



APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL in International Affairs

GRADUATE
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FALL 2021

**WAYS TO
STRENGTHEN
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APPLICATIONS**

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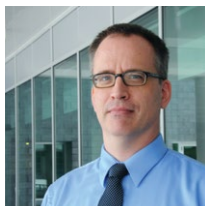
Schools Seek Applicants with Passion and Defined Career Goals

International affairs graduate programs are looking for applicants who have a passion for public service and who can articulate how the program will help them achieve their long-term goals, according to admissions experts at leading schools in this *FP Guide*.

In application essays, candidates should clearly describe their career objectives, including which global issues or regions they want to focus on, and tie them to the specific degrees offered at the targeted school.

“Do your research, start the process early, and be specific. Attend an open house, get the information you need about the program, and think critically about how it applies to your long-term goals,” says Travis Major, graduate admissions director at George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government.

Programs also want to see candidates who demonstrate a commitment to succeed in their careers despite personal or professional challenges or financial barriers, such as those faced by first-generation or lower-income students. One way of demonstrating this commitment is work experience in international affairs—which can range from study abroad to professional experience in the field.



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—Travis Major,
Director of Graduate
Admissions, Schar
School of Policy and
Government, George
Mason University

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHAR SCHOOL OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENT

THE BEST APPLICANTS HAVE THEIR EYES ON THE HORIZON

The admissions team at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government looks for two key elements in every applicant. The first is academic preparedness: Applicants must have the skills necessary to be successful as a student, whether honed through past coursework, professional work, or other experiences. The second element is program fit: There must be evidence that a specific degree matches the applicant's goals. Demonstrating both is a formula for success.

The best applicants will spend as much time thinking critically about their long-term goals as polishing their applications, says Travis Major, director of graduate admissions. That allows applicants to make a clear case for how a specific degree aligns with their future plans.

The Schar School welcomes students from the academic or professional spheres and recognizes that each application will be unique. Students don't need to fit into a cookie-cutter mold—they should feel encouraged to share their authentic personal story about why they believe they are ready for graduate school.

Above all else, Major notes, the Schar School has a communal nature and a desire to admit applicants who are willing to play an active role there. "True collaborations and mentorships between students and faculty are ingrained in the culture," Major says.

WHAT'S CRITICAL NOW

Building Careers During a Pandemic

The Schar School team has endeavored to make things easier for applicants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This includes acknowledging that applicants will have limited opportunities for internships and international travel in the near future, as well as offering virtual events for prospective students: open houses, sample classes, and the Policy Exchange series, a forum to discuss top policy issues directly with professors.

For current students, George Mason University has frequently updated its strict health and safety protocols to keep students, staff, and faculty safe. Also, the Schar School student services and career services teams have been contacting students virtually since the start of the pandemic, to help them reach their academic goals and connect them with virtual internships and interviews.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- MA in International Commerce and Policy
- MA in International Security
- MA in Political Science
- MA in Public Administration
- MA in Public Policy
- MS in Biodefense
- MS in Organization Development and Knowledge Management
- PhD in Biodefense
- PhD in Political Science
- PhD in Public Policy

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships: Priority February 1, 2022; regular May 1, 2022

Standardized Exam Scores: While only a few programs require GRE scores, they are just one of the many relevant factors for admission and do not drive admissions decisions.

Recommendation Letters: Two are required, from professors or professional colleagues who are knowledgeable about the applicant.

Application Checklist:

<https://schar.gmu.edu/why-study-here/admissions/how-to-apply>

Creating **change-makers**



EXPLORE A FEW OF THE SCHAR SCHOOL'S IN-DEMAND GRADUATE PROGRAMS:

- ▶ Biodefense
- ▶ International Commerce and Policy
- ▶ International Security

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

STUDENTS ADVANCE MISSION TO WAGE PEACE

“Successful candidates come to SIS knowing our institutional commitment to service and social justice. While everyone may approach this differently, all of them are connected in the common purpose of improving the lives of the larger communities around them.”



—Jia Jiang, Director of Graduate Enrollment Management, School of International Service, American University



Examine where students at American University’s School of International Service (SIS) work after graduation, and the pull toward public service is hard to ignore. Scores of government and international agencies are represented, from the US Department of State to the World Bank Group.

