HITOTSUBASHI
UNIVERSITY

Academic Year 2017/18

School of International and Public Policy

Hitotsubashi University

Asian Public Policy Program
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Hitotsubashi University
The MEXT-PGP 2017/18 Program
Application and Admissions Procedures

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The procedure described herein applies to applications under the MEXT-PGP Scholarship. Those applicants applying under the ADB-JSP Scholarship, or are applying independently or under other schemes should use the respective application packages.

This program is conducted in English at the Chiyoda campus at National Center of Sciences (Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

1. The Program

For the academic year 2017/18, the Asian Public Policy Program (APPP) offers up to three Japanese Government International Priority Graduate Program Scholarship (MEXT-PGP) positions to qualified applicants. The scholarship covers tuition and settlement/resettlement air fare, and provides a monthly stipend for the duration of the two-year Master's course. The terms and benefits of the scholarship are comparable to those provided under the Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship for Research Students. (Please refer to the relevant webpage of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Sciences and Technology of Japan (MEXT) for details.)

While initially for two years, the scholarship may be extended for further three years if the scholar is accepted into the Ph.D. program at Hitotsubashi University's Graduate School of Economics (GSE) upon completion of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) course at APPP. Acceptance into the Ph.D. program is not automatic, and only those scholars who demonstrate outstanding academic capacity and strong research potential during their study at APPP will be admitted to GSE.

2. Qualifications

The qualifications for the scholarship are the same as that for the APPP itself shown below. However, the MEXT-PGP places emphasis on attracting young officials from central banks, financial supervisory agencies, economics related ministries (Finance, Planning, etc.) and policy research institutions from middle- and high-income Asian countries with strong economic and policy ties with Japan, including but not restricted to Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand, as well as Korea and Singapore, who have strong academic background and research interest. Applicants from other countries/institutions may also apply, and may be accepted based on merit.

APPP Qualifications

Those who have or will have a minimum of two years' full-time working experience as of March 31, 2017, preferably in economic or other public policy areas of government, and who holds a Bachelor's degree or equivalent that meets any one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Those who have graduated from universities or colleges which are stipulated in Article 83 of the School Education Law of Japan.
- (2) Those who have received a Bachelor's degree under Article 104 of the School Education Law of Japan.
- (3) Those who have completed at least 16 years of education with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree from accredited universities or colleges in countries other than Japan.
- (4) Those who are residing in Japan and those who have completed at least 16 years of education by taking courses offered by accredited universities or colleges outside of Japan through correspondence.
- (5) Those who have completed at least 16 years of education outside of Japan and university's course in educational institutions accredited by the country authorities.
- (6) Those who have completed special course in special training school specifically designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology by the date designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (7) Those who are specially designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (8) Those who have been at universities or colleges for more than three years in Japan, or those who have completed 15 years of education with a B.A. or B.Sc. degree outside of Japan, and those whom the Admissions Committee of School of International and Public Policy (IPP) has judged to have acquired the academic competence equivalent to those who meet the above qualifications (1) through (4).
- (9) Those whom the Admissions Committee of IPP has judged to have the academic competence equivalent to those who meet the above qualifications (1) through (4) by individual admissions screening, and those whose age is over 22 years old or who will become 22 years old before October 1, 2017.
- (10) Those whom the Admissions Committee of IPP has, pursuant to its rules and regulations, judged to have the academic competence equivalent or above qualifications (1) through (4).

Note: Applicants who seek to satisfy the eligibility requirement under items (8), (9) or (10) above must make an inquiry in a written form to the Office of Admissions, the Asian Public Policy Program, about their qualifications as early as possible and not later than October 31, 2016.

3. Application

Applicants are required to submit the following in the prescribed forms¹:

- (1) Completed and signed application with a portrait photograph (Form A)

¹ When any of the original documents is written in a language other than English or Japanese, its translation in English or Japanese must be attached.

