

Master of Global Affairs Master of Public Policy



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Welcome to the Munk School

The world needs leaders, and those leaders need to understand complex social problems, deep political disagreements, challenging economic environments, and the coming changes to the climate that will reshape our world. At the Munk School, we prepare professionals to address these and many other pressing issues. Our faculty includes world-renowned scholars in economics, political science, sociology, history, social work, and other disciplines, alongside public policy practitioners who bring extensive hands-on experience from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

When you join the Master of Global Affairs (MGA) or the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program, you will learn to think critically about Canadian and global challenges. Your classes will push you to rigorously evaluate policies, to ask not just how things are done today, but how they can be done better. You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of student leadership initiatives, from the Ford + Munk case competition to the Indigenous Policy Initiative. You will develop skills to negotiate in complex strategic environments, adapt government to the digital age, and lead diverse teams with confidence.

As two-year programs, the MGA and MPP combine academic training with practical experience. In your first year, you will be introduced to the core theories and tools of multiple disciplines, exploring topics such as global security, the social context of public policy, human rights, innovation policy, economics, strategic negotiation, and digital governance.

The following summer, the School's expert staff will help you secure an internship that aligns with your skills and interests. In your second year, you will bring the experience of that internship into the classroom and your extracurricular activities, while deepening your expertise and preparing to launch your career.

Daily life at the Munk School includes lots of classes, but just as importantly, you will be immersed in a vibrant community of peers, alumni, faculty, fellows, staff, and visitors. In a single day, you might attend a morning class led by a former high-ranking civil servant, share lunch with friends from the Master of Global Affairs or Master of Public Policy programs, participate in an afternoon workshop on authoritarian censorship and social media hosted by a visiting expert, and connect with alumni at an evening networking event.

At the Munk School, from our Math-Stats Prep Courses to the day you walk across the stage in Convocation Hall to receive your diploma, you will be challenged to think both broadly and deeply. Whatever challenges you face in your career, we hope you prepare for them by spending time with us at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy.

**— Professor Michael Donnelly,
Director of Professional Master's Programs,
Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy**



Why choose the Master of Global Affairs and the Master of Public Policy Degree Programs at the Munk School?

- The University of Toronto is ranked #1 in Canada and #21 globally in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026.
- Located in downtown Toronto, one of the world's most diverse cities, the Munk School offers two-year, full-time MGA and MPP programs, each featuring a mandatory summer internship. Our global network includes over 1,220 MPP and 1,090 MGA alumni.
- Our diverse faculty are leaders in research, teaching, and global engagement, bringing rich interdisciplinary expertise to both programs and inspiring students to think critically and globally.
- The Munk School offers a range of programs, centres, and labs, along with strong support systems that prepare students for careers in global affairs and public policy. Hands-on experiences further enhance their competitiveness at home and abroad.



Learn from the experts

The Munk School's distinguished faculty includes world-class scholars and seasoned practitioners from the public and private sectors. Their interdisciplinary expertise, spanning international relations, economic policy, and global justice, bridges theory and practice, shaping research and advising governments, NGOs, and global institutions.

Through the Master of Global Affairs and Master of Public Policy programs, students gain rigorous academic training and practical experience, equipping them to lead and innovate in a complex, interconnected world.

Left to Right (from top row): Professor Ron Levi, Assistant Professor Rie Kijima, Professor Shiri Breznitz, Professor Phillip Lipsky, Professor Darius Ornston, University Professor Dan Breznitz; (second row) Assistant Professor Moussa Blimpo, Professor Ron Deibert, University Professor Janice Stein, Founding Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, Professor Julia Gray, Professor Lynette Ong, Professor Ayelet Shachar; (third row) Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Gabriel Eidelman, Associate Professor Jonathan Craft, Professor Daniyal Zuberi, Associate Professor Michael Donnelly, Director of Graduate Programs, Assistant Professor Laura Garcia-Montoya, Professor Phil Triadafilopoulos; (fourth row) Assistant Professor Drew Fagan, Professor Ito Peng, Assistant Professor Christopher Greenaway, Professor James Radner, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Janet Mason, Associate Professor Tom Kemeny.



Master of Global Affairs (MGA)

The Munk School's Master of Global Affairs is a two-year program that combines rigorous academic study with a global summer internship.

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Incoming students can take Math-Stats and Microeconomics prep courses the summer before they start year one of the program, to strengthen their quantitative skills, at no additional cost.

