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**Scholarship opportunities in Japan**

**Young Leaders' Program (YLP)**

The National Agency of Civil Servants (NACS) informs parties concerned, that they can submit their files until **10 October 2016** in order to obtain a scholarship in Japan through the **Young Leaders' Program (YLP)**, carried out by the National Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo.

**The program, promoted in Romania by the Japanese Embassy and NACS, is financed by the Japanese government and is addressed to young civil servants and government officials with experience and excellent results in public administration.**

The purpose of this program is to **prepare future leaders of central and local public administration and create a network among them.**

Thus, YLP offers 2 types of curricula:

**- National-level administration (central) - School of Government**

**- Territorial-level administration (local) - School of Local Governance.**

The one-year program (October 2017 - September 2018) will be completed with a Master diploma in Public Administration/Public Policy, awarded by the National Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo.

The conditions candidates must meet in order to apply to this program are:

* Up to 40 years of age on October 1, 2017
* Minimum 3 years experience in public administration (preferably 5 years)
* Bachelor's degree and outstanding academic performance
* Certificate which attests proficiency in English: TOEFL / IELTS or equivalent.

The enrollment in the program is based on an admissions application file. The documents and the forms required for the registration can be obtained from NACS’ headquarters or downloaded from the website. The complete files are submitted to the NACS’ office until the aforementioned date.

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The details of the YLP program are also available at: [www.grips.ac.jp](http://www.grips.ac.jp).