

Double-Degree Master's Program

# History the Public **In** Sphere

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## What is HIPS?

History in the Public Sphere (HIPS) is a double-degree master's program that has been jointly developed by the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) and the Central European University (CEU; Hungary and Austria), supported by both the "Inter-University Exchange Project (IUEP)" of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, and Technology (MEXT), and the "Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD)," funded by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Union (EU). Covering the theme of history in the public arena, students selected from all over the world will study together in this course, moving from one university to another in pursuit of two master's degrees.



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*Global Human Resources Development Program for  
the Promotion of Mutual Understanding between  
Japan and Europe using  
"History in the Public Sphere" as the Key Concept*



# HISTORY IN THE

## Objectives

Based on the concept of “History in the Public Sphere,” this program aims to develop the next generation so that they can cultivate knowledge about history from an academic perspective and translate it into practice.

Academic knowledge about history has been developed and directly promoted by experts, including historians and teachers. However, histories steep in the public arena, and overlap with all parts of society in multifaceted ways.

This program will produce graduates who can play an active role in a broad range of fields related to history, such as museums, galleries, journalism, broadcasting, digital media, business, and diplomacy, with a particular focus on the early modern period to the present day. Through academic and educational exchanges among universities throughout Japan and Europe, this initiative should create a field for a multilateral and international approach to history and the public sphere.

## Overview

### ● About the program

Throughout the two-and-a-half-year period, participating students will have the opportunity to spend a semester (approximately six months) studying at the TUFs, the CEU, and several other partner universities within Europe.

Students will engage in coursework, research, internships, and a final thesis/capstone project. After successfully defending their final project at the TUFs, students will be awarded two master’s degrees: a Master of Arts (Humanities) from the TUFs and a Master of Arts in History from the CEU.

### ● Themes

The program is built around four learning and studying themes, based on the “History in the Public Sphere” concept.

- 1 History and the institutionalization of memory
- 2 Visual representations and medialization of history
- 3 “Histories” of inclusion and exclusion
- 4 Entanglement between national, regional, and global frameworks of history

#### How do I apply?

Applicants will be selected from students enrolled in master’s programs at the Graduate School of the TUFs. The application procedure will be announced on the HIPS website in April.

#### Why is it two and a half years long?

Participating students at the TUFs will be required to take courses in the spring semester of the first year. From the fall semester, students will move to the CEU, where they will join the European students. After two years of study, they will finish the course, and the degree awarding ceremony will be held in September. Therefore, the period will last for two and a half years.

#### What language will be used in the classes?

The language used in this program will mainly be English. All courses and masters’ theses/capstone projects will be conducted in English.

#### What is the “Erasmus Mundus” program?

Erasmus stands for the European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students. It promotes exchange and openness among higher education institutions in the European Community by facilitating the mobility of university students and teaching staff. Erasmus Mundus is a program that expanded this initiative to the world outside the EU.

#### How many years will the program last?

Participants will be called every fiscal year for four years, from FY 2020 to 2023. Students who take part in the final year will finish in the fall of 2025.

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# Q&A



# PUBLIC SPHERE



## Curriculum and Yearly Schedule

During the two-and-a-half-year program, students will study every semester at one of the partner institutions in the consortium, including the TUFs, the CEU, the University of Florence (UniFI, Italy), the New University of Lisbon (NOVA, Portugal), and the associated partner institution, The National Institute of Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, France).

● The program has three components, each of which will be conducted at a participating institution according to the semester schedule.

