

PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Policy making for the next millennium will depend on solving problems across boundaries, whether economic, political, cultural, or national. Organizations in every area -- public, non-profit, or private -- need analysts skilled in multi-disciplinary approaches in developing, analyzing, evaluating, and formulating policies. UCLA's Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree program prepares graduates for the complexity of the future with the analytical tools to meet this challenge.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GOALS

The purpose of the internship program is to:

- augment students' academic preparation with professional application
- bring high standards of technical expertise, critical insight and political sensitivity to the analysis of policy problems and their social contexts
- analyze the implications of competing alternatives, including their indirect and long-term social impacts
- develop effective strategies for implementing the chosen alternatives

BENEFITS TO ORGANIZATIONS

- Excellent students who come prepared with skills in:
 - Analytic Methodologies*
statistical modeling, probability theory, forecasting, statistical inference, regression analysis, risk assessment, policy evaluation
 - Economic Logic and Public Choice*
economic analysis, resource allocation in a market economy, economic regulation, kinds of taxation, cost-benefit analysis
 - Political and Organizational Analysis*
government bureaucracy, work force diversity, role of technology

- The expertise of distinguished faculty in the UCLA School of Public Affairs' three departments: Public Policy, Social Welfare, and Urban Planning, as well as faculty who hold joint appointments in other UCLA departments, including Economics, Political Science, Management and Geography
- Access to the School-sponsored research centers as well as other research centers at UCLA
- Access to UCLA's research libraries, computer databases, the Internet and other research networks which students utilize in their research

- Exposure to the most recent research in social and public policy issues
- Independent, third-party, objective analysis provided by MPP students
- Evaluation of potential career employees, whose performance can be assessed during the internship
- Mutually beneficial affiliation with students, faculty and the School of Public Affairs

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION COMMITMENT

Each organization commits to:

- provide substantive policy analysis assignments to the graduate interns
- expose interns to the policy making process through research, writing and editing, interviewing, attending and participating in meetings, making presentations
- compensate interns commensurate with intern qualifications.
- schedule interns between 5 and 12 hours a week, or full-time (40 hrs/wk) during the summer. Scheduling is flexible, but students are discouraged from working more than 20 hours a week during the academic year.

STUDENT COMMITMENT AND GOALS

Students must complete a minimum of 400 hours of policy related field work. Typically they intern full-time for ten weeks during the summer. Some students may prefer to intern part-time during the summer and complete the remaining four hundred hours during the regular school year.

The students' responsibility in this internship is to:

- apply their analytic and quantitative skills in researching and analyzing issues from a policy perspective
- develop critical thinking in evaluating and comparing competing alternative policies
- demonstrate writing skills in composing a narrative report of the analysis which they conducted
- further develop communication skills through participation at meetings, conducting interviews, attending functions, and making presentations
- learn about the public and political context within which policy is developed and implemented
- develop political acumen in presenting and advocating policy recommendations

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