

Publication and Editing Schedule for Academic Year 2026 -Policy Science-

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<Publication Schedule>

Name of Publication			Time of Release	Number of Copies
Special Issue	Issue in Commemoration of the Retirement	Vol. 34, No. 1	Oct. 2026	250
		Vol. 34, No. 2	Feb. 2027	250
Discussion Paper	RPSPP	—	At any time	—

Research articles in English will be covered in a regular issue.

Editing Schedule

<Schedule for Peer-reviewed articles>

[Qualification] Graduate Students who are in the Doctorial Course (*Kōki Katei*), Doctoral Research Students who completed coursework without degree (*Kenkyūsei*)

Note: Post-Master’s Research Students and Master's Program who are considering submitting a contribution should contact the Secretariat.

	Deadline for Application	Deadline for Article Submission	Start of Peer-reviewing	Notification of peer review results	Re-submission and “Correction Report”	Finalizing of Publication	First Proofreading	Second Proofreading	Finalizing Proofreading by Editorial Office	Publication Date
Vol. 34, No. 1	Apr. 28 Tue.	May. 20, Web.	Early - Jun.	Early -Jul.	Late-Jul.	Early-Aug.	Late-Aug.	Mid- Sep.	End of Sep.	End of Oct.
Vol. 34, No. 2	Aug. 4, Tue.	Aug. 26, Wed.	Early - Sep.	Early - Oct.	Late-Oct.	Early-Nov.	Late-Nov.	Mid- Dec.	End of Jan.	End of Feb.

The application and the article can be submitted by e-mail through your supervising teacher.

Please make sure to meet the submission schedule.

Please attach Form for Submission of Article ‘Policy Science’ for the application of peer-reviewed articles.

<Schedule for Non-peer-reviewed articles, Research notes>

[Qualification] Faculty Members of the Department of Policy Science, Postdoctoral who has completed the Doctoral programs with degree

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Vol. 34, No. 1	May. 12, Tue.	Jun. 24, Wed.	Mid-Jul.	Late-Jul.	Mid-Aug.	Early-Sep.	End of Sep.	End of Oct.
Vol. 34, No. 2	Sep. 1, Tue.	Oct. 28, Wed.	Mid-Nov.	Late-Nov.	Mid-Dec.	Early-Jan.	End of Jan.	End of Feb.

Note: The deadline for submission of both peer-reviewed articles and non-peer-reviewed articles has been fixed, but the schedule thereafter is subject to change depending on circumstances.