Year One

Core courses:

- Global Development
- Global Innovation Policy
- Global Security
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- Microeconomics for Global Affairs*
- Macroeconomics: Markets, Institutions and Growth*
- Statistics for Global Affairs

Elective one: choose one of the three options:

- GLA2029H — The Sustainability Imperative: Implications for Global Affairs and Public Policy
- GLA2027H — Ethics and Global Affairs
- GLA2034H — Decision-Making & Strategic Thinking

Elective two: choose from a list of year two elective offerings each year

**An intermediate level is available for students with advanced knowledge in this subject*

Global Internship Course- GLA1007Y (between Year 1 and Year 2)

The MGA program includes a mandatory 10–16 week global summer internship with top national and international institutions, businesses, or civil society organizations.

"My capstone deepened my understanding of how conflict disproportionately affects women and children. As a woman committed to social justice, working with Journalists for Human Rights reinforced my passion for supporting programs and policies that empower vulnerable groups in conflict zones."

-Thais Fares, MGA'25, on her capstone project consulting for Journalists for Human Rights (Toronto, ON)

Year Two

Core courses:

- Research Methods for Capstone
- Capstone Seminar
- + 5 elective courses

Students must complete at least 1.5 courses (three electives) in an emphasis, which will be noted on their transcript at graduation.

Year Two emphases:

- Development
- Innovation Policy
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- Markets
- Global Security
- The Digital World
- Global Policy
- Climate Policy

MGA students are required to take a total of 9.0 full courses or 18 half courses.

Capstone project

The Capstone Project integrates collaboration, practical experience, and problem-solving, allowing you to apply your MGA knowledge to real-world client needs.

Past Capstone clients have included:

- Scotiabank - Global Financial Services
- Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health
- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- UNICEF
- CIFAR (Canadian Institute for Advanced Research)
- Global Affairs Canada

Joint programs & specializations

Besides the standalone MGA and dual degrees, you can pursue a combined degree, specialization, or study abroad through an exchange.

Combined Programs:

- Juris Doctor/Master of Global Affairs (JD/MGA)
- Master of Global Affairs/Master of Business Administration (MGA/MBA)

Collaborative Specializations:

- Collaborative Master's Specialization in Contemporary East and Southeast Asian Studies
- Collaborative Specialization in Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies
- Collaborative Specialization in Environmental Studies
- Collaborative Specialization in Global Health

Dual degrees

Munk School students have the opportunity to stretch their degree across continents by earning two distinct and complementary master's degrees in just over two years. Students in a dual degree program graduate with a multidisciplinary approach to global affairs and a truly multicultural perspective, and benefit from the unique academic strengths of each institution, the depth of the networks centred in their geographic region and their wide-reaching internship resources.



Study in the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Master of Public Administration (MPA) from LSE / Master of Global Affairs (MGA) from U of T

Start at a top London university with an MPA, complete a global internship, then earn your MGA in Toronto, blending world-class education with real-world experience.



Study in Paris at Sciences Po

Master of Public Policy (MPP) from Sciences Po / Master of Global Affairs (MGA) from U of T

Students earn a Master of Public Policy at a world-class university in Paris, complete a global internship, then join the Munk School's MGA in Toronto, known for its innovative curriculum and global impact.



Study in Berlin at the Hertie School

Master of International Affairs (MIA) from the Hertie School / Master of Global Affairs (MGA) from U of T

Earn a Master of International Affairs at a top European research hub, complete a global internship, then pursue your MGA at the Munk School, known for its innovative global affairs approach.



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Study in New York at Columbia School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

Master of Global Affairs (MGA) from U of T/ Master of International Relations or Public Administration (MIA or MPA) from Columbia SIPA

Earn an MGA in Toronto, renowned for its innovative curriculum and global education, complete a global internship, and then continue at the top-notch Columbia SIPA to complete a MIA or MPA in your second year, expanding your global reach.

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Study in Tokyo at Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP)

Master of Global Affairs (MGA) in Toronto/ Master of Public Policy from University of Tokyo at Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP)

Earn an MGA in Toronto, complete a global internship, and then pursue a MPP at Tokyo's prestigious GraSPP, gaining a truly global perspective across North America and Asia.



The Global Public Policy Network (G.P.P.N.)

The Global Public Policy Network (G.P.P.N.) brings together eight of the world's leading public policy schools from Paris to New York, London to Singapore, Tokyo to São Paulo, Berlin, and Toronto's own Munk School. This dynamic network fosters cutting-edge research, vibrant partnerships, and exciting student exchanges. Each year, the Munk School teams participate in the G.P.P.N. conference and global policy case competition, consistently achieving top-three finishes and showcasing their leadership on the world stage. In 2026, our students embarked on an exciting journey to Singapore to participate in the G.P.P.N.

