“The School of Public Policy and Governance has some of the best faculty and practitioners at its fingertips—all are ready and willing to help students. I liked that SPPG offered a mix of theoretical core courses, taught by some of the leading academics in their field, and highly practical and workplace-oriented courses taught by experienced policy leaders.”

— Liza Kobrinsky (MPP Class of 2014)
Economic Policy Analyst
*Finance Canada, Ottawa*

“SPPG has excellent connections with the University of Toronto that allowed me to take many other courses from other faculties and schools such as Rotman School of Management, Law Faculty as well as Dalla Lana School of Public Health.”

— Emre Yurga (MPP Class of 2015)
Senior Policy Analyst
*Ontario Ministry of Transportation*
Welcome to the University of Toronto’s School of Public Policy & Governance, established in 2006. Our School has two broad goals. The first is to form a hub for policy discourse, bringing researchers, practitioners, and community members together in order to contribute to policy debates, development, and discussion across many areas of expertise, both nationally and internationally. The second is to educate candidates in our innovative Master of Public Policy (MPP) graduate professional program to make a difference in the public, private, and community sectors by shaping dynamic and innovative public policy at local, regional and international levels.

Our Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree allows students to examine the most challenging issues that confront governments at all levels while exploring how decisions and choices are made. From sustainable health care to global warming and energy production, our students learn from and work with top researchers and practitioners in public policy, the community, and government, providing students with a comprehensive educational experience that allows them not only to build an extensive network, but also to emerge with a practical understanding of the world of public policy, and the competence to address the challenges that will emerge in the future.

Our emphasis on providing a comprehensive education is achieved through our curriculum’s inclusion of a summer public policy internship program that connects students with positions in the municipal, provincial, and federal governments, as well as with a variety of public, private, and community organizations. Our academic program is further supported by extensive outreach programming that includes integrating seminars, speaker series, conferences, symposia, and roundtables. These events bring together visiting scholars, practitioners, students and faculty along with government, business, and international leaders to contribute to policy debates nationally and internationally.

The policy environment is changing at an increasingly rapid pace. As we enter another dynamic year of programming, the School has become a vibrant centre for scholarly investigation and an important hub for cross-community collaboration and creative problem solving within the policy community. Our School understands and responds to the Canada’s need for an innovative form of education to build the professional and academic capacity necessary to address the public policy challenges of the 21st century.

“The best thing about studying public policy at U of T is the dynamic curriculum. Public policy responds to both knowledge and power; the School is unique in that it integrates advanced leadership training with a sound understanding of democratic structures and processes. The sense of collegiality and community amongst students, faculty, and administration is reinforced by a commitment to ensure that each individual student receives the support necessary to succeed and excel.”

– Shannon Wells (MPP Class of 2009)
Strategy Lead North America and Global Leadership Fellow
World Economic Forum, New York
Master of Public Policy (MPP) Graduate Professional Program

A Continued Tradition of Excellence
The Master of Public Policy is an intensive, full-time two-year professional program. Founded in 2006, it continues the University of Toronto’s internationally recognised tradition of academic excellence and combines it with practical, real world policy experience.

Students graduate with a strong foundation in analytical and quantitative skills, core policy concepts as well as management and leadership skills.

A mandatory and comprehensive policy internship program ensures that all students at the School of Public Policy & Governance have the opportunity to transfer classroom theory into practical experience developing and implementing policy. Internship positions are available with a variety of organisations.

Combining Research and Practice
In the real world, policy isn’t developed or enacted in a bubble. That’s why the School of Public Policy & Governance has a curriculum and teaching style that incorporates multiple disciplines and sectors.

Faculty from the University of Toronto’s globally recognized schools of business and law as well as the departments of economics, political science, philosophy, and sociology provide our students with the context and perspectives necessary to appreciate complex policy issues. Visiting public sector leaders and external researchers bridge theory and practice, providing contact with senior professionals in government and the broader public, private and community sectors.

Career Building Experience
All students at the School of Public Policy & Governance participate in a summer policy internship that provides students with the opportunity to use their newly developed skills towards real life policy development and implementation.

Staff and faculty work closely with students to help them secure the internship that best reflects their career ambitions and interests. These include paid positions in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Professional Development
The School offers a range of professional development sessions that provide MPP candidates practical human resources expertise in preparing for an internship and post-grad career strategies and support. A series of practitioner skills sessions are also offered to enhance analytical, oral and written communications for public policy in order to prepare students for the workplace.

“I value the applicability of the program to the real world. The MPP has given me core skills needed for a policy career, and I think the school excels in bridging the notorious gap between education and employment. The internship is a big part of that, and looking back that was a really valuable part of the MPP program.”

