



**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA) PROGRAM
WILLIE BROWN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW
FALL 2018**

ABOUT THE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Background:

- New this year; an extension of the undergraduate fellowship launched in Fall 2008
- Created by Former Speaker of the CA State Assembly and Former Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.
- Housed at San Francisco State University; Maintains strong relationship w/ Willie L. Brown, Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service
- Two-year Graduate Fellowship open only to SF State MPA students and applicants
- Starting Fall 2018, each fall qualified MPA students and applicants can apply for the two-year Fellowship Program. Two awards will be made in Fall 2018, for 2019 – 2020, and two additional awards will be made each year.
- Provides Fellows with the opportunity to gain meaningful professional experience in the public sector while developing a lifelong commitment to public service
- Provides Fellows with the opportunity and support needed to develop leadership and management skills through experiential learning
- The ultimate aim of the program is to provide San Francisco's public agencies with a diverse, qualified and well-educated workforce

Fellowship Components:

- Year 1 (Jan. – Dec. 2019): Field placement at a city agency, for 20 hours/week, for 45-50 weeks. Fellows responsible for substantive projects that help advance the mission of the city agency/program where they intern. Concurrent enrollment in PA 803, internship seminar, required for first semester. Audit of AU 600, undergraduate Willie Brown professional development seminar, required in second semester.
- Year 2 (Jan. – Dec. 2020):
 - 3rd semester (Sp 2020) – Enroll in a 3-unit course that explores a topic related to field placement/internship and/or career goals. Prior to enrollment consult with Fellowship Co-Directors to obtain approval for course and research or other project topic.
 - 4th semester (F 2020)– Develop and submit a proposal to present research paper/project at professional conference and/or develop paper to submit for publication in respected scholarly or professional trade journal.
 - Mentor undergraduate and first year graduate WB Fellows
- Fellows receive a \$10,000 stipend each year, plus an additional \$3,000 in professional development funds in year 2, paid by the Fellowship Program
- Fellows' supervisors will provide regular supervision and ongoing feedback, including two performance reviews– one at six months and one upon completion of the field placement

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to SF State MPA students and applicants only.

- Matriculated students must be in good standing academically (GPA of 3.0 or higher) and have completed no more than 18 units toward the MPA degree by December of the application year.
- MPA Program applicants must be admitted to the Program by the MPA Admissions Committee by the November 26th Fellowship application deadline in order to be considered.
- Fellows must enroll in at least 6 units for the full 2 years of the Fellowship, including enrolling in PA 803, the public administration internship seminar, in the first semester.
- Complete all application requirements by the deadline, as posted in Academic Works: <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/>
- Applications open October 1st and close November 26th, 2018.

Questions about the Fellowship for MPA Students? Join an informational session online webinar:

- Thursday, November 1st, 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/428206155> or contact Dr. Jennifer Shea (jshea@sfsu.edu), School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement for more information.

ABOUT SF STATE’S MPA PROGRAM & STUDENTS

Based on the premise that policy and administration must be understood in relation to each other, SF State’s MPA Program instills an appreciation for public service values such as accountability, civic engagement, equity, social justice, and sustainability. The core of the program seeks to develop foundational knowledge and analytical skills in public policy, public administration, and research. The program also provides core knowledge and understanding of a range of management perspectives. Eight areas of elective emphasis guide course selection for student specialization (criminal justice administration, environmental administration, gerontology administration, nonprofit administration, public management, public policy and urban administration). The degree requires students to complete 42 units.

What Makes SF State’s MPA Program Unique?

- Rigorous curriculum taught by highly trained and experienced faculty
- Core faculty are active scholars who conduct applied and community-engaged research
- Adjunct faculty are qualified practitioners and skilled teachers
- Fully accredited by Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), the highest level of accreditation in public administration education
- Convenient downtown San Francisco location
- Flexible class schedule that includes evening, weekend, hybrid and fully online course options
- Unmatched value
- Large network of Bay Area alumni and other supporters who provide access to jobs and experiential learning opportunities

Graduates of our MPA program work for agencies and organizations such as Ability Now Bay Area, America Works, California Department of Social Services, California State Senate, City and County of San Francisco, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Community Bridges, Deloitte Tax, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, Environmental Protection Agency, Fitch Ratings, Genentech, La Raza Centro Legal, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and many other agencies in the Bay Area and beyond.

About Our Students

Most of our students matriculate into the MPA program with work experience, with graduating students having between 3 and 12 years of work experience, for an average of 9 years. The type of work experience varies, from direct service to administrative support, program management, and research/analytics in the public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors. They pursue the degree in order to develop professional skills that will help them advance their careers, with a majority reporting they intend to change jobs upon graduation.

For more information about SF State’s MPA program, visit <http://mpa.sfsu.edu/>