This school takes seriously the charge of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, that Americans must “wage peace.”

“Successful candidates come to SIS knowing our institutional commitment to service and social justice,” says Jia Jiang, director of graduate enrollment management. “While everyone may work toward this commitment through different academic or professional lenses—some through human rights and poverty alleviation work, others through public and cultural diplomacy, and still others through foreign policy and global security—all of them understand the big picture of who we are and what we care about.”

Located in Washington, DC, SIS offers about 20 degree programs that allow its students to tailor their education, drawing on the resources of the nation’s capital and more than 20,000 alumni.

The school also has its own unique resources. For example, SIS faculty members spearhead the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy, which is dedicated to assessing the social, legal, ethical, and political implications of carbon removal practices.

“About 75 percent of SIS master’s degree students have a broad range of post-college work experience,” Jiang says. “But we have also had many career-changers who bring creative and valuable perspectives from a non-international relations space, who help inform our field. This diversity of experience is what enriches our classroom and is imperative to how we solve our global challenges together.”



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

**Degree Options
Reflecting the
Breadth of
International
Affairs**

School of International Service students can tightly focus their education around interests and ambitions. For example, it is one of few schools to offer a dedicated MA in Global Environmental Policy, which explores the intersection of justice, ecological well-being, and humane governance. The signature MA in International Affairs: US Foreign Policy and National Security combines studies in defense, intelligence, and security with foreign policy, but also offers concentrations in diplomacy, cybersecurity, terrorism and political violence, and transnational security.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- MA in Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights
- MA in Global Environmental Policy
- MA in Intercultural and International Communication
- MA in International Affairs: Comparative and Regional Studies
- MA in International Affairs: Global Governance, Politics, and Security
- MA in International Affairs: International Economic Relations
- MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- MA in International Affairs Policy and Analysis
- MA in International Affairs: US Foreign Policy and National Security
- MA in International Development
- MA in International Economics
- MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- MA in International Relations (online)
- MS in Development Management
- MS in International Relations and Business (online)
- Executive Master of International Service (on campus or online)
- PhD in International Relations

SIS participates in the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the matching program for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships

Priority deadline for two-year master’s programs: January 15, 2022

Priority deadline for Executive Master of International Service program: March 15, 2022

Priority deadline for online master’s programs: June 13, 2022

Final deadline for PhD program: December 15, 2021

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE is not required for master’s applicants, but is required of all PhD applicants. The TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo is required for all non-native English speakers.

Recommendation Letters: Two are required for the master’s programs, and three are required for the PhD program.

Application Checklist:

<https://www.american.edu/sis/admissions/required-materials.cfm>

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“They are well-rounded. They are developing the skill set that is applicable to any situation—how to make sound decisions, how to build consensus, how to work with our allies. They are learning all of it. They will be well positioned to lead us into whatever next challenge we face.”

–Martina Leinz,
Director of
Executive Education,
Recruitment, and
Outreach, School
of Advanced
International Studies,
Johns Hopkins
University



Graduate Degree Program Options

Public Service Fellows and Scholars programs:

- MA in International Relations (MAIR)
- Master of International Public Policy (MIPP)

Other programs at the Washington, DC, campus:

- MA in Global Policy
- MA in Global Risk (online)
- MA in International Economics and Finance
- MA in Strategic and Intelligence Studies
- MA in Sustainable Energy (online)
- Graduate Certificates in International Studies, International Development, and International Economics
- Doctor of International Affairs
- Doctor of Philosophy

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAMS TEACH SKILLS FOR TOUGH CHALLENGES

The health, economic, and societal challenges of 2020 are a reminder that “we need public servants who have the skills to make pragmatic decisions at a moment’s notice,” says Martina Leinz, director of executive education, recruitment, and outreach at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Johns Hopkins SAIS prepares future leaders by offering broad training combined with a focus on specific regions and functional areas, such as Africa and law and diplomacy. “They are developing the skill set that is applicable to any situation—how to make sound decisions, build consensus, work with our allies,” Leinz says.

The Public Service Fellows and Scholars programs include the MA in International Relations (MAIR) and Master of International Public Policy (MIPP). Successful applicants will demonstrate an interest in international relations, through work, research, volunteering, or military service abroad. For the MIPP program, applicants are expected to have at least seven years of professional work experience. MAIR applicants need “the academic preparation, quantitative aptitude, leadership, and foreign language ability to thrive in our rigorous program,” Leinz says.