– Lisa Friis-Petersen (MPP Class of 2013)
Senior Policy Analyst
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
International and Interdisciplinary Program

Students who wish to pursue advanced training in a particular policy area have the option of completing their MPP degree in collaborative study such as

- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic and Pluralism Studies
- Public Health Policy
- Women and Gender Studies

The MPP program also provides students the option to study abroad in the fall semester of their second year through one of the international exchange partnerships with the

- Hertie School of Governance in Berlin
- Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po in Paris
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore
- National Graduate Institute for Public Policy in Tokyo

Beyond the Classroom

The School is a vibrant hub for policy conferences, symposia, seminars and events. The School is an axis for political leaders, researchers and policy practitioners from all sectors to interact and learn. Students benefit from a regular schedule of discussions, panels and debates on issues of local, national and international importance. Students can also get involved with a number of student-led leadership initiatives.

Student Leadership Initiatives

**Beyond the Headlines (BTH)** is a one-hour current affairs talk radio show airing on CIUT 89.5 FM aimed at providing a greater understanding and thoughtful discussion of the various policy issues in our daily news headlines.

**The Ford+SPPG Conference** is a student-led policy conference that brings together the best and brightest future policymakers from both sides of the Canada-US border.

**The Public Good Initiative (PGI)** is the student-led pro bono consulting organization at SPPG. The PGI’s mission is to make a positive contribution to the policy capacity of the not-for-profit sector.

**The Public Policy and Governance Review (PPGR)** is a dynamic bi-annual publication and blog written by tomorrow’s policy makers and professionals alike. It features peer-reviewed academic articles, political analyses, interviews with policy leaders and innovators, reports from the field, reviews, debates, and opinions.

**The Walter Gordon Symposium (WGS)** is a public policy conference organized every year by SPPG students in conjunction with graduate students from Massey College.

“The MPP program has built a well-deserved reputation as a small, professional, rigorous academic environment that’s situated in the best city in the world. The relationships I built with my classmates and with our professors are among the most memorable and rewarding aspects of my time at the School.”

– Aviva Levy (MPP Class of 2012)
Social Housing Consultant
City of Toronto
Employer Information

Canada’s future policy leaders working for you
The School of Public Policy & Governance at the University of Toronto invites you to participate in our recruitment and summer internship programs.

As a partner in this program you will have the opportunity to provide students with real-world experience that is critical to their learning and development—and you will be building important relationships with the brightest policy students in Canada.

Students in the Master of Public Policy program receive a solid theoretical grounding in the policy issues that affect our world today. In joining with us to provide students with practical experience, you are helping students to make the link between knowledge and application, critical for the future of good governance in Canada.

What Can an MPP Student/Grad Do for You?
The MPP is a two-year professional program that helps students develop the knowledge and skills to be public leaders. Our current MPP cohort (over 80 students) represents a variety of academic backgrounds, from both Canadian and international universities. After a rigorous first year core curriculum and intensive professional development sessions, students can add value to your organization in the following ways:

✓ policy formation and development
✓ quantitative and qualitative research
✓ strategic implementation
✓ communication and issues management
✓ program design and evaluation
✓ statistical and economic analysis
✓ cost-benefit analysis

MPP INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS
- minimum 10 weeks, typically 12–18 weeks
- robust policy component
- please note this is a paid internship program

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ADVANTAGE

Recruit from highly competitive candidate pool.
Hire skilled students from the premiere public policy school at Canada’s number one university.

Introduce your organization to policy leaders of the future.
Our students develop leadership skills by championing student-led initiatives like a non-profit consulting service, cross-border conference, and a peer-reviewed academic journal.

Connect with cutting-edge research and extensive resources and knowledge.
Participation in this program leads to long-term relationships with the School and our internationally renowned faculty.

MPP PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

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Employment Statistics

Alumni Employment, MPP Class of 2009–2015

- **21%** NOT-FOR-PROFIT
  - 25% Industry Association
  - 17% Education
  - 17% Social
  - 14% Research
  - 14% Health
  - 7% Other
  - 2% Environment
  - 2% Finance

- **11%** PRIVATE SECTOR

- **5%** ACADEMICS/PHD

- **5%** THINK TANK

- **59%** GOVERNMENT
  - 70% Ontario Public Service
  - 11% Municipal
  - 8% Federal
  - 5% Provincial (Non-OPS)
  - 4% Political Staff
  - 2% US or International

Internships: MPP Class of 2017

- **49**
  - GOVERNMENT - OPS
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  - PRIVATE

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**INTERNS BY SECTOR**

**OPS INTERNS BY MINISTRY**
- Aboriginal Affairs
- Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Energy
- Intergovernment Affairs/Cabinet Office
- Labour
- Training, Colleges and Universities
- Attorney General
- Cabinet Office
- Community and Social Services
- Education
- Finance
- Tourism, Culture and Sports
- Environment and Climate Change
- Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade
- Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
- Health and Long Term Care
- Treasury Board Secretariat
- Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Government and Consumer Services