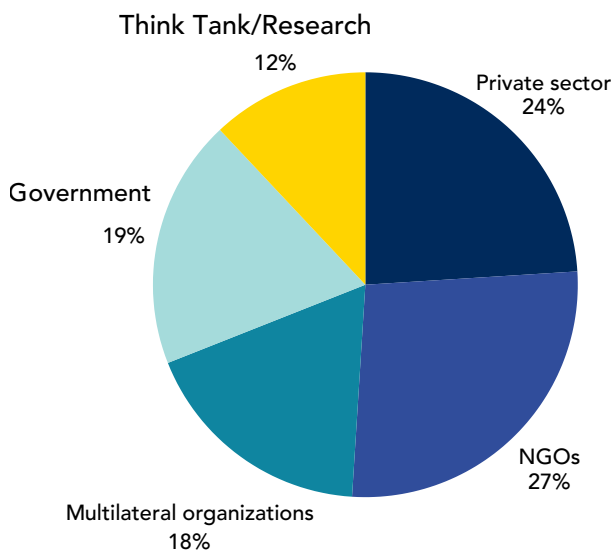
Internships

The internship is a vital component of the MGA program, providing real-world experience and valuable connections with leading corporations, international and national institutions, and civil society organizations.

Our dedicated Global Internship Manager provides personalized career support and professional development to help you secure the perfect placement. Past internship partners include prestigious organizations such as the World Bank, OECD, UNICEF, Global Affairs Canada, Manulife, KPMG, and the UN Environment Program (UNEP).

To date, MGA students have completed internships in 63 countries, partnering with over 320 organizations worldwide.

MGA internships by sector



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Yunji Hwang, MGA '25

My internship was with the Global Education Cluster at UNICEF in Geneva, where I focused on advocating for education in emergencies. I developed strategic management skills by creating and leading the communication plan for the Annual Meeting in Nairobi, gaining experience in producing engaging content and executing a social media strategy aligned with the meeting's objectives. This critical skill continues to serve me today in both my professional and personal life.

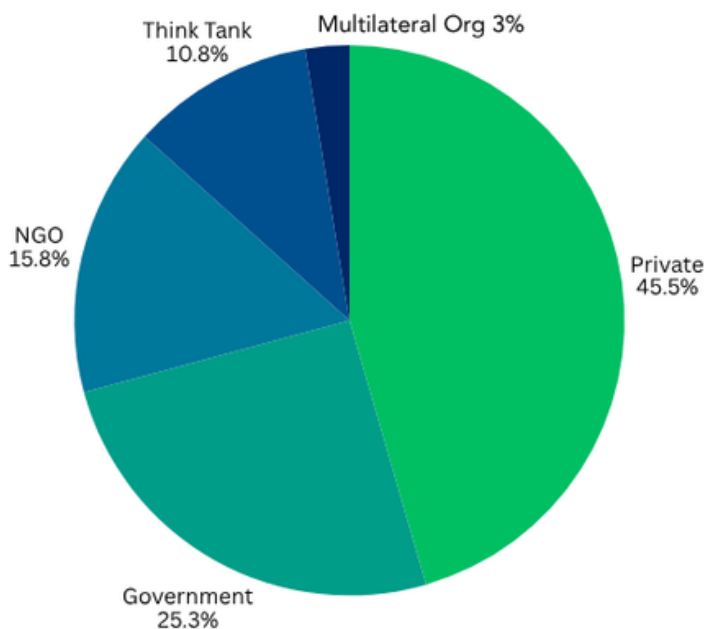
The highlight of my internship was organizing the Annual Meeting in Kenya. I had the opportunity to open the last day of the conference and meet global experts dedicated to delivering quality education to children. Learning from practitioners who witness these crises firsthand was eye-opening, and I discovered my passion for dynamic teamwork and cross-sectoral collaboration. This experience solidified my commitment to humanitarian response and global development, bringing me closer to my goal of managing global development projects and ultimately launching my own social enterprise.

What can you do with an MGA degree?

Careers Team and Support:

MGA graduates build careers across the public, private, and non-profit sectors, working in areas such as public policy, international development, sustainability, finance, consulting, risk management, governance, and law. From shaping government policy and managing global programs to advancing corporate strategy and sustainable finance, our alumni apply their skills to address complex challenges in Canada and around the world.

MGA alumni employment by sector:



The Professional Development and Career Strategies (PDACS) Office provides personalized career support throughout your MGA journey, from career exploration and professional development to networking and job search strategies. Our support continues after graduation through ongoing career services and a global alumni network, helping graduates navigate and grow throughout their careers.