All students from all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply to the MAIR and MIPP

programs. Special consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need.

“The clearer you are in describing your objectives and why it is you wish to pursue the degree at our school, the better,” Leinz says.



ADMISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

Application System Adapts to Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, some undergraduate colleges have offered pass/fail ratings to allow students to focus more on learning than on grades. SAIS has decided to accept pass/fail grades in most cases, to accommodate applicants. The school also made GRE and GMAT tests optional for all but PhD candidates, and has no plans to change that policy. Furthermore, increasing the number of virtual “visits” has given prospective students more opportunities to engage with faculty, admissions staff, students, and alumni.

Financial Aid

In the past, academic merit was the primary factor that SAIS considered in awarding scholarships, but now, the school also considers financial need (the difference between cost and ability to pay).

Deadlines for Fall 2022

(Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships)

Early Notification: For MAIR and MIPP programs, November 1, 2021

Regular Decision: For MAIR, January 7, 2022; for MIPP, February 1, 2022

Standardized Exam Scores: GRE and GMAT are optional for the MAIR and MIPP programs. Test scores, if submitted, are considered in a holistic review of applicants. Non-native English speakers also are asked to submit either TOEFL or IELTS test scores.

Recommendation Letters: Two letters of recommendation are required, but applicants have the option of submitting a third. Recommendations should be written by individuals who are able to discuss the applicant’s qualifications for graduate study and a career in international affairs.

Application Checklist: Each program has its online application checklist, which can be found at <https://saiss.jhu.edu/admissions-aid>.



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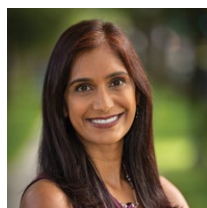
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YALE UNIVERSITY JACKSON INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM PUTS STUDENTS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

"Because Jackson is a flexible, interdisciplinary program, we look for students who have a clear idea of their focus area and the skills and knowledge they wish to gain from the program, and who will maximize the academic freedom that Jackson offers."



—Asha Rangappa,
Director of
Admissions, Jackson
Institute for
Global Affairs,
Yale University



Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs is intentionally small—about 35 Master in Public Policy (MPP) in Global Affairs students and a handful in the Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Global Affairs program. Students enjoy broad flexibility in their graduate studies and build close relationships with fellow Jackson students—a truly global network of future colleagues.

"Jackson students create their own tailored curriculum, choosing courses from across the university," says Asha Rangappa, director of admissions. "There is a way to tailor your course of study that is broader in the selection of courses and access to faculty than most policy programs, and much more specific to your area of interest."

Most successful applicants to the Jackson Institute have worked for at least two years and have demonstrated an interest in global affairs in both their academic and professional experiences. The institute looks for candidates who are clear about which global issues they want to focus on and which skills and knowledge they wish to gain from the program.

Three letters of recommendation are required, and at least one should come from a faculty

member who knows the applicant well. Two academic references and one professional reference are preferred, although for those who have been out of school a long time, two professional and one academic reference are acceptable.

Although the MPP program requires a GRE score, grades and recommendations are also important.

"Students should use their personal essay to connect the dots from their academic, personal, and professional experiences to their future professional goals," Rangappa says.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Fellows Provide Link to Real World

The Jackson
Institute's Senior

Fellows program brings practitioners to campus to teach and give talks. "People are actually meeting with leaders who have firsthand experience with making and implementing policy in different areas," Rangappa says. "Students get a chance to learn from people who have connections to those networks." Fellows include retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal, Ambassadors Harry K. Thomas Jr. and Bisa Williams, economic policy expert Oby Ezekwesili, and former US government lead climate lawyer Susan Biniaz.

Program Caters to Experienced Professionals

The Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Global Affairs targets mid-career global affairs professionals with at least seven years of experience. The one-year program allows students to take coursework in any of Yale's graduate and professional schools to suit their career goals. Only a handful of students are admitted each year, and they include foreign and US diplomats, military officers, journalists, and business leaders.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- Master in Public Policy (MPP) in Global Affairs
- Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Global Affairs

The Jackson Institute also awards joint degrees in public health, law, management, forestry, and environmental studies.

