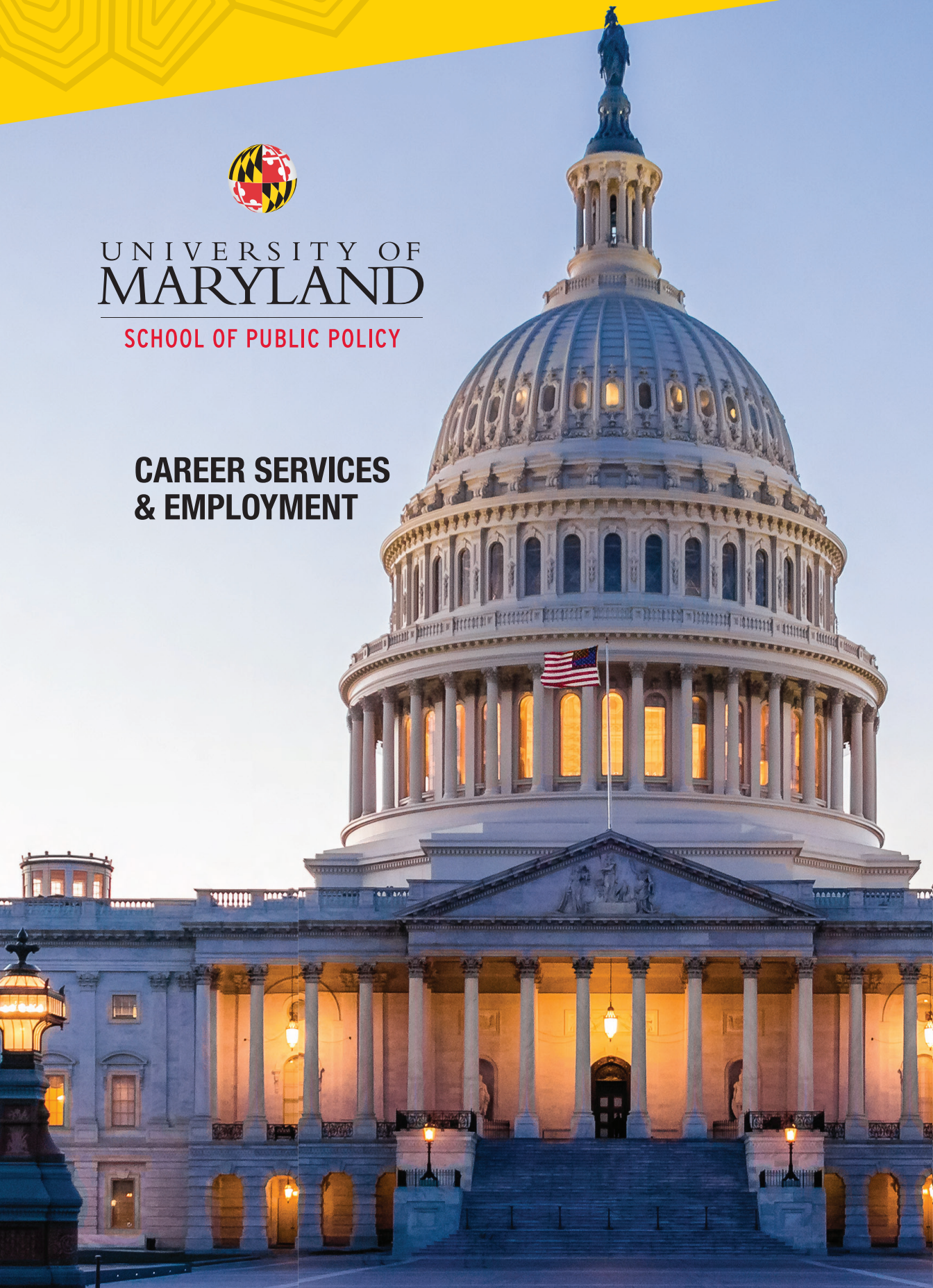




UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

**CAREER SERVICES
& EMPLOYMENT**



School of Public Policy students are going places. Big places. Our graduates go on to work at government agencies, world-renowned nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies.

Whether you are a student pursuing your passion or an employer looking for the brightest new recruits, we're here to help. Career Services and Alumni Relations provides professional development resources to students and alumni, helping them discover rewarding internships and build successful careers. Our mission is to complement coursework by teaching critical career skills, facilitating experiential learning and offering employment services. Additionally, we provide programs, workshops and events to help students and alumni develop and sustain meaningful professional networks.



