

PUBLIC POLICY & SERVICE | INDUSTRY ROADMAP

Career Paths and Desired Skills

Public policy and service professional opportunities range widely. They include positions in government, public policy, nonprofits, and private/public sector partnerships. Through policy and service, measures are designed and implemented for positive social impact. Career paths vary broadly, accommodating all student interests and strengths.

Industry and Entry-Level Role

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SECTOR, RESEARCH ANALYST

Driven by a commitment to public service, individuals in this role provide essential data-driven insights that shape government policies and programs. Through meticulous research and analysis, they contribute to evidence-based decision making, ensuring that public resources are allocated effectively to address societal needs.

Skills: Analytical Skills | Statistical Programming | Communication | Coding | Research

Key Functions

- Policy Implementation
- Policy Analysis
- Policy Impact

Internships to help you get there

- Financial Policy and Government Affairs Intern, FedHall
- Constituent Relations Intern, State Sen. Cerventas
- Student Trainee, Bureau of Labor Statistics

PUBLIC POLICY, POLICY ANALYST

Students are often attracted to public policy because of a desire to contribute to social good. Public policy careers are not just in politics or nonprofits; policy encompasses a wide range of careers across sectors.

Skills: Policy Memo Writing | Techniques for Advocacy | Data Visualization | Coding

- Agenda Setting
- Policy Formulation
- Policy Implementation
- Analysis and Evaluation

- Research Assistant, Center on Democracy
- Environmental Change and Security Research Intern, Wilson Center
- Financial Management Scholar, FDIC

SOCIAL SERVICE NONPROFITS, PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Nonprofit organizations are mission driven, serve the public, value volunteerism and altruism, are governed by a board of directors, and are flexible and autonomous.

Skills: Communication | Critical thinking | Fundraising | Research | Understand stats | Grant writing and management

- Direct Service
- Policy and Advocacy
- Think Tanks
- Intermediary and Capacity Building
- Philanthropic organizations

- Communication Intern Human Rights Watch
- Data and Research Intern, Marjorie Kovler Center
- Grants Management Intern, MacArthur Foundation

PRIVATE SECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ASSOCIATE

Companies and organizations recognize the value of the “triple bottom line” approach: people, planet, profit. As a result, students seeking public interest careers are exploring opportunities in the private sector.

Skills: Analytical skills | Excel & PowerPoint | Problem Solving | Interpersonal skills

- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)
- Social Enterprises
- Nonprofit Consulting

- Policy and Research Intern, Freedman Consulting
- Student Trainee, IRS
- Financial Market and Oversight Intern, Federal Reserve Bank

CAREERS IN PUBLIC POLICY

Career Advancement offers a number of events and resources to help prepare you for a career in policy and service:

EVENTS

Fall Quarter

- September 30: Application Opens for Winter Break Global Health Trek to Nairobi, and Civil Rights Trek to Atlanta
- October 2: U.S. Department of State Information Session and Coffee Chats
- October 8: U.S. Agency for International Development Information Session
- October 9: Federal Resume Workshop
- October 15: 2024 Student Experiences in Global Health and Social Development
- October 17: Fellowships with U.S. Department of Treasury Information Session
- October 16: 2024: Pozen Human Rights Internship Program Information Session
- October 31: Peace Corps Info Session & Coffee Chats
- November 12: Federal Resume Virtual Workshop
- November 20: Policy Writing Seminar
- December 16-19: Winter Break Treks

Winter Quarter

- January 6: Application Open for Spring Break Languages Trek to New York and Public Policy Leaders Trek to Cape Town, South Africa
- January 24: 2024 Pozen Human Rights Summer Internship Program Symposium
- January 27: Fundamentals: Intro to Government Careers
- February 12: Fundamentals: Intro to Global Health Careers

Spring Quarter

- March 17-20: Public Policy Leaders Program Trek, Cape Town, South Africa
- April 15: Public Policy Leaders Program Application Closes
- April 15: Global Health Scholars Application Closes
- March 25: Fundamentals: Intro to Human Rights Careers
- April 30: Tips and Tricks for Policy Research Internships
- May 9: Social Impact Competition

SELECT CAREER PATHS AND EMPLOYERS

GOVERNMENT

Dpt. of Veteran Affairs
Dpt. of Homeland Security
Environmental Protection Agency

PUBLIC POLICY

Brookings Institute
Human Rights Watch
The Bridgespan Group

SERVICE NONPROFIT

Youth Guidance
National Council of La Raza
Metropolitan Family Services

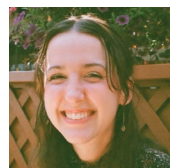
PRIVATE SECTOR

Urban Partnership Bank
Illinois Facility Fund
National Community Investment Fund
Stateside Associates



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- Consultant, Civic Consulting Alliance
- Internships: Policy Research and Special Projects Intern, City of Chicago Office of the Mayor; Undergraduate Fellow, Civic Consulting Alliance



Elizabeth Zazycki, AB'24

- South Asia Junior Fellow, Stimson Center
- Internships: Boren Scholar, U.S. Department of Defense; Policy Fellow, People's Action