- (2) Degree certificate: issued by the university or college authority. (Applicants who are applicable to (1)(3)(4)(5) of Item 1 above)

Degree certificate issued by the Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees. (Applicants who are applicable to (2) of Item 1 above)

Applicants who are applicable to (6)(7)(8)(9)(10) of Item 1 above must inform the Office of Admissions of the APPP before applying.

- (3) Official transcripts: issued by the university or college authority.
- (4) Essay written in English (Form B) (Original plus 2 photocopies): in about 2,000 words. This document should also explain their past academic or other work achievements, a major topic proposed for research or study at the program, the proposed methodological approach to the topic, and the planned or contemplated career developments after the program.
- (5) Two letters of reference (Form C): one from the president, dean or academic supervisor of the university or college attended, and another from the head of the department or the equivalent of the ministry/agency where the applicant currently works.

- (6) Official TOEFL score report [University Code No. 8682]

All applicants are required to have a good command of English. TOEFL score of 550 (213 for computer-based test, 79-80 for iBT) or higher is required in principle. Applicants are strongly advised to take TOEFL at least one month before submitting the application. (When TOEFL is not available, an official score report of TOEIC or IELTS is accepted.)

- (7) A letter of endorsement from an institution which an applicant belongs to (Form D)

Should the applicant apply through a scholarship sponsor, the format of endorsement could be the one from the scholarship application.

*** These letters must be addressed to "The President of Hitotsubashi University".**

- (8) Official health certificate by a hospital or a medical doctor (Form E)
- (9) Non-refundable application fee of Yen 30,000 (see Form F)
- (10) A photocopy of the page(s) of the applicant's passport, to indicate his/her name, photo, passport number, date of birth, etc.

Applications should be sent to the following address by registered mail.

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University
National Center of Science
2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 101-8439

Applications for the program must be submitted in their original forms, unless otherwise stated, during the period from September 1, 2016 to December 28, 2016. for the program beginning in October, 2017. The application period may be reopened at the discretion of the University, but in any case will close no later than March 17, 2017. Additionally, a non-refundable application fee of Yen 30,000, must be paid in by March 17, 2017 . All documents, except TOEFL scores, which should be sent directly from ETS, must be submitted in one envelope to the Office of Admissions.

For all applicants, you are strongly advised to contact the Program Manager of the Asian Public Policy Program well before the application period regarding application as early as possible, and not later than October 31, 2016.

4. Selection

The selection for the scholarship will be made on the basis of the submitted documents as well as on the basis of interview and tests of basic mathematics and English as deemed necessary.

Applicants will be individually notified of any interview and test requirements, and dates will be arranged. Mathematics and English tests may take place in conjunction with interviews, or separately on a different occasion.

Applicants will be notified of the results by end-March, 2017, or earlier. Those who have not taken mathematics and/or English tests may be asked to take and pass them before final acceptance. Some applicants may be placed on the reserve list, which may be activated in the event an accepted candidate declines the offer.

Details of any action required will be notified individually to the applicant.

5. Admission Decisions

Admission decisions for the program, which is formally separate from the scholarship selection decision but will reflect the scholarship decision, will be made on April 20 (Thursday), 2017. All applicants will be notified as soon as possible of the results of the decisions via e-mail and by post.

6. Enrollment Registration

The enrollment registration must be done between August 28 and September 1, 2017.

The detailed conditions of the MEXT-PGP Scholarship will be notified to the successful candidates by Program Manager as soon as the results become available.

7. Miscellaneous

- (1) All matters relating to the application and admission will be handled by the Office of Admissions, Asian Public Policy Program, Hitotsubashi University. All inquiries must be made by e-mail (appp-admissions@ics.hit-u.ac.jp) or fax (+81-3-4212-3146).
- (2) For scholarship possibilities, applicants are expected to contact the Asian Public Policy Program well prior to the official application period.
- (3) After the application has been turned in, the applicant is not allowed to change the program to which he/she is applying. The student is not allowed to take the seminar course offered by a program other than by the program for which the application has been made.
- (4) All the papers submitted for the application become the official record of Hitotsubashi University and will not be returned to applicants. The application fee is non-refundable.
- (5) All submissions must be in original, except otherwise noted above.
- (6) For interviews, the applicant must bring the invitation letter sent by the university authorities.
- (7) All submissions must be typed, unless otherwise stated. When, for any reason, hand-written documents are submitted, they must be written in roman, using black or blue ball-point pens.
- (8) Applicants with physical disabilities must consult with the Office of Admissions prior to the application, so that necessary considerations for facilitating them in classrooms, etc. might be arranged.

