



PPIA
Public Policy & International Affairs
PROGRAM

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Training the Next Generation of Diverse Leaders

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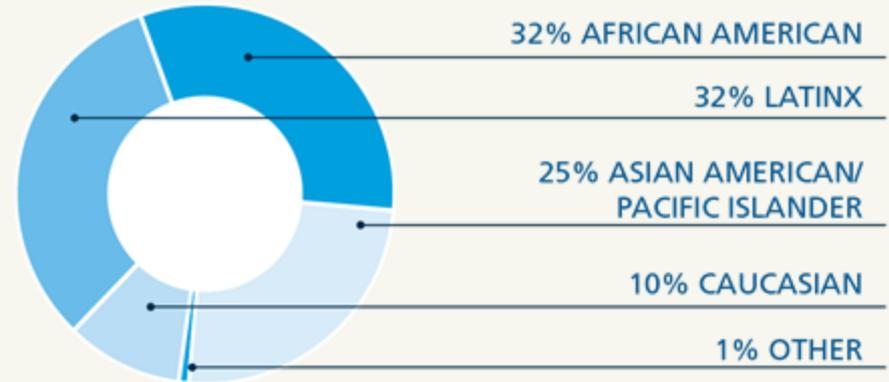
Our Mission

To promote inclusion and full participation of underrepresented groups in public service and to advance their leadership roles throughout our civic institutions serving domestic and international affairs.

Our Vision

A flourishing democratic society governed by skilled and pioneering professionals and community leaders who are representative of the full spectrum of America.

PPIA FELLOWS





The PPIA Junior Summer Institute (JSI) is a **rigorous academic** preparation program for undergraduate juniors committed to public service. The program was started to address the lack of diversity across the spectrum of professional public service, including government, nonprofits, public policy institutions, and international organizations. The purpose is to prepare students to obtain a master's or joint degree, in public policy, public administration, international affairs, or a related field.



2019 University of Michigan Cohort

For 35+ years, PPIA has provided a pathway to graduate school for more than 4,000 high potential diverse students who are now involved in local, national and international public affairs.

Junior Summer Institute

Economic and Policy Analysis Boot Camp

Each year, PPIA seeks out high-potential undergraduate students across the country to participate in the intensive seven-week Junior Summer Institute (JSI) before their senior year. During their program, Fellows are equipped with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in graduate school and ultimately, in influential roles serving the public good.

JSI HOSTS





“I credit PPIA with exposing me to the field of public policy, providing me with the tools to succeed in a top public policy master’s degree program, and giving me the confidence to engage directly in the policy-making process as a legislator.”

—Mayor of Dallas and Former State Rep. Eric Johnson (TX)
University of California Berkeley PPIA Fellow, 1997

A National Network

5 JSI Hosts

Expo in DC

50+ Graduate schools consortium members

5 Alumni chapters connecting more than 4,500 members





Benefits of the Junior Summer Institute

130

Fellows across six
2019 JSI PPIA
Programs

20%

Acceptance rate for
applicants of the
2019 JSI PPIA
Program

30

States our Fellows
hail from

- Graduate-level coursework in statistical analysis, quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, and policy analysis;
- Visits to local, state, and/or federal government organizations and NGOs;
- Guest lectures and panel discussions from public servants, PPIA alumni, and university faculty;
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test prep resources;
- Summer capstone project and presentation;
- Final coursework evaluation by PPIA professors and instructors regarding individual aptitude and readiness for graduate school;
- Stipend provided upon program completion and no cost to attend!



Program Eligibility

- Junior status defined as students who will graduate between December 2020 and August 2021. Must not already have a B.A./B.S. All ages are welcome to apply.
- U.S. Citizens, legal permanent residents, and DACA recipients are eligible for all sites. International students are only eligible for Carnegie Mellon and Princeton.
- All academic majors are welcome!
- Must be committed to and demonstrate an interest in pursuing a professional career associated with public service such as government, nonprofits, and humanitarian and international organizations.
- Must be interested in contributing to the diversity of perspectives present in the program.
- Economic need is given consideration during the review of applications.

What We Look For

- Shows strong academic potential to succeed in graduate-level coursework
- Demonstrated commitment to public service and to addressing issues affecting underrepresented communities
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Well-written and succinct essays with clear narrative of applicant's background and public service interests
- Substantive resume with leadership and volunteer experience
- Economic need is given consideration



2019 Princeton JSI Cohort



Application Requirements

- 2 letters of recommendation: Academic and Public Service
- 3 to 5 Essays:
 - 3 required for all applicants* - Focused on your background, goals, your motivations for pursuing public service and graduate school, the skills you hope to gain from the JSI, and your experience with diverse underrepresented communities.
 - 2 additional for specialized tracks* - If you wish to be considered for specialized tracks, UC Berkeley requires an essay for Law Fellows and CMU requires an essay for the data analytics track.
- Resume
- Unofficial transcripts for all colleges attended
- Financial information from FAFSA or parents/guardians taxes plus your financial aid award letter for 2019-2020. Students classified as independent for financial aid purposes may use their own tax information.



JSI Selection Process and Notification

- You will have the ability to edit your application up until the deadline.
- PPIA receives an average of 600 applications per year for the 130 spots available.
- We strongly encourage applicants to submit their application early, before the deadline on November 1, 2019.
- Admissions decisions will be made in early February.
- Each JSI host has a unique selection process.
- In the application, you will list your preferred ranking of the JSIs.
- If you are accepted, you will only be offered admission to one JSI.
 - 30 students each to Princeton and UC Berkeley, 10 of the 30 are Berkeley Law Fellows
 - 30 students to Carnegie Mellon University, including up to 10 for the data analytics track
 - 20 students each to University of Michigan and University of Minnesota

“From waiving the costs of applications to the generous financial support offers . . . [PPIA] alleviate my concerns of entering public service after graduate school with insurmountable debt.”

—Seyroon Foo, Director, Southern California Grantmakers, Princeton JSI 2008

Alumni Benefits

PPIA’s Graduate School Consortium is comprised of over 50 top public policy and international affairs programs from across the country.

Individuals who apply to these schools provide their PPIA JSI transcript as proof of Fellowship and in return:

- Apply with waived application fees;
- If accepted, are guaranteed a minimum, one-time financial award of \$5,000;
- Most programs are able to provide financial assistance well above the \$5,000 minimum, including full-tuition and stipends.



Alumni at the PPIA 35th Anniversary Celebration

Short Term Opportunities – Public Service Weekends



2019 VCU Public Service Weekend Participants

In conjunction with NASPAA, the membership association of graduate programs in public administration, public policy, and public affairs, PPIA hosts free **Public Service Weekends** to introduce more students to the broad range of opportunities available in the field of public service. Conferences include keynote speakers, panels, interactive workshops, and the opportunity to network with current and former public and international affairs graduate students. Visit ppiaprogram.org for more details and to access the application.



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