Recent jobs held by MGA graduates include:

Government & Public Policy

- Advanced Policy Analyst Program (APAP), Government of Canada
- Senior Policy Lead, Ofgem (UK)
- Senior Trade Officer, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Finance, Risk & Sustainability

- Manager, Major Financial Crimes, RBC
- Equity Research Analyst, UBS (London)
- ESG Research Analyst, Morningstar Sustainability

International Development & Humanitarian Affairs

- Climate Resilience Fellow, Aga Khan Foundation
- Senior Coordinator, UNICEF Canada
- Project Manager, Canadian Red Cross

Consulting & Research

- Associate Consultant, Global Public Affairs
- Electricity Analyst, Pembina Institute
- Defence Analyst, Eastern Circles (France)



Personalized Guidance



Practical Skills & Workshops



Job Search Support



Lifelong Network & Career Support



Alumni spotlight

Allison Cohen, MGA '19

Strategy and Operations

Valence Labs

What have you been doing since graduating with your MGA?

Since graduating, I've been working in the field of artificial intelligence, an area that I discovered and fostered during my time at the Munk School. I've sought opportunities at the intersection of AI and social impact; working on AI change-management projects with the federal government while at Deloitte, building socially beneficial AI products at Mila, supporting the CEO at a frontier model company called Liquid AI and, currently, building strategic initiatives for an AI for drug discovery lab called Valence.

How has the MGA helped you in your career?

The program played a key role in shaping my career, offering exposure across global affairs and helping me discover my passion for AI. It gave me the foundation and confidence to pursue opportunities in a technical field I hadn't thought accessible. Just as importantly, the program developed my ability to think critically about the intersection of technology, politics, and human behaviour. This global, multidisciplinary perspective has led to opportunities to speak with organizations like the UN, UNESCO, and NATO on issues including AI, youth, and freedom of information; work I've found extremely rewarding.

What are the key benefits of pursuing an MGA at the Munk School?

The program asks you to get up to speed on topics ranging from journalism to cybersecurity to international law in a very short time. This experience builds confidence in your ability to learn, and think critically about, anything. I found this to be a vital skill as I'm often asked to present on topics of similar complexity with conviction. I also loved the cohort. Many of my classmates are still friends of mine to this day and are some of the most grounded, bright and kind people I know. I was also deeply impressed by the professors. I still find myself quoting their lessons.

Any advice for prospective students considering the MGA degree.

What I valued most was the opportunity to pivot into a new field, moving from international development into artificial intelligence. My advice is to use the program to build credibility in what excites you, through clubs, internships, coursework, and connections and position yourself for your next step.

Giancarlo Da-Ré, MGA '23

Executive Director of Policy

Office of the Premier of Ontario

What have you been doing since graduating with your MGA?

Since graduating, I've been a senior policy professional in the Ontario Public Service, working at the executive director level on public safety, national security, and critical infrastructure files. Most recently, I've been based in the Premier's Office, where my work sits at the intersection of security policy, strategic communications, and intergovernmental relations.

How has the MGA helped you in your career?

The MGA was absolutely instrumental in my career. The MGA gave me both the analytical rigour and the global perspective to operate effectively at the most senior levels of government. The Munk School sharpened how I approach complex policy problems, connecting domestic realities to international frameworks, and that lens has been invaluable across every file I've worked on.

What are the key benefits of pursuing an MGA at the Munk School?

The MGA brings together a genuinely exceptional cohort of practitioners, researchers, and future leaders from across sectors and countries, and places them in one of the world's most dynamic policy cities. The program's strength is that it doesn't just teach theory; it trains you to engage with the policy world as it works in real time. The faculty, the Munk School community, and the proximity to government and business networks are assets that extend well beyond the classroom.

Any advice for prospective students considering the MGA degree.

I advise that you come in with a clear sense of what problem you want to work on, even if that focus evolves; and be intentional about building strong relationships with your fellow students and professors. The connections you make in the MGA program often become the collaborators, partners, and colleagues who shape your career.



Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The MPP core curriculum builds a strong foundation in analysis, governance, policy processes, and implementation, and includes a mandatory summer internship.

Summer prep courses in Math-Stats and Microeconomics are offered before Year 1 to help incoming students strengthen their quantitative skills, at no additional cost.

Year One

During the first year of the MPP program (MPP1), you will take 8 courses: seven core MPP1 courses and one core elective.

Core courses (8 courses):

1. Governance and Institutions
2. Microeconomics for Policy Analysis
3. Macroeconomics for Policy Analysis
4. Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis
5. Social Context of Policy-Making
6. Implementation of Program Evaluation
7. Strategic Implementation of Public Objectives

Elective credit (0.5) from either:

- The Sustainability Imperative: Implications for Global Affairs and Public Policy OR Decision-Making and Strategic Thinking

Internship between Year 1 and Year 2

MPP students complete a mandatory, policy-relevant, paid summer internship between Year 1 and Year 2 in the public, private, or non-profit sectors.