Application Form

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University

(A)

To the Applicant:

This form will be used in the selection process. The applicant is, therefore, requested to complete it carefully on a typewriter or a word processor. The form should be signed by the candidate and sent to the Asian Public Policy Program following the procedures explained in the guideline on Application and Admissions.

Personal data

Your Name (Family)	(Given)	(Middle, if there is)

(Family)	(Given)	

(Write your name in Japanese or Chinese characters (*kanji*), if used)

Please attach here
a recent photograph
showing your full
face

(4 × 5 cm)

Current mailing address

Home address (including postal code) _____

Home telephone / Facsimile/ Mobile _____

Work address (including postal code) _____

Business telephone / Facsimile _____

E-mail address _____

Date of birth _____ Age (as of October 1, 2017) _____
Month / Day / Year

Place of birth _____

Nationality / Region _____

Gender Male Female

Marital status Single Married

For scholarship recipient, refer to the name of sponsor _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Educational Background

Level of Education (Years normally required for completion)	Name of Institution (Location)	Language of Instruction	Date of Entrance	Degree, Certificate, etc. Received
			Date of graduation (Month, Year)	
Elementary Education / Elementary School				
Secondary Education / Lower School				
Secondary Education / Upper School				
Higher Education / Undergraduate Level				
Higher Education / Graduate Level				
Total number of years of formal education received			_____ years	

Undergraduate field of study _____
 Honors or prizes (if any) _____

Graduate field of study _____
 Honors or prizes (if any) _____

Any additional non-academic experience or training that has contributed to your professional learning in terms of specialized knowledge or practical skills:

Accomplishments and achievements (academic or civic honors, activities or special recognition, including any awards or professional achievements not mentioned elsewhere):

List any publications or contributions to journals and books:

English and Other Languages

Native language _____

English proficiency Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor

(self-assessment) Writing:

Speaking:

Reading:

TOEFL score (or equivalent, either TOEIC or IELTS) _____

Other languages in which you are fluent: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Employment Data

Beginning with your present position, please list your full-time work experience below.

1

Name of agency, ministry or institution	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)
Location	Present job title	
Responsibilities		
Responsibilities		
Name and title of your immediate supervisor		

2

Name of agency, ministry or institution	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)
Location	Job title	
Responsibilities		
Responsibilities		
Name and title of your immediate supervisor		

3

Name of agency, ministry or institution	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)
Location	Job title	
Responsibilities		
Responsibilities		
Name and title of your immediate supervisor		

References

Please list below the two individuals who will write the references for your candidacy.

1	_____		
	Name (family, given, middle)		
	_____	_____	
	Position	Organization	

	Relationship to the candidate		
	_____	_____	_____
	Business address	tel/fax	e-mail
2	_____		
	Name (family, given, middle)		
	_____	_____	
	Position	Organization	

	Relationship to the candidate		
	_____	_____	_____
	Business address	tel/fax	e-mail

I certify that all statements made in this application are true and accurate, and that responses to all essay questions are my own writing. I understand that falsification or misrepresentation of any information in this application is the grounds for automatic revocation of all offers of admission or expulsion from Hitotsubashi University, School of International and Public Policy.

