



*MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ECONOMIC
AND PUBLIC POLICY
(PEPP)*

*Graduate School of Humanities
and Social Sciences*

*University of Tsukuba
Tsukuba Science City, Japan*

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AND BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK-JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

To provide, within the time frame of 18 months, training and the necessary skills for the conception, design, and implementation of development policies. Our focus is on International Development with a trans-disciplinary approach to the economic and social problems of developing and transition countries. We endeavor to contribute to the creation of an international community of highly trained professionals addressing the daily challenges of economic and social development. Participants from previous cohorts have taken up prestigious positions back in their home countries, some as policy managers, others as researchers or scholars in academic institutions. We expect, together with our sponsoring institutions, the World Bank and the Asian Development

Bank, many more talented and motivated professionals to join us and to apply their newly enhanced knowledge and skills to help accelerate the pace of economic and social development in their countries.



SKILL FORMATION

We target mid-career professionals with a solid university education and working experience in areas related to policymaking. The Program is determined to maintain its well-deserved reputation, particularly in imparting a considerable amount of knowledge and skills in a relatively short span of time,

and in striving to ensure that its participants are highly motivated and possess the necessary level of intellectual maturity. We also expect our students to have a clear view of the problematic of their respective countries, in particular, in the context of globalization and accelerated technological change.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP) was established with the purpose of building strong analytical skills useful for a wide range of professionals in developing countries. The program invites those candidates who need sound knowledge of economics in making policy decisions. While a majority of the student body of the program are young professionals in the public sector in developing countries, the program also accepts students applying directly after completing their undergraduate study from any country in the world. The skills acquired through the program should prove highly valuable when applied in positions

related to policy development and assessment as well as other research-oriented positions in the public sector in educational institutions.

PEPP is integrated into the curriculum of the Master's Program in International Area Studies within the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Tsukuba. It offers the students opportunities to develop their ability in economic and public policy analysis, while at the same time providing an environment where they can be exposed to a wide range of academic subjects in the humanities and social sciences.



Nguyen Ngoc QUYNH is a Social Protection Program Analyst at the United Nations Population Fund in Hanoi, Vietnam. She was a scholar in the 5th cohort (2003-5) of the Program.

I was admitted to the Master's Program in Policy Development in 2003. Studying in this program has changed my life and turned my career completely toward a bigger horizon. The program offers high quality education and training, ranking among the best programs in Japan. I learned a lot from this program, having chances to study and work with excellent professors in a multi-cultural environment. I think this has played an important role in my career development in an international environment after graduation. And it has been the keystone for my current work at the United Nations. Besides, the University of Tsukuba, with its broad curriculum and modern library, could provide students the opportunity to interact with various disciplines, and access to high-ranking journals and fully updated academic works. Last but not least, the beautiful, tranquil and peaceful city of Tsukuba has been a home for me and made me feel very comfortable for living and studying. Studying in this program has indeed made my life become more successful and more valuable. I would say being in this Program was one of the most remembered and valuable times of my life.



Adam Chamunorwa MUPINDA, from Zimbabwe, is a scholar in the 11th cohort (2015-17) of the Program

The credibility that a PEPP qualification affords and the skills it cultivates are certainly going to be key assets for my future career development and will give me an urge to become an economic change agent for my country and the region at large. Understanding the political economy at an international level and the social thought process, which is one of the thrusts of the PEPP program, is a major asset. The PEPP program curriculum is well designed and well acclaimed by alumni. It is an honour to be a World Bank Scholar in this program with so many distinguished professors. With the benevolence of the World Bank and the Japanese government, I also got the opportunity to be part of a study trip to Okinawa and of an invaluable "homestay" with a Japanese family, which served as an eye opener into the Japanese culture. The Japanese lessons in a friendly atmosphere were also invaluable. I sincerely hope more and more aspiring colleagues from developing countries will find their way to the University of Tsukuba and avail of this opportunity of a lifetime.





Och DANGAASUREN, from Mongolia, is a scholar in the 11th cohort (2015-17) of the Program.

I was very fortunate to achieve one of my lifetime goals – pursuing graduate studies here at the University of Tsukuba as a scholar of the PEPP program funded by the Asian Development Bank. I love the environment of Tsukuba, especially around the University, which is quiet, peaceful, and beautiful. As a PEPP scholar, you will gain vast new knowledge and experience through regular and intensive courses. You will hear from the professors with a lot of expertise in their research fields. Working with these professors provides you with a great opportunity to enhance your theoretical, empirical and cultural understandings. Apart from the course work, you will experience domestic study trips which will enhance your empirical skills. Also, you will meet students from all over the world, make friends, and learn from them. Sharing experiences with other students has been among my most memorable moments. The PEPP scholarship will be one of your best opportunities to obtain a graduate degree here in Japan and I urge you not to miss this great opportunity.