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Early Application (with no fee): December 1, 2021

Regular Application (with fee) and Financial Aid/Scholarships: January 2, 2022

Standardized Exam Scores: A GRE is required for the MPP, but not the MAS.

Recommendation Letters: Three are required.

Application Checklist:

<https://jackson.yale.edu/study/mpp/application-process>

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Yale JACKSON INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

"Jackson is built around the individual. Its personalized curriculum and tight-knit community of scholars provided me with foundational skills to develop and execute policy while affording me an opportunity to forge life-long friendships with colleagues, staff, and professors."

— ADAM HAMMER, JACKSON INSTITUTE, CLASS OF '20

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The Jackson Institute's M.P.P. in Global Affairs prepares students to impact the global community through an academically rigorous, yet flexible interdisciplinary program. At Jackson, graduate students design their own path through an individualized course of study. This intellectually demanding and diverse program will provide you with the theoretical foundations, analytical skills, and professional training needed to work within the complexity of today's public, nonprofit, and private sectors worldwide.

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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

WANTED: APPLICANTS WITH PASSION AND VARIED PERSPECTIVES

"We suggest applicants take their time in writing an application essay that allows Thunderbird's admissions committee to understand what they can bring to their cohort. Our students come to Thunderbird to develop the global leadership and management experience needed to excel in positions of responsibility across borders, languages, and cultures."



—Sanjeev Khagram, Director General and Dean, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University



Passion, a global point of view, and past professional experience top the list of admissions criteria for the 2022–2023 school year at Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management.

"We suggest applicants take their time in writing an application essay that allows Thunderbird's admissions committee to understand what they can bring to their cohort," says Sanjeev Khagram, director general and dean of the Thunderbird School.

The school was founded in the wake of World War II by Thunderbird Air Force pilots, who believed there was a better way to achieve peace. In the spirit of that mission, the school focuses on finding solutions for today's global challenges to create a more peaceful world.

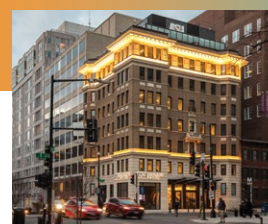
"Something we say all the time to our students is that 'borders frequented by trade and diplomacy seldom need soldiers,'" says Khagram. "Given the state of things in Afghanistan this year, we can see this impact, or lack thereof, unfolding in real time."

Khagram, himself a refugee from Uganda, says that the Thunderbird School values working

with professionals who have a true dedication to public service, conflict resolution, and education for the vulnerable.

"At the Thunderbird School, it's not about focusing on high salaries and impressive titles. It's about passion, and we're looking for students who feel the same," he says.

Given the ongoing pandemic, Thunderbird is working more closely with fall 2022 applicants, Khagram says.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

**Washington, DC—
based Executive
MA in Global
Affairs and
Management**

Thunderbird's one-year Executive MA in Global Affairs and Management, based in Washington, DC, trains its students to have a global mindset and a combination of 21st-century hard and soft skills. For example, students in the program's Global Challenge Lab spend three weeks working with a handful of classmates on a project tailored to the business needs of a real client (a company, nonprofit organization, university, or government agency) in another country. The students must manage a professional relationship with client executives and provide data and market analysis, strategy recommendations, and effective plans for sustained growth, then incorporate feedback from the client. Past projects include developing sourcing opportunities for glass and tableware products in Myanmar, and creating domestic and international marketing and sales strategies for a metal fabricator in Romania.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- MA in Global Affairs and Management: Creative Industries (Los Angeles)
- Master of Applied Leadership and Management (online)
- Master of Global Management (Phoenix)
- Executive MA in Global Affairs and Management (Washington, DC)
- Executive Master of Global Affairs and Management (Phoenix)
- Executive Master of Global Leadership and Strategy (six global cities)
- Executive Master of Global Management: Space Leadership, Business, and Policy (Los Angeles)

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Regular Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships:

Master of Global Management: For domestic students, June 30, 2022; for international students, March 30, 2022
Executive MA in Global Affairs and Management: For domestic students, November 29, 2021; for international students, October 4, 2021

Priority Consideration of Application and Financial Aid/ Scholarships:

Master of Global Management: October 30, 2021

Standardized Exam Scores: Thunderbird requires the GRE or GMAT, but offers waivers to qualified applicants based on years of prior work experience and GPA. In addition, non-native English speakers may be required to take pre-degree English instruction to meet the needed level of proficiency.