_____	_____
Signature	Date

Essay Questions

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University

(B)

Please write a short essay in about 2,000 words, covering the following questions. This essay is one of the most important parts of your application, as it will form a basis for the selection. It should be word-processed on separate sheets of paper, and should be signed and dated by you:

- (1) What study/research and professional experience have you had to date? Has your experience satisfied your intellectual and professional interests and ambitions? Do you feel you need additional study/training? If so, in which field?
- (2) Why are you applying to this program? What do you see in the program that is likely to help you attain your intellectual and professional objectives and goals?
- (3) If accepted in the program, what subject of study/research would you like to pursue? How is it related to your field of intellectual and professional interest? What analytical method or methodological framework do you think would be most appropriate for the study/research of the above subject? Have you done any work on it to date?
- (4) How do you envisage your professional career developments after the program? What would you like to be doing in, say, 10 years' time?
- (5) Choose a particular policy issue in your field of interest that is of concern to you, and make a brief assessment of the issue from a viewpoint of a policy maker.

Letter of Reference

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University (C)

To the Applicant

Please complete only the top portion of this form, and pass it to your referee to complete the rest of the form.

Your Name (Family)	(Given)	(Middle)

To the Referee

The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Asian Public Policy Program at Hitotsubashi University.

Please provide your reference on your own letterhead or stationery. In your letter, please state your observations including the following points as candidly and specifically as possible:

Letter of Reference – Academic:

- Relative performance of the applicant relative to his/her classmates in terms of academic performance, intellectual performance, and creativity and originality (e.g. average, top 10%)
- The applicant's characteristics and attributes
- The applicant's intellectual strengths and academic achievements (e.g. honors, awards)
- The applicant's academic potential
- The applicant's personality (e.g. leadership, team-work)

Letter of Reference – Professional:

- Relative work performance of the applicant relative to his/her colleagues in the work place or to his/her cohort in the department, etc.
- The applicant's characteristics and attributes
- The applicant's professional strengths and achievements (e.g. leadership in project implementation, solid staff work in policy formulation, innovative)
- The applicant's personality (e.g. human relationship, communication skills)

Please return this form and your letter of reference to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your signature across the seal. The applicant will submit the sealed, signed envelope to us as part of the completed application package. The contents of the letter will be kept confidential.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Letter of Reference

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University (C)

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Letter of Endorsement

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University

(D)

I, the undersigned _____ (Family name), _____ (Given name) at
_____ (name of agency/organization) hereby:

1. nominate _____ (name of applicant) to enroll in the Master's Program in Public Policy, the Asian Public Policy Program at the School of International and Public Policy, Hitotsubashi University;
2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;
3. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will not be assigned duties that will conflict with devoting full time and attention to the program, should there be an agreement between my agency and the applicant to continue to be employed after graduation.

(Name of Institution) _____ Date _____ (mm/dd/yy) _____

Name _____ (Family name) , _____ (Given name) _____

Title _____

City and Country _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____

<Official seal is required.>

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH

Asian Public Policy Program
School of International and Public Policy
Hitotsubashi University

(E)

		Applicant ID	
To Applicant: Please fill in the upper column by yourself and give it to a medical doctor to complete the lower column.			
Name of the Program	Asian Public Policy Program		
Name of the applicant	_____, _____ Family Given Middle, if there is		
Date of Birth	_____ Day	_____ Month	_____ Year
	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Current Address			

Medical Check Report

Current State of Health

Eyesight	Without Glasses	left _____	right _____	Hearing	_____	_____
	(With Glasses)	()	()		Left	Right
Tuberculosis	+ -	History of Treatment		+ -	Under Treatment	
	If marked +, please describe it in detail.					
	Date of Chest X-ray	_____	_____	_____		
		Day	Month	Year		

Handicaps with Respect to Study

Diseases or Disorders (Mental or Physical)	+	-
If marked +, please describe it in detail.		

Medical History	+	-
If marked +, please describe it in detail.		