Reshmi KUMARI, from Fiji, was a scholar in the 10th cohort (2013-15) of the Program.

I am a proud Economics scholar of PEPPM at Tsukuba University. I entered this Program through the Asian Development Bank funded Japan Scholarship Program. The core thing about this program is that it offers both International Public Policy and Economics courses taught by prominent Professors. This is one of the top Universities in Japan located in the beautiful City of Tsukuba about 45 minutes by train from Tokyo. There are opportunities to explore many social activities, enjoy the beautiful environment and experience the culture of Japan apart from studying. Being a student in this Program gives you a new view and a new perspective to advance your career by encouraging new ideas through collaborative discussions in classrooms, presentations in Seminars and educational trips. I highly recommend applying and taking advantage of this awesome opportunity and benefit from a network of students from many countries around the world.

THE CITY OF TSUKUBA

Tsukuba Science City, where the University of Tsukuba is located, offers rich physical and human resources in a combination that is rare elsewhere in Japan. The city and its surrounding area abound with natural beauty, with Lake Kasumigaura to the east and Mount Tsukuba to the north. More than 200 government and private research institutes dot the city, which was planned under government supervision and designed as a comprehensive research and housing complex. With an estimated population of 200 thousand, Tsukuba is located 60 km northeast of Tokyo and 40 km northwest of the New Tokyo International Airport in Narita. The silent beauty of the Pacific Ocean beaches is about 40 km away, and the nearest majestic peaks of the Japanese Alps are no farther than 120 km. The trip to Tsukuba from Tokyo, by train, takes just 45 minutes. Direct regular bus services link Tsukuba to Narita airport in about 70 minutes,

to Haneda airport in about 120 minutes, to Tokyo station in about 75 minutes.



THE TSUKUBA CONCEPT

The University of Tsukuba was established in Tsukuba Science City in October 1973 as the first comprehensive university set up under Japan's country-wide university reform plan. The University promotes scientific research and cultural exchange, and aims to develop scholars with creative minds, and a deep regard for people and our planet. It strives to create a unique, vibrant and internationally competitive university that offers superior education and research facilities, and graduates people capable of dealing

sensitively with our era of change. Under a new administration guided by the "New Systems for Education and Research," the University features a cosmopolitan spirit of openness. This is reflected in our diversity, which counts more than 2,300 international students among a total student population of 16,000. This has resulted in our being ranked by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-2016 as No.1 in Japan in international outlook.

THE CURRICULUM



PEPP is designed to train professionals who will devote themselves to positions or endeavors related to the economic and social development of their respective countries and regions. These positions may include policy-making in government and other related institutions, as well as research, teaching and training positions in academic and educational institutions. We expect program graduates to assume leading development roles.

The program approaches public policy, and economic and social issues principally through the economics discipline. In accordance with the stated objective of the program, the curriculum is designed to provide advanced academic and research skills in economics. Students in the program are required to complete 30 credits from the list of subjects offered by the program which includes a number of compulsory subjects. Students, however, will also be able to choose elective subjects from inside and outside of the PEPP listing, to the extent that is allowed by the rules of the Graduate School.

In addition, students are required to write a Master's thesis in their last semester. Each student will have a committee

of academic advisors, who will supervise their thesis work and provide counsel on their academic endeavors. Students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisors often. The program faculty members mostly specialize in economics, but with a wide range of research interests. Beyond the PEPP program, the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences is comprised of a large faculty body specialized in various disciplines, such as economics, political science, international relations, history, sociology and anthropology, among others. The Graduate School emphasizes high-quality academic advisory, encouraging faculty members to make themselves available for students as often as possible.

An academic year at the University of Tsukuba is organized in two semesters: the fall semester from October to March, and the spring semester from April to September. (See the flowchart.) Courses are normally offered for a duration of ten weeks or 15 weeks, with the exception of some intensive courses lasting for a shorter period. Most courses meet once or twice a week, with sessions of 75 minutes each.