Recommendation Letters: For most programs, Thunderbird requires at least one professional or academic reference, preferably from individuals with direct and recent knowledge of the applicant's performance and potential.

Application Checklist: <https://thunderbird.asu.edu>

Executive Master of Arts in Global Affairs and Management

 in Washington, DC



“ This program is unique in equipping modern diplomats with **21st-century skill sets** and policy tools that balance strategic thinking with agility. ”

- Tarek B. Y., 2020
Tunisia



“ The **professors are super helpful** and worry about your learning process. They are open and request constructive feedback on how they can improve the student experience. ”

- Luciana P., 2020
Brazil



“ You are **never too old, too experienced or too busy** to join the Thunderbird Family. I enrolled in the EMAGAM program 25 years after earning my MA in International Studies from a top tier program. ”

- James E., 2020
USA

Learn more at Thunderbird.asu.edu/DC

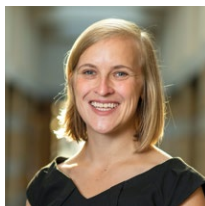


UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME KEOUGH SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS

RANGE OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN PROGRAM EMPHASIZING FIELDWORK

“We place a lot of emphasis on making sure we have a diverse cohort, not just intellectually or globally, but also professionally—our students represent a diverse range of experiences and talents. We make it a priority to bring together different perspectives to help effect change.”

–Becca Méndez, Associate Director, Master of Global Affairs program, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame



The Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame draws students from a growing list of countries. International students make up more than 50 percent of the school's Master of Global Affairs program, now in its fifth year, and students plus alumni represent more than 55 countries.

“We are excited that the program draws students from all corners of the globe, and every year the list of represented countries grows,” says Becca Méndez, associate director of the Keough School's Master of Global Affairs program. “We place a lot of emphasis on making sure we have a diverse cohort, not just intellectually or globally, but also professionally.”

Given the importance of a variety of backgrounds, applicants should highlight their professional and cross-cultural work, and demonstrate how this degree would be a natural stepping-stone in their career plans.

Méndez recommends that candidates for the Master of Global Affairs program have at least two years of work or volunteer experience, because the curriculum focuses on the intersection of theory and practice. Students must be able to weigh academic theories taught in the classroom against their own experience.

Also, it is important that candidates identify with the Keough School's mission of integral human development. The school is committed to addressing global problems from many different perspectives and disciplines and with a sensitivity to the cultures, religions, and histories of the communities where its faculty and students engage.

Admitting international students always has been—and will continue to be—a priority. The Keough School continues to work with international students to overcome the challenges of travel during the pandemic.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Adapting Fieldwork During the Pandemic

The Keough School values students working in the field and traveling for their studies. After

a year of primarily virtual modes of work, the school is looking to send students back into the field with new and innovative ways to engage with partners. “We understand things continue to shift as far as the pandemic is concerned,” Méndez says. “But the creativity of our faculty, students, and global partners has allowed us to amp up both the number and the kind of field placements.”

In addition, the Keough School builds upon the expertise of nine global institutes. In partnership with Notre Dame's Eck Institute for Global Health, the school allows students to pursue a global health specialization while working toward a degree in global affairs, preparing them for careers that address global health from a policy perspective.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- Master of Global Affairs
- Master of Global Affairs and JD
- Master of Global Affairs and MBA

Each degree offers three concentrations: Sustainable Development, International Peace Studies, and Governance and Policy, with opportunities to specialize.

Deadlines for Fall 2022

(Master of Global Affairs)

Application: December 15, 2021

Financial Aid/Scholarships: December 15, 2021

Applicants to the dual-degree MGA/JD and MGA/MBA programs must apply separately to each program, and they will be evaluated independently by

each program. For detailed application requirements, see <https://keough.nd.edu/mga>.

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE will not be required for those applying to start the Master of Global Affairs in fall 2022. Non-native English speakers must submit TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores unless they have studied at least two years at a university where instruction is in English.

Recommendation Letters: Three letters of recommendation are required for the Master of Global Affairs. At least one letter should speak to the candidate's academic ability, and one to their professional abilities. Letters attesting to the applicant's character are also valued.