Kristen Jones, MPP '07

"I first learned about the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) – an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress – through a career services panel when I was a student. I joined GAO, which is considered one of the best places to work in the federal government, as an intern 18 years ago and am currently an assistant director. Every year since I graduated, I've returned to SPP to recruit students for internship and analyst positions. SPP students' policy analysis skills make them highly attractive job candidates, and career services helps ensure their application materials and interviewing skills are top notch."

Career Development

Career Counseling Appointments and Walk-In Advising

Whether you are a freshman hoping to explore career options, a graduate student seeking opportunities, or an alum looking for the next big step, we suggest you visit us. Individual career counseling helps with a range of needs from clarifying career goals to implementing a sound internship strategy to practicing interview skills. Walk-in advising provides a quick way for you to receive targeted feedback on resumes and job search correspondence.

Maryland Mentor Program

This program matches you with alumni who share similar career interests. Mentors provide sound counsel and advice in finding employment or experiential learning opportunities. Mentors include local, state and federal government officials, directors of nonprofits and private sector representatives.

Experts-in-Residence Program

Capitalizing on the School of Public Policy's proximity to the nation's capital, this program sponsors weekly visits from experts in various policy fields. You can access these experts during one-on-one meetings and receive valuable career insights, resume suggestions and networking leads.

Professional Development Series

This series prepares you for life after graduation by providing a competitive edge when searching for internships and jobs. We offer workshops on topics that include resume and cover letter writing, job searching, networking and managing your online professional image.

Career Programs & Events

Career Treks

Career Treks brings you to organizations throughout the DC area to connect with highly skilled and motivated policy professionals. Site visits include presentations on the organization's role in public policy, meeting professionals in the field and tours of the worksite.

Employer Information Sessions

Employers from across public, private and nonprofit sectors regularly visit the School of Public Policy to engage and recruit students like you. These sessions expose you to the many career fields and employment opportunities available.

Public Policy Career Panels

Policy professionals and alumni return to campus each semester to share professional experiences and provide insight into critical policy issues and trends. Panelists also provide guidance on preparing for internship and job searches in today's markets as well as taking advantage of important academic and experiential learning opportunities.

Career Networking Nights

Career Networking Nights offer you the opportunity to network throughout Washington, DC and Maryland with alumni and employers from the public, private and nonprofit sectors. These events are tailored to your interests, promote the sharing of internship and full-time leads and allow you to receive expert assistance from like-minded policy professionals.

Job and Internship Resources

UMD Policy Jobs

Enjoy exclusive access to hundreds of policy-relevant internships, jobs and employer contacts through Handshake. Updated daily, the site facilitates employer-student interaction and provides a key starting point for any policy-related internship or job search.

SPP Internship Program

As a current student, this program provides you financial support for unpaid internships in nonprofit, community and governmental organizations. You can spend up to one semester working part-time, or one summer working full-time, on projects that allow you to apply policy-relevant classroom skills to work situations. The SPP Internship Program is competitive and available year-round.

Career Connections Newsletter

Stay up to date on career events, exclusive policy opportunities and more.

Leadership

Academic and Professional Groups

You may become affiliated with two career-related organizations at the School of Public Policy. Pi Alpha Alpha recognizes and promotes excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration. Kappa Omega Alpha is a premier public policy fraternity that aims to create leaders working together as agents of change. Both groups offer extensive professional development and networking opportunities.

Student Affinity Groups

We are proud to collaborate throughout the year with SPP's excellent student groups, including Asian American Policy Union, Black Students in Public Policy, La Gente, Women in Public Policy and QTIPP. Together, we offer speed networking events and information sessions that target the specific needs of our diverse student body.

Presidential Management Fellows Program

The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program attracts public service-minded students to the federal government. Through a highly competitive process, PMF finalists receive an initial two-year appointment and eligibility for conversion to a permanent government position. We support you in the PMF selection process by providing information sessions and access to our PMF alumni network.

Laura Ndour, MPP '24

"Career services played a crucial role in helping me recognize how transferable my skills are and how I can apply them to various career paths. The guidance I received, particularly regarding my resume, was invaluable – my resume when I came in was completely different from when I left! The support and connections through the program's established network were genuinely impactful in helping me move forward in my career."