Year Two

In the second year of the MPP program (MPP2), you'll deepen your economics and qualitative skills while exploring policy electives tailored to your interests, such as AI, the environment, and global issues.

Core courses:

1.5 required credits

- Politics and the Policy Process
- Topics in Applied Economics for Public Policy
- Capstone Course: Integrating Issues in Public Policy
- Choose: 0.5 elective credit from either:
 - Ethics and the Public Interest OR
 - Moral Foundations of Public Policy
- Choose: 0.5 elective credit from either
 - Comparative Public Policy OR an alternate international/global focus course as approved by the MPP program
- Choose: 1.5 elective credits with a policy lens, of which one elective must be offered by the MPP program. The remaining courses may be taken with other University of Toronto graduate units.

Capstone Course in MPP2

The Capstone course challenges MPP students to apply their skills and knowledge in developing an individual policy agenda designed to enhance the social and economic well-being of Canadians.

Joint programs & specializations

In addition to the standalone Master of Public Policy program, you can pursue a combined degree, dual degree, collaborative specialization, emphasis, or even study abroad.

Collaborative specializations:

- Contemporary East and Southeast Asian Studies (CESEAS)
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic, Immigration & Pluralism Studies
- Sexual Diversity Studies
- Global Health

Combined degree program:

- Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy (JD/MPP)

Choice of three Emphases:

MPP students who wish to complete an Emphasis may choose from:

- Emphasis in Economics for Public Policy: complete three economics or stats-based elective courses
- Public and Non-Profit Management and Administration Emphasis: complete three elective courses that may span environmental, legal or digital policy
- Social and Urban Policy Emphasis: complete three elective courses with themes that range from urban planning to health to Indigenous policy

Dual degrees

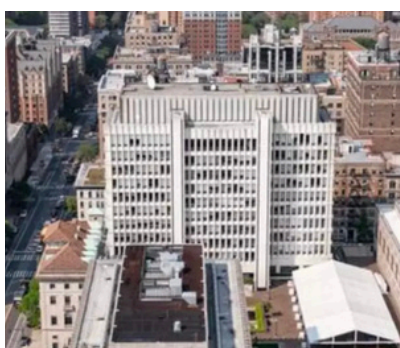
Earn two complementary master's degrees on two continents in just two years, combining the academic strengths, networks, and internship opportunities of both institutions.



Study in Spain at IE University

Master of International Relations (MIR) from IE University in Madrid, Spain / Master of Public Policy (MPP) from U of T in Toronto

Complete the MIR at IE University in Madrid, then pursue an MPP in Toronto and a policy-focused internship for global, hands-on experience.



Study in NY at Columbia School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

Master of Public Policy (MPP) from U of T / Master of International Relations or Public Administration (MIA or MPA) from Columbia University, SIPA

Complete an MPP in the first year in Toronto, gain policy internship experience, then continue at Columbia SIPA to pursue an MIA or MPA and build global policy expertise.



Study in Tokyo at the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP)

Master of Public Policy (MPP) in Toronto / Master of Public Policy (MPP) at the University of Tokyo, GraSPP

Earn an MPP in Toronto, complete a policy internship, then pursue a second MPP at Tokyo's GraSPP for a global policy perspective across North America and Asia.

Internships

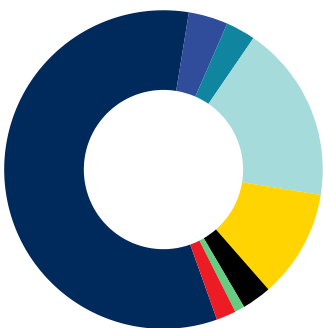
As part of the MPP program, and with support from our Career Services Team, you will search for and secure a paid internship between your first and second year, tackling real-world policy challenges in the public, private, or non-profit sectors. Guided by a faculty mentor, you will apply your knowledge and make a meaningful impact.

This internship allows you to:

- Engage in policy planning, analysis, decision-making, and implementation
- Translate academic theories into practical solutions
- Explore your career path and build valuable professional connections

At the conclusion of your internship, you will submit a research report highlighting key insights and demonstrating the impact of your contributions.

Internship employment by sector Summer 2026



58% Ontario Public Service
18% Non-profit
4% Government - Federal
2% Government - Provincial
3% Private sector
3% Government - Municipal
11% Government - other
1% Think Tank



Adley Ho, MPP '24

In 2023, I completed my MPP internship as a Strategy Analyst at the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), a federal Crown corporation mandated to invest in sustainable infrastructure that benefits Canadians. As a member of the Strategy team, I supported initiatives across sustainability, corporate reporting and planning, government relations, impact measurement, and sector strategies. I conducted research on climate resiliency for infrastructure and analyzed the CIB's potential role as a catalyst for private investment. My analysis contributed to the development of new initiatives that leveraged the CIB's investments to enhance climate resiliency while aligning with federal government priorities.