### 1 Coursework

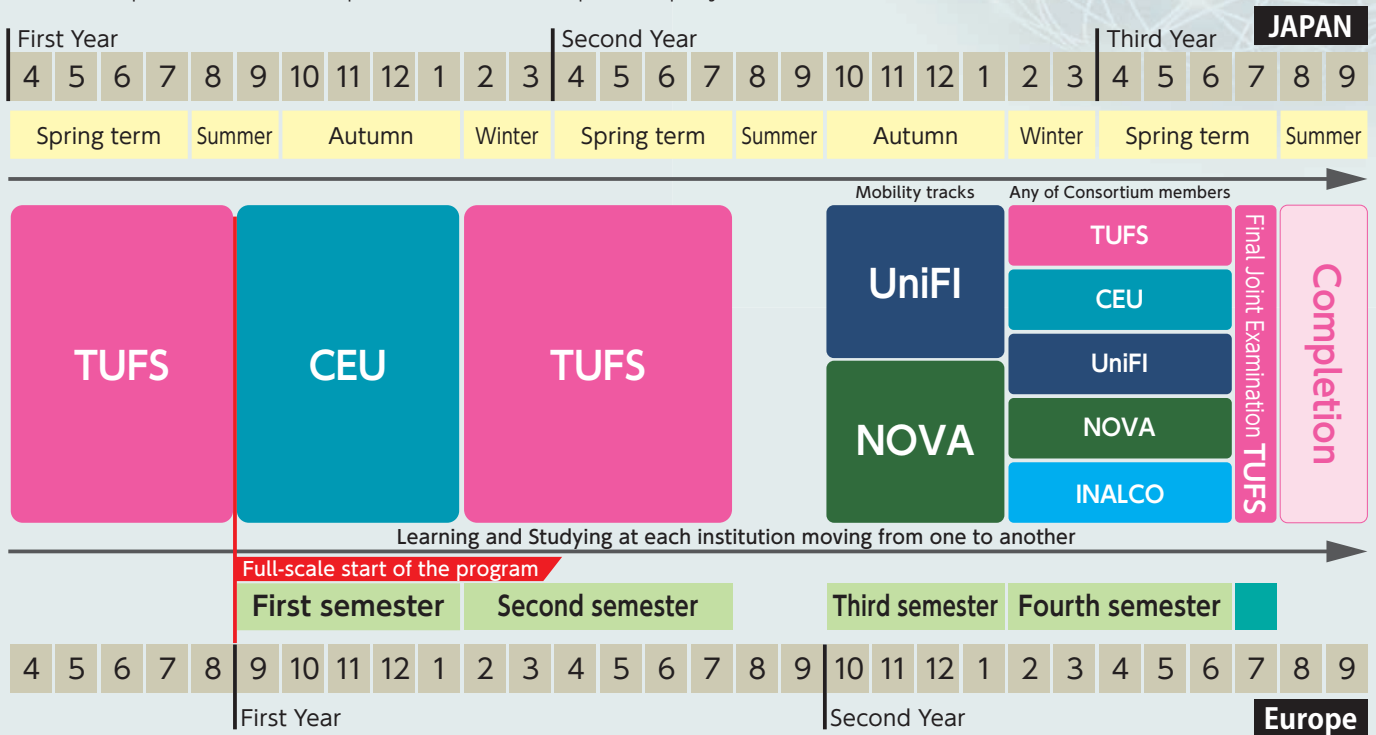
Coursework consists of mandatory core courses, mandatory elective courses, and elective courses.

### 2 Practical experience and skills

Workshops or study visits (first year). Internships (second year). Practical learning of various skills related to history and the public sphere.

### 3 Research and research training

Preparation and completion of thesis/capstone projects.



## CONSORTIUM

### CEU

#### Central European University

Budapest (Hungary) and Vienna (Austria)



The university, founded in 1991, is also accredited in the United States, offering English-language master's and doctoral programs. It is an internationally focused university with students from Europe, the United States, and other countries around the world. The Department of History provides an excellent academic gateway to history from the early modern period to the twenty-first century, mainly in Central Europe, and focuses on comparative history with other regions.

### UniFI

#### University of Florence

Florence (Italy)



This university's origin goes back to the Middle Ages. Its Department of History, Archeology, Arts, and Performing Arts (SAGAS) covers various disciplines concerning the study of cultural heritage. SAGAS offers a unique interdisciplinary program that is grounded in the rich local history of the city itself.

### NOVA

#### New University of Lisbon

Lisbon (Portugal)



NOVA is a relatively new university, having been founded in 1973. One of its faculties, the NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities (NSSH) was established in 1977, shortly after the democratization of Portugal. NSSH is an interdisciplinary school that has recently promoted teaching and research in the field of digital humanities.

### INALCO

#### National Institute of Languages and Civilizations

Paris (France)



INALCO is a national institution for higher education and research with a long history dating back to 1699. It specializes in non-Western European languages and civilizations and combines the study of a hundred languages from all continents while teaching and researching their geography, history, institutions, and political, economic, and social life.

# Admission Guidelines

## ● Qualifications for applications and quotas

Eight students from the master's programs (both in Global Studies and in Japan studies) of the Graduate School of Global Studies at the TUFs

## ● Selection method

Candidates will be selected through document screenings and interviews; admission will be jointly decided by the Consortium Board.

## ● Requirements

- Interest and motivation in the concept of “History in the Public Sphere”
- High level of proficiency in English

The minimum English language test scores requirements:

TOEFL iBT: 88, IELTS Academic: 6.5, Pearson Test of English (Academic): 59,

Cambridge English Qualifications: C1 Advanced (Grade B), C2 Proficiency (Grade C)

## ● Fees

The program's tuition fee will be covered by the TUFs (the actual cost burden includes only the tuition fee for the TUFs).

Airfares, accommodation, living expenses, etc., are considered to be uncovered expenses (however, you can apply for the following scholarship)

## Scholarship

Students who meet the eligibility requirements will be given priority to receive a scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

### <Eligibility>

- A person who has Japanese nationality or has been granted permanent residence in Japan (including special permanent residents).
- A person whose Grade Point Average (GPA) in the previous fiscal year (FY) was 2.30 or higher.
- Those who are acknowledged as having difficulty in participating in the program at their own expense, due to financial reasons.

### <Monthly Stipend>

- 70000 - 100000 yen, depending on the place of study.
- Note: These conditions apply to the FY 2020 dispatch; they are subject to change.  
※Students who meet high qualifications (TOEFL iBT: 100, IELTS: 7.0, GPA: 2.7 or higher, etc.) are encouraged to apply for “Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students” by JASSO.

## ● Website

<http://www.tufs.ac.jp/hips/en/>



## ● PR video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HdV17\\_woOk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HdV17_woOk)



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