Many students take advantage of the School's proximity to the nation's capital to experience multiple internships before graduation. Furthering those possibilities, the School provides financial support to many students pursuing unpaid nonprofit or public sector internships.

2024 Employers

Abt Global
Accenture Federal Services
Aflac
American Gastroenterological Association
Applied Policy, LLC
Booz Allen Hamilton
Brookings Institution
Center for American Progress
Charles County (MD) Government
City of Baltimore (MD) Government
City of Boston (MA) Government
City of Pittsburgh (PA) Government
Clark Construction
Coalition for Smarter Growth
Coho Consulting Group
Compass Pro Bono
Deloitte
Democratic National Committee
Eagle Hill Consulting
Fairfax County (VA) Dept. of Family Services
Freedom House
Guidehouse
ICF Consulting
Insight Technology Solutions
Institute for Defense Analyses
Institute of Justice
International Justice Mission
IOM-UN Migration
Jewish Women International
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab
Joint Global Change Research Institute
Liff, Walsh and Simmons
Lutheran Ministry at the University of Maryland
Mary's Center
Maryland Democratic Coordinated Campaign
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Maryland General Assembly
Maryland Judiciary
Maryland State Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
McKinsey & Company
Montgomery County (MD) Circuit Court
NAACP
National Democratic Institute
National Institute of Mental Health
National Institute of the Building Sciences
National League of Cities
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Sports Media Association
New America
Oceanic Network
Palantir Technologies
Petey Greene Program

Pew Charitable Trust
Population Research Center Univ. of Texas at Austin
Prince George's County (MD) Government
Redbull Energy
San Diego (CA) Youth Services
Save the Children
Spruce Street Compliance
Stanford Center for Intl. Security and Cooperation
State of Maryland
Teach for America
Teachers Insurance and Annuity Assoc. of America
Town of Riverdale Park (MD)
Turn ON Growth
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Census Bureau
U.S. Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of Treasury
U.S. Department of the Navy, Nimitz Research Center
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Federal Emergency Management Association
U.S. Government Accountability Office
U.S. Marshals Service
U.S. National Reconnaissance Office
U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General
U.S. Secret Service
United Nations
University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability
Veeva Systems
Wallace Center Winrock
Walsh Law PLLC
Weiss & Thompson PC
World Bank Group
World Learning

2024 Internship Sites

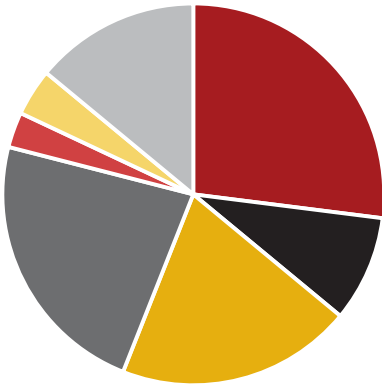
AARP
American Security Project
Bipartisan Policy Center
Calvert Impact Capital
Carnegie Council for Ethics in Intl. Relations
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Century Foundation
Congressional Hunger Center
Council Fire

2024 Graduates by Employment Sector



Undergraduate Students

- Federal Government (11%)
- State/Local Government (18%)
- Private Sector (21%)
- Nonprofit Sector (24%)
- Further Education (26%)



Graduate Students

- Federal Government (27%)
- State/Local Government (9%)
- Private Sector (20%)
- Nonprofit Sector (23%)
- Further Education (3%)
- International Organizations/Nations (4%)
- Academia (14%)

D.C. Public Schools
Deloitte
Earth Law Center
Equity Forward
Federal Reserve Board
John King and Will Smith for Maryland
Loudoun County (VA)
LXR Group
Maryland General Assembly
McLarty Associates
Montgomery County (MD) Council
Mothership Strategies
National Academy of Public Administration
National Low Income Housing Coalition
Office of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (NY-8)
Office of Congressman Jamie Raskin (MD-8)
Office of Delegate Ariana Kelly (MD-16)
Office of Hans Riemer for County Executive (Montgomery County, MD)
Partnership for Public Service
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Prince George's County (MD) Government
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network Strong Future Maryland
U.S. Agency for International Development
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Government Accountability Office
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
United Way Worldwide
University of Maryland Civic Innovation Center
University of Maryland Do Good Institute
University of Maryland Nyumburu Cultural Center
Urban Institute
World Bank Group
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