In my opinion, the applicant is physically able to study at Hitotsubashi University.
Yes No

Date of Examination

Day Month Year

Hospital/Clinic _____

Address _____

Name & Title of Physician _____

Physician's Signature/Seal _____

Application Fee – Payment Procedure of JPY 30,000

(F)

For Applicants living outside of Japan:

Payment of JPY 32,500 (30,000 yen for application fee + 2,500 yen for handling charge by the Japanese bank) must be made through a bank transfer (cable remittance) to the account noted below, and a copy of the bank transfer receipt must be included in the application documents submitted to the Office of Admissions. Payment by credit card is also available. For details, please check the following URL:

http://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/exam/exam_question.html#e19

Bank Name/Branch:	Sumitomo-Mitsui Bank, Kunitachi Branch
Bank's address:	1-8-45 Naka, Kunitachi-shi, Tokyo 186-0004, Japan
A/C Name:	Hitotsubashi University
Savings A/C No.:	7761831
SWIFT Code:	SMBCJPJT
Amount:	32,500 Japanese Yen (30,000 yen for application fee + 2,500 yen for handling charge by the Japanese bank)
School's address:	2-1 Naka, Kunitachi-shi, Tokyo 186-8601, Japan (Tel: 81-42-580-8078)

Notes:

- **The Application Fee of JPY 30,000 is non-refundable.**
- **Hitotsubashi University's bank account must receive a net amount of JPY 30,000 after all remittance charges.** Please ask your bank if the remittance will be made directly to Sumitomo-Mitsui Bank or through other banks. If through other banks, an additional remittance charge may be deducted from the amount. In that case, please add that amount to 32,500 yen.
- Please note the following on the bank transfer slip:
"Full amount of 30,000 Japanese Yen must be received by the account holder."
- Bank checks or credit cards are not acceptable forms of payment.

Address

Asian Public Policy Program,
School of International and Public
Policy
Hitotsubashi University
National Center of Sciences
2-1-2 Hitotsubashi Chiyoda-ku,
Tokyo 101-8439, JAPAN

Access

From Takebashi Station

Take the Tozai Line to Takebashi Station. Approximately a 4-minute walk from Exit 1B.

From Jimbocho Station

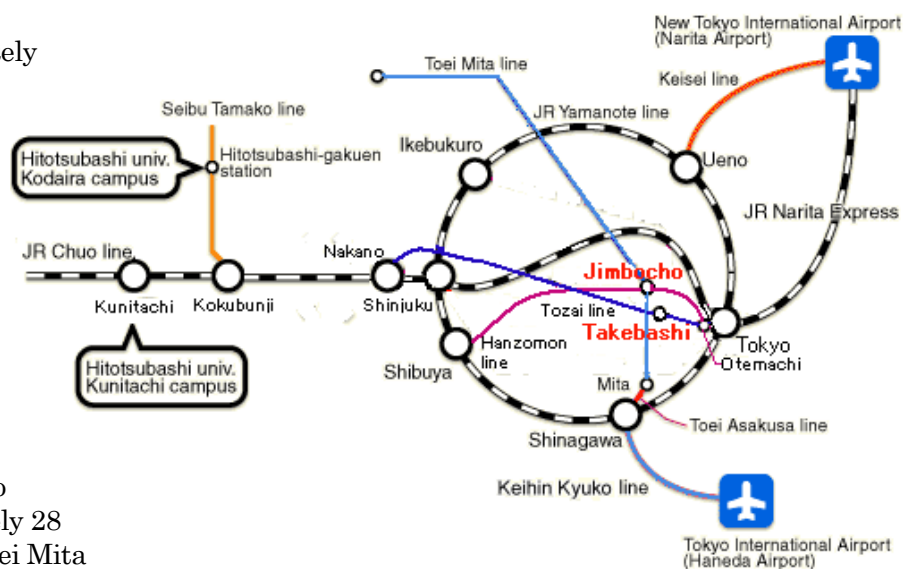
Take the subway (Hanzomon, Shinjuku, or Toei Mita Line) to Jimbocho Station. Approximately a 3-minute walk from Exit A8.



From overseas

From Narita International Airport

Take Narita Express to Tokyo Station (approximately 60 minutes), walk to Otemachi Station (approximately 5 minutes), then take the Tozai Line to Takebashi Station. Or take the Toei Mita Line from Otemachi Station to Jimbocho Station.



From Haneda Airport

Take Keihin Kyuko Line to Mita Station (approximately 28 minutes), change to the Toei Mita Line to Jimbocho Station.