

Master of Public Affairs, MPAff

Career Advancement

Graduates land positions in professional policy analytical and/or managerial service in the public and nonprofit sectors. The degree builds knowledge and skills in a mix of topics that includes policy, economics, statistics, research, and management and prepares students for professions that influence public policy through analysis, application, or management. They have a number of career choices available, many of which lead to executive positions in federal, state, and local governments, or in nonprofit agencies.

Example positions in the local, state, federal, nonprofit, and private sectors include:

- local—government specialist leading to a city manager, community health director, or public housing manager;
- state—program manager for a state housing authority or a policy analyst/program manager for a variety of state agencies;
- federal—presidential management fellow, or starting as a GS-9 position in the federal government in a variety of federal agencies;
- nonprofit—program director leading to a nonprofit organization director; and
- public, private, and nonprofit—public and government relations specialist, lobbyist, or elected official.

The School of Planning and Public Affairs provides career assistance efforts for both internship and post-graduation job seekers. It offers job information access and one-on-one advising support from the school's career services coordinator.