My internship highlighted the versatility of a policy degree. It provided opportunities to apply policy analysis skills, deliver research-driven insights, and build confidence briefing leaders through presentations and case competitions.

In my second year of the MPP program, I worked part-time with the CIB, complementing my policy studies and contributing to sustainability projects. As I join the CIB full-time upon graduation, I am eager to explore public and private sector opportunities to further my career as a policy analyst.

What can you do with an MPP degree?

MPP New Graduate Employment: Class of 2025

- Nearly 70% of Class of 2025 MPP graduates secured full-time employment in policy-relevant roles just three months after convocation
- Master of Public Policy graduates from the Class of 2025 had an average starting salary of \$75K.

Fun Fact:

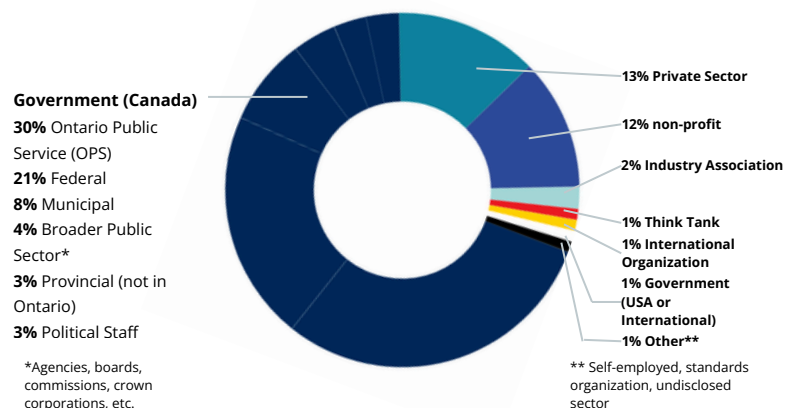
96% of MPP alumni would recommend the MPP program to other interested candidates.

Careers services:

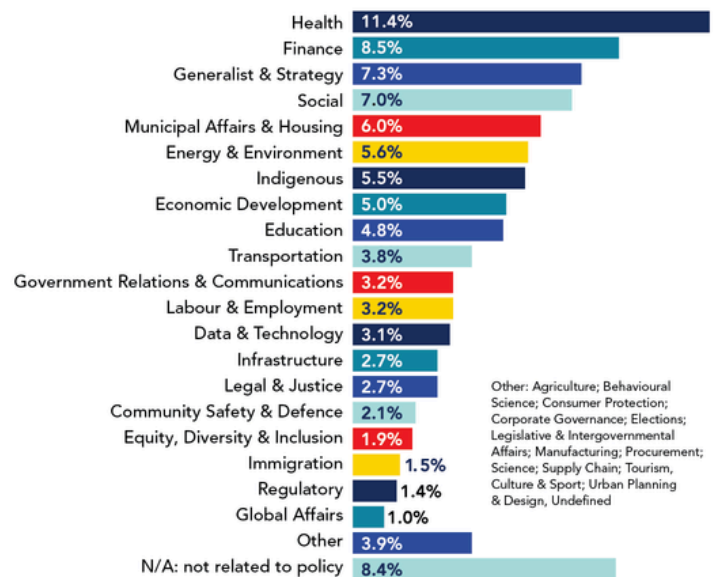
At the Munk School, our dedicated MPP Career Services Team is committed to guiding you every step of the way from your first internship search to securing your ideal full-time role. We connect you with opportunities that align with your passions and career goals. Through dynamic professional development workshops, an exclusive policy-focused job board, personalized career advising, and rich mentoring and networking events, we empower you to build a meaningful and impactful career in public policy.



MPP Alumni Employment



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Alumni spotlight

Phil Donelson, MPP '12
Vice President, Public Policy
Insurance Bureau of Canada

What have you been doing since graduating with your MPP?

After graduating, I joined the Ontario government as political staff, advising two Cabinet Ministers before serving as Senior Policy Advisor to the Premier for four years, leading several complex and high-profile files. I then moved to the private sector to lead government relations for a Montreal-based AI firm, and now serve as Vice President, Public Policy at the Insurance Bureau of Canada, where I lead policy development and advocacy strategy nationwide.

How has the MPP helped you in your career?