Application Checklist: <https://keough.nd.edu/apply>



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"We want students who share our vision that public service is a noble calling. We learn a lot from a student's statement of purpose and their demonstrated commitment to public service."

–Jacqueline Linde, Director of Enrollment Management, Career, and Student Services, Bush School DC, Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE

BUSH SCHOOL DC SEEKS STUDENTS WITH PASSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The Bush School of Government & Public Service seeks students who share its vision that public service is a noble calling, for its new Washington, DC, location.

Opened in January and renovated in summer 2021, the Bush School DC is only two blocks from the White House.

The Bush School DC places a strong emphasis on a student's motivation for graduate study in the fields of national security, intelligence, and international policy, says Jacqueline Linde, director of enrollment management, career, and student services.

"We learn a lot from a student's statement of purpose and their demonstrated commitment to public service," Linde says.

Successful applicants also will have an academic background in the social sciences and work experience in international affairs. This experience can be interpreted broadly and ranges from study abroad to professional experience in the field.

Mid-career professionals are a key market for the Bush School DC, because of its emphasis on public service, affordable tuition, and small class sizes, which lead to meaningful connections between students and faculty. Well-published scholars and seasoned practitioners from federal agencies lead classroom discussions, collaborate on research, and mentor students in and out of the classroom.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Preparing Students for Intelligence Community Careers



The Bush School DC is recruiting students who are interested in careers in national security and intelligence. Bush School alumni work in all sectors of the intelligence community: federal agencies including the Central Intelligence Agency and Department of Homeland Security, government consulting firms such as Booz Allen and Leidos, think tanks, and nonprofit organizations. When President George H.W. Bush (a former director of the CIA) established the Bush School in 1997, he wanted a concentration in intelligence studies as part of the curriculum.

Many Bush School students look to a graduate degree as a path to their next position or as a way to switch industries.

The Master of International Policy program targets professionals with at least four years of work experience, and the Master of National Security and Intelligence is designed for early-career professionals or recent college graduates.



Graduate Degree Program Options

- Master of International Policy (MIP)
- Master of National Security and Intelligence (MNSI)

Priority Application Deadlines

Spring 2022 (MIP): November 1, 2021

Fall 2022 (MIP and MNSI): February 1, 2022

After the priority deadlines, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the class is filled.

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE or GMAT are recommended, but not required, for students with an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.0. For the Master of International Policy degree, an applicant's work experience is given strong consideration.

Recommendation Letters: Two recommendations letters are required.

Application Checklist: <http://bush.tamu.edu/dc>



Texas A&M Plants Flag in Washington, DC

Texas A&M University has opened a new teaching site in Washington, DC featuring the Bush School of Government and Public Service, a graduate program founded by the nation's 41st president. **The Bush School DC offers a Master of National Security and Intelligence and a Master of International Policy.**

The Bush School DC is a state-of-the-art facility located in downtown DC within several blocks of the White House and other key government buildings.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Both the Master of National Security and Intelligence (NSI) and the Master of International Policy (MIP) aim to strengthen students' ability to understand complex issues through rigorous coursework. Well-published scholars and seasoned practitioners from federal agencies lead in-depth classroom discussions, collaborate on research, and mentor students in and out of the classroom. The programs seek to expand students' worldview and prepare them to advance their careers in national security, intelligence and international affairs.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Courses offered in the evenings
- Ideal location in downtown DC
- Small class sizes
- Highly qualified faculty of academics and practitioners
- **MIP Degree:** 30-credit no thesis degree designed for working professionals
- **NSI degree:** 42-credit degree for recent college graduates and early career professionals.



I chose the Bush School DC for my master's degree because I wanted a high-quality education while advancing my career in the nation's capital.

—**Erika**, Department of Homeland Security



I chose the Bush School in DC to learn from distinguished national security policy makers including CIA analysts and experts from DOD and the State Department.

—**Fabio**, Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers



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NUMBER 1 ADMISSIONS PRIORITY IS A COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

"We seek great candidates from all places and all spaces. A lot of first-generation or lower-income students, for example, don't think that Princeton is a place for them. We want them to know we are committed to supporting all students. This support goes far beyond admissions. It is baked into all aspects of our programs."