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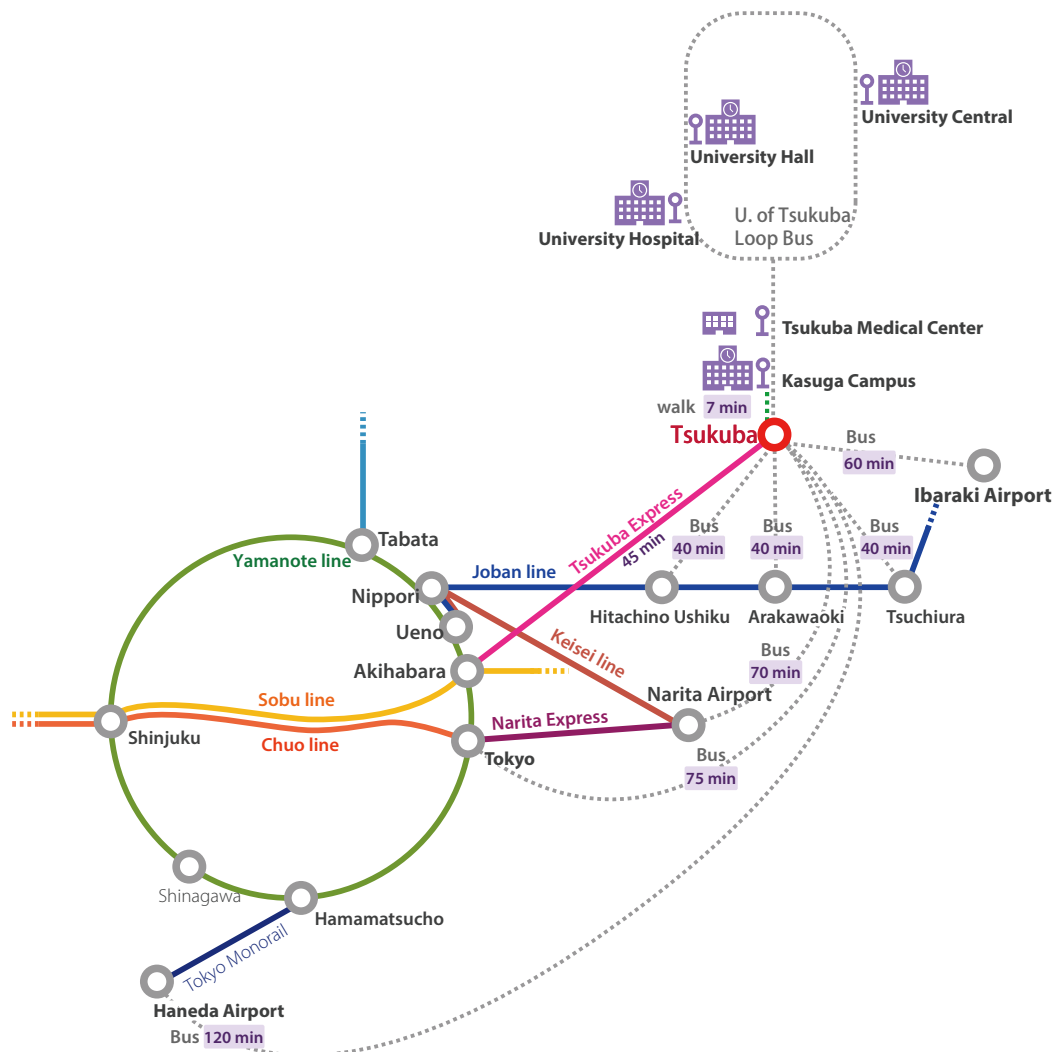
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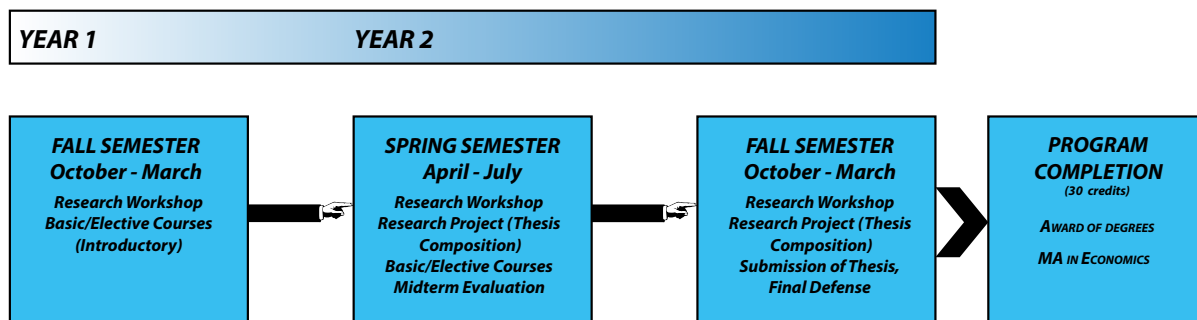