First, the intellectual foundation; the program gave me a structured way to think about policy, weigh trade-offs, and translate analysis into clear, evidence-based arguments, skills I've used in every role since. Second, the quality of instruction; with excellent faculty and guest speakers who provided direct insight from senior leaders in government and public life, bridging theory and practice. The third, and most lasting, is the people. My cohort was exceptional, and many have gone on to impactful careers; I've since worked with several of them, and they remain close colleagues and friends.

What are the key benefits of pursuing an MPP at the Munk School?

The Munk School combines academic rigour with real-world relevance in Toronto, one of Canada's leading policy hubs. Surrounded by government institutions, financial organizations, think tanks, NGOs, and industry leaders, the School offers unparalleled access to the policy community. Students learn from faculty who blend scholarly expertise with practical experience, while building lasting relationships with peers who become future colleagues and collaborators. For those interested in shaping policy, politics, and economic outcomes, the Munk School provides an exceptional foundation.

Any advice for prospective students considering the MPP degree.

Come with a point of view, but stay open to new ideas; growth comes from having your assumptions challenged. Be intentional about getting exposure to Toronto's policy community by building relationships and attending events. Focus on the issues that genuinely interest you, this clarity will shape your experience and strengthen your path into the job market.



Lynette Furtado, MPP '25
Coordinator, Court Services Division
Ministry of the Attorney General

What have you been doing since graduating with your MPP?

Since graduation, I have been working with the Ministry of the Attorney General within the Court Services Division, where I have worked directly with criminal court operations, policy implementation, and system communications with justice sector partners across the province. I focus on improving access to court services by identifying inefficiencies and enhancing system navigation. My work includes analyzing criminal case trends and producing reports on case volumes, scheduling, and court utilization to support evidence-based decision-making and modernization efforts.

How has the MPP helped you in your career?

The MPP was instrumental in my career, combining a strong policy foundation with practical experience. It equipped me to communicate effectively, analyze complex issues, evaluate evidence, and develop strategic recommendations; skills I use daily in the justice sector. My most impactful experiences were my internship with the Ministry of Education and my work with Cystic Fibrosis Canada (CFC). At CFC, I supported advocacy efforts to improve access to care for patients with rare mutations, while at the Ministry, I contributed to K-12 policy initiatives across Ontario, taking on significant responsibilities early in my career.

What are the key benefits of pursuing an MPP at the Munk School?

The most valuable aspects of the MPP program were its supportive alumni network and the opportunity to explore diverse policy interests. The MPP Alumni is highly engaged, offering mentorship, career advice, and meaningful connections across sectors, while the broader Munk School community fosters a culture of collaborative learning and shared perspectives. The program's flexibility allowed me to explore diverse policy areas through Student Leadership Initiatives, Case Competitions, and elective courses which allowed me to develop my interests, from finance and environmental policy to justice and advocacy.

Any advice for prospective students considering the MPP degree.

My advice is to get involved beyond the classroom; apply what you learn through student leadership initiatives, case competitions, guest lectures, and your internship. Being in downtown Toronto also offers great opportunities to learn and explore outside of the classroom.



Extra-Curricular Opportunities in MGA & MPP Programs

Student Leadership Initiatives

Munk School students participate in enriching experiences such as Student Leadership Initiatives, case competitions, and conferences. These hands-on opportunities from publishing journals to hosting podcasts and consulting on real-world issues help develop practical skills and enhance career readiness.

Experiential Learning Opportunities in MPP and MGA programs

Comparative Urban Governance

In February 2026, Master of Public Policy (MPP) students examined how Toronto can address homelessness by comparing its approach with London's. After studying local strategies, they traveled to London for an immersive course, engaging with experts from the London School of Economics, the Greater London Authority, and community organizations. The experience offered insights into innovative housing models and policy approaches, helping inform stronger, evidence-based solutions for Toronto.



European Governance

In February 2026, Master of Global Affairs (MGA) students traveled to Brussels as part of an experiential course on European Governance and Policy, engaging directly with EU policymakers on pressing global issues, including the war in Ukraine. The experience provided firsthand insight into high-level decision-making and the complexities shaping Europe's policy landscape today.



Mentorship

The Munk School Mentorship Program connects students with Fellows, educators, policymakers, and private-sector leaders, providing valuable real-world guidance. Every student who requested a mentor was matched, reflecting the School's strong commitment to student success and its emphasis on interdisciplinary, career-ready learning. The program fosters a vibrant community dedicated to addressing global challenges.

Study Abroad Opportunities

All MGA and MPP students have the opportunity to study abroad during the fall term of their second year at one of our many partner institutions. Applications for an exchange term are competitive and managed by [U of T's Centre for International Experience \(CIE\)](#).