—Steven F. Petric,
Director of Graduate
Admissions,
Princeton School
of Public and
International Affairs,
Princeton University



What distinguishes the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) is that public service is central to everything it does. "Service leads our admissions process and everything we do at SPIA. The majority of our students and alumni serve their communities," says Director of Graduate Admissions Steven F. Petric.

"Follow your passions because by doing work you love, you will excel," Petric advises potential applicants. "We look for excellence and for committed, passionate individuals working on behalf of their communities and toward a more inclusive and equitable world."

SPIA is committed to training policy professionals who will address the world's most pressing policy challenges—today and tomorrow. The school offers a Master in Public Affairs (two years) and a mid-career Master in Public Policy (one year), both of which allow students to choose among four fields of concentration and three optional certificate programs.

SPIA added a mandatory course on race, power, and inequality this year—its second such addition—in an effort to better equip graduates for a policy landscape that is evolving. It will be the first course that new students take when they arrive at the school.

Furthermore, SPIA offers a unique benefit: the school pays the cost of tuition and health insurance for every admitted student. A need-based stipend to cover living expenses also is available. This practice helps make the school financially accessible to students from all communities. "We work very hard to provide financial packages that ensure students can focus on their studies while at SPIA and on their public service careers after graduation," Petric says.

ADMISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

Prioritizing Diversity and Tenacity

The school values diverse backgrounds and lived experiences in its applicants—



individuals who demonstrate a commitment to succeed in their careers despite personal or professional challenges or financial barriers.

"Our holistic approach to admissions considers multiple indicators of success beyond those measured on a transcript, to include creativity, tenacity, and perseverance," Petric says. "A lot of first-generation or lower-income students, for example, don't think that Princeton is a place for them. We want them to know we are committed to supporting all students."



Graduate Degree Program Options

- Master in Public Affairs
- Master in Public Policy (for mid-career professionals)
- PhD in Public Affairs

Deadlines for Fall 2022

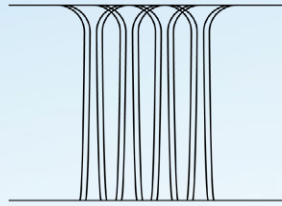
Application: December 1, 2021

Financial Aid/Scholarships: Princeton has one application deadline and one admissions cycle. All admitted students receive full financial support for tuition and required fees.

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE is required for the MPA. The MPP and PhD programs are test-optional.

Recommendation Letters: Three are required.

Application Checklist: <https://spia.princeton.edu/graduate-admissions>



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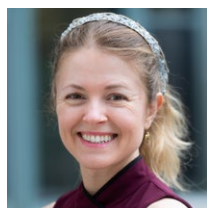


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WHERE REAL EXPERTISE MEETS REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

"I always tell prospective students to give us as much information as possible in their application. Take advantage of everything optional. We want to get to know you outside of just your GPA and undergraduate coursework. We want to know what drives you."

—Kelly Wadsworth, Graduate Program Manager, Institute for Politics and Strategy, Carnegie Mellon University



When students arrive at the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Politics and Strategy (IPS), they have more than lectures and classes ahead of them.

Throughout a two-year master's program, students get practical experience applying what they are learning outside the classroom. Some spend time in Washington, DC, or overseas completing a required internship in their concentration area. The program culminates with students writing a publishable thesis, built on coursework in research methods and by working with a faculty adviser. The program blends academic study with real-world experience to produce graduates who are prepared to excel in a shifting landscape.

That readiness starts during the application process, IPS Graduate Program Manager Kelly Wadsworth says.

"IPS welcomes applicants from diverse academic, professional, and personal backgrounds, and seeks those dedicated to making an impact in our ever-changing political world," she says. "Our admissions process is holistic in that we consider all aspects of the application equally, to determine an overall fit between your background and goals and our culture, curriculum, and community."

Last year, IPS students worked with members of Congress, the US Department of State, and the United Nations Foundation. Wadsworth says the school is looking for students who thrive in these types of dynamic environments, and she encourages applicants to provide as much information about themselves as possible.

"We want to know what drives *you*," she says.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



The Vital Role of Security Education

Both major degree programs at the Institute for Politics and Strategy offer concentrations

that allow students to focus on security. The MS in International Relations and Politics offers an international emphasis, while the Master of Information Technology Strategy has an information security concentration. "War has been a constant in many of our lives, and that unfortunately does not look like it will change soon," Wadsworth says. "But what is changing is the political landscape of war, from wars between nations to non-state actors like ISIS and al-Qaeda."