LIST OF SUBJECTS OFFERED

Basic Courses	Public Policy and Management Social Development I Research Methods and Academic Writing Microeconomics Econometrics Research Workshop for Economics I, II, III Research Project for Economics I, II
Elective Basic Courses	Principles of Development Politics of Development International Public Policy and Governance International Relations Theory Introductory Statistics Intermediate Microeconomics Introductory Macroeconomics Japanese Economy Data Management
Elective Courses	Macroeconomics Applied Microeconomics Public Economics Development Economics International Trade International Finance and Policy Health Economics Introduction to Health Service Research Introduction to Environmental Policy Policy and Planning for Forest Conservation Agricultural and Rural Development Economies of East and Southeast Asia Microfinance and Public Policy Internship I, II Fieldwork Project I, II Comparative Policy Norms International Social Policy Public Policy Management of International Public Policy International Information Society Law and Governance International Relations in Europe Comparative Education Seminar on Political Philosophy Seminar on International Social Policy Politics of Japan Cultural Anthropology

Note: Subjects above are offered from enrollment in October 2018 and may be subject to change.

PROGRAM FLOWCHART



ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS



GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply to PEPP, applicant must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and have completed 16 years of school education (up to undergraduate level). A strong background in economics and associated quantitative tools (linear algebra, calculus and basic statistics) is useful and, in the case of the Course in Economics Policy, highly recommended.
- Note: Those applicants who have completed their university education in countries where formal schooling lasts less than 16 years, who are at least 22 years old, and who have spent at least one year in a research or similar institution, may qualify to apply by filling out and submitting the provided form (Certificate of Research Activities).
- Demonstrate proficiency in oral and written English communication skills by submitting either of the following: 1) Score of standardized test such as IELTS / TOEFL / TOEIC or 2) Other evidence such as a letter from the university or current working place, as deemed appropriate by the Graduate School.
- Demonstrate verbal and quantitative skills by submitting either of the following: 1) Score of standardized test such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or 2) Other evidence such as a letter from the university or current working place, as deemed appropriate by the Graduate School.
- Be in good health with respect to the capacity to be a productive scholar for the duration of the Graduate Program, as certified by a medical doctor.

You will need the following documents: Transcript(s)/Diploma(s)/Certificate(s) of Higher Education/Curriculum Vitae/TOEFL Score or Equivalent Proof of English Proficiency/GRE Score or Equivalent Proof of Skills/Medical Certificate/Photograph (40 mm × 30 mm)/Three or Four Letters of Recommendation/Statement of Eligibility (JJ/WBGSP applicant only)/ADB-JSP Information Sheet and Income Certificate (ADB-JSP applicant only).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants admitted to the Program in Economic and Public Policy may apply for scholarships provided by the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP). The benefits cover:

- Round trip air travel (economy class) between home country and Japan, plus a travel allowance of US\$ 500 for each one-way trip
- Full tuition and fees
- A monthly living stipend
- National health insurance
- Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research
- Other program expenses such as Japanese lessons, educational trips, internship, etc.

The JJ/WBGSP is expected to provide up to fifteen scholarships and the ADB-JSP up to three scholarships to successful applicants to our Program. The selection procedure for these scholarships is conducted by both institutions in cooperation with our Program. The eligibility criteria are detailed in what follows.

To apply to JJ/WBGSP, applicant must:

- Be a national of a World Bank (WB) member country that is eligible to receive WB financing and not be a national of any country that is not eligible to receive the WB financing.
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic achievement earned more than three (3) years before the Scholarship Application Deadline.
- Not have received any scholarship funding to earn a Graduate degree or its equivalent from any sources funded by the government of Japan.
- Be employed in a paid and full-time position at the time of the Scholarship Application Deadline unless the applicant is from a country identified in the WB's "Harmonized List of Fragile Situations."
- Have, by the time of the Scholarship Application Deadline, at least three (3) years of recent full-time paid professional experience acquired in development-related work after a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent. If the applicant is from a country identified in the WB's "Harmonized List of Fragile Situations" at the time of the Scholarship Application Deadline, the recent professional experience does not have to be full-time or paid.
- Not be an Executive Director, his/her alternate, staff of the World Bank Group (the World Bank, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, and International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes), or a close relative of the aforementioned.

To apply to ADB-JSP, applicant must:

- Be a national of an Asian Development Bank (ADB) borrowing member.
- Gain admission to an approved MA/PhD course at an academic institution.
- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic record.
- Have at least two (2) years of full-time professional working experience (acquired after a university degree) at the time of application.
- Have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills.
- Be not more than 35 years of age at the time of application.
- Agree to return to his/her home country after completion of studies under the Program.
- Not be an Executive Director, Alternate Director, management, staff or consultant of ADB, or a relative of the aforementioned. Staff of the JSP-designated institutions are not eligible to apply to their own institution.
- Not be living or working in a country other than his/her home country.
- Not be enrolled in other graduate degree programs.

For more details about admission procedures and scholarship requirements please visit our website (pepp.hass.tsukuba.ac.jp/admission/).