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Admissions - MPP & MGA degree programs

Admissions are holistic, with the MPP and MGA committees reviewing all aspects of your application. For details, visit munkschool.utoronto.ca/masters-programs.

Admissions requirements

Academic Record

You will have successfully completed a four-year Bachelor's degree (in any discipline) or equivalent, from a recognized university.

GPA Requirement

You are required to have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of mid-B (3.0), and a final year minimum GPA of B+ (3.3), of the last five full-course credits (or ten half-course credits) from 300- and 400-level coursework. Meeting this requirement does not guarantee admission due to high competition.

International Student Degree Equivalency Requirements

If you are an international student you should refer to U of T's School of Graduate Studies International Equivalency tool to find out if your degree meets the School of Graduate Studies requirements to apply.

Quantitative & Qualitative Requirements

Success in the MGA & MPP programs requires both qualitative and quantitative skills, which you must demonstrate in your application.

English Language Proficiency Test

You are required to submit official English test scores if (a) you do not have a degree from a Canadian university and (b) the language of instruction and examination for your degree was not English.

Other requirements

If your undergraduate degree was completed outside Canada, you must take the GRE General Test (www.ets.org/gre) for the MPP program only. The MGA program does not require the GRE.

Dual Degrees; Combined Degree Programs and Collaborative Specializations:

If applying to Dual or Combined Degree Programs, you must meet the requirements and deadlines for both programs. For Collaborative Specializations, you can apply after admission to the MGA or MPP programs.

MGA Statistics for the cohort entering in 2026:

- 120 students in the Class of 2028
- 33% international students
- 25 countries represented
- 74% female, 26% male
- 3.7 average final year GPA

MPP Statistics for the cohort entering in 2026:

- 110 students in the Class of 2028
- 12% international students
- 11 countries represented
- 64% female, 35% male, 1% other
- 3.8 average final year GPA



How to Apply - MPP & MGA degree programs

Apply via the U of T, School of Graduate Studies,
GradApp Online portal:
admissions.sgs.utoronto.ca/apply.

Admissions Checklist:

- Official transcripts for all post-secondary studies (unofficial transcripts accepted at time of application)
- Minimum two academic references
- Statement of purpose
- Optional diversity essay
- Proof of English Language Proficiency test if required.
- Online Kira video talent questions and written response question
- Curriculum vitae (or resume)
- GRE required only if your undergraduate degree was completed outside Canada (MPP only).

Submit your application online and pay the \$130 Canadian application fee.

Dual Degrees with the MGA and MPP Programs:

Applicants to MPP/MGA, MIA/MGA, MPA/MGA, and MIR/MPP must apply through their partner institutions (Sciences Po, Hertie School, LSE, or IE University). For MGA/MIA, MGA/MPA, MPP/MIA, MPP/MPA with Columbia SIPA; and MGA/MPP and MPP/MPP with Tokyo, GraSPP dual degrees, apply via U of T, GradApp. Review our website for dual degree deadline dates.

Key dates for admission

**Applications for Fall 2027
entry, open on:
September 28, 2026**

Deadline: January 28, 2027
(For both programs)

**The first round of offers will
go out in the first week of
March.**

Admission decisions may be
made in one to three rounds.

Funding opportunities

MPP & MGA degree programs

You can fund your degree through a combination of:

- MPP & MGA merit-based entrance scholarships (no application required)
- Funded awards (e.g., MPP2 scholarships; MGA2 scholarships)
- External scholarships, such as SSHRC and OGS awards
- Government student loans (OSAP and other provincial loans)
- US Federal Direct Loan Program (for US citizens only)
- A loan or line of credit from a bank

Funding for diverse communities:

- Black Diaspora Scholarship; valued \$2000 (MPP & MGA in alternating years)
- Dr. Connie Carter Global Affairs Award, awarded to a Year 2 Student from a CARICOM country
- Thomas E. Keirans & Mary Janigan MGA Fellowship; valued at \$25,000; is awarded to a new Canadian or permanent resident
- The University of Toronto's Indigenous Tuition Initiative covers the cost of tuition for nine First Nations and Indigenous American students
- CARE Scholarship: valued at €26,500; supports one student from France in a U of T masters program
- Darville Scholarship (MPP): \$10,000 based on financial need; renewable for second year with a GPA of 3.5+.

Other funding opportunities:

- Student Leadership Initiative Fellowships
- Paid internships
- Research assistant positions
- Teaching assistant positions



Funding for international students:

In addition to merit-based MGA and MPP scholarships awarded upon admission, all graduate students including international students can explore further awards through the University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies' Funding webpage: sgs.utoronto.ca/awards-funding



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