In particular, students have the opportunity to analyze the role of cyber warfare and cybersecurity in international politics. "Cyberattacks by nation-states and their proxies have the potential to reshape how wars are fought in the 21st century," Wadsworth says. "As such, the complexity and policy challenges of cyber engagements are immense and without precedent."



Graduate Degree Program Options

Master of Information Technology Strategy (MITS)

Concentration options:

- Data Analytics
- Information Security
- Politics and Strategy
- Software and Networked Systems

MS in International Relations and Politics (MS IRP)

Concentration options:

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- International Security

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Application: For MS IRP, February 1, 2022; for MITS, January 15, 2022

Financial Aid/Scholarships: February 15, 2022

Standardized Exam Scores: Standardized tests such as the GRE or GMAT are not required for admission. If an applicant's native language is not English, TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English tests are required.

Recommendation Letters: Two recommendations are required, one from a source who can attest to the applicant's academic abilities and another who knows the applicant from a professional setting. Applicants may submit a third recommendation.

Application Checklist:

MS IRP: <https://www.cmu.edu/ips/graduatedegrees/msirp/admissions.html>

MITS: <https://www.cmu.edu/mits/admissions/index.html>

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–Kristen Ligers,
Director of Programs,
Munk School of Global
Affairs & Public Policy,
University of Toronto

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

BROAD STUDENT BODY BRINGS CURIOSITY AND ENGAGEMENT TO PROGRAMS

Artists, engineers, scientists, recent college graduates, and others comprise the student body at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto—in one of the world’s most cosmopolitan cities.

All that diversity spawns robust class discussions, says Kristen Ligers, director of programs. “The common thread is a curiosity about the subject matter. At the Munk School, we are looking for students who are creative, who push the limits, who think differently, and who are deeply engaged with the world and determined to have an impact on it.”

At the Munk School, students can pursue a Master of Public Policy (MPP), which draws students who are passionate about contributing to the public good, and a Master of Global Affairs (MGA), which focuses on security, development, justice and human rights, markets, and innovation policy.

Entrance is competitive, so applicants should “add a little bit of themselves” to make sure their personalities come through in the application. The school looks at students’ GPA for their entire undergraduate college career and also résumés, personal statements, and letters of recommendation.

During the pandemic, the school has been connecting applicants around the world virtually to help them develop relationships even before they arrive in Toronto.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



Students Gain Practical Experience During Global Internships

When Munk School students break for the summer after their first year, the learning goes global. Even during the worst of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, the school had a 100 percent placement rate in summer internships, which are for-credit and required.

A dedicated staff member helps with applications to multilateral organizations, think tanks, private sector companies, nonprofits, and government agencies. Some recent placements have been with Global Affairs Canada, the International Organization for Migration, various United Nations agencies, and the professional services company KPMG. Locations are varied, too. The International Organization for Migration, for instance, took students in Geneva and Cairo, among other cities.

The pandemic is just one issue that spotlights the value of public policy and international affairs degrees, Ligers says. “Whether it’s COVID-19, the growing rivalry between the United States and China, or the struggle for human rights that exists around the world, these are times that demand change and creative thinking. The content of these degrees really lends itself to what’s happening in the world.”



Graduate Degree Program Options

- Master of Global Affairs (MGA)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The Munk School also offers dual and cooperative degree programs with partner institutions.

Deadlines for Fall 2022

Priority Application: January 20, 2022

Regular Application: For MGA, April 1, 2022; for MPP, rolling applications

Financial Aid/Scholarships: January 20, 2022

Standardized Exam Scores: None are required for MGA applicants. MPP students who received their undergraduate degree outside of Canada must submit GRE scores.

Recommendation Letters: Two are required. They are often most effective coming from past professors who can talk about a student’s strengths and passion for the subject.

Application Checklist:

MGA: <https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/mga/admissions/apply-now>

MPP: <https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/publicpolicy/programs/master-of-public-policy-program/mpp-program-admissions>

A photograph of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy building at night. The building is a large, multi-story brick structure with many windows illuminated from within. The lights reflect on a body of water in the foreground. A large tree is visible on the right side of the building.

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