MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When you choose to study public affairs, you choose a path of leadership and service. You choose to be an active participant in decisions that will determine the future of your neighborhood, your community, your country, and people around the globe. In short, you choose to make a difference.

At the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, we have the greatest respect for our students, who come to us with an extraordinary commitment to spend their professional lives trying to make the world a better place. As a comprehensive school, we provide students a wide array of skills, expertise, and real-world experience to transform ideas into action.

The legacy and values of Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey are alive in our work to address the world’s most pressing challenges, and equip students to do the same. Our faculty members are deeply engaged in interdisciplinary research and public affairs, and our alumni are leading change in cities and nations around the world.

I invite you to explore the many options for study at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in this booklet, on our website, or with a personal visit.

Eric Schwartz, Dean
HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“I believe that each of us can make a difference. That what is wrong can be made right.”

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHOOSE A PATH OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND CHANGE

THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota is one of the country’s top-ranked professional public policy and planning schools, widely recognized for its success in inspiring leaders to advance the common good. The School’s five master’s degree programs, new PhD program, and certificate programs match students’ passion with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to solve real-world challenges. Long noted for equipping students to play key roles in public life at the local, state, national, and global levels, the Humphrey School is respected for its role in shaping public policy, its focus on social justice and human rights, and its expertise in planning, leadership, and management.

As part of the University of Minnesota, Humphrey School students have access to one of the world’s leading research institutions, its interdisciplinary research and programs, and opportunities to earn dual degrees with other schools and colleges. Supported by eight Humphrey School policy research centers, Humphrey School faculty and students make significant contributions to solutions on issues ranging from politics and governance to urban and regional planning, from foreign policy and global affairs to international development, and from early childhood policy to technology and environmental sustainability.

“Students have a reason to be here beyond getting a degree. They want to change the world.”

Laura Bloomberg
PhD, Associate Dean
My MDP degree has enabled me to think more critically about global health initiatives within the context of international development while granting me the skills necessary to manage effective programs.

Christine Papai
Graduate
Master of Development Practice

See more stories like Christine’s at hhh.umn.edu/about/video.php
**MPP**

**MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY**

The Humphrey School’s Master of Public Policy degree program is one of the best in the country, attracting students who are committed to public service at the local, state, national, or international levels. Preparing future leaders to advance the common good in a diverse world is at the core of this program, which equips students to design, manage, and advocate for better policy solutions, bringing together many disciplines to shape policies and programs around the globe.

**POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD**

- Deputy Mission Director
  USAID/West Africa, Ghana
- Director of Programs
  Fund for Global Human Rights, Thailand
- Foreign Affairs Officer
  U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- Managing Director
  Congressional Relations, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- State Representative
  Minnesota House of Representatives
- President
  Minnesota Council on Foundations
- Executive Vice President
  National MS Association, Chicago

**DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- MPP/JD, Law School
- MPP/MBA, Carlson School of Management
- MPP/MPH, School of Public Health
- MPP/MSW, School of Social Work

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**MDP**

**MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE**

Through dynamic interdisciplinary training in public policy, education, public health, and natural and social sciences, the Master of Development Practice degree program prepares students for careers in international development, equipping them with the skills needed to address the problems of poverty, social justice, and sustainable development. Jointly administered by the Humphrey School and University of Minnesota’s Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC), the MDP degree program is a member of the Global MDP Association. While the large majority of our MDP students are focused on the developing world, some graduates use their skills to work in the domestic arena.

**POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD**

- Special Advisor to the Minister of Gender and Development
  Republic of Liberia
- Consultant
  Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.
- Policy Outreach Associate
  Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C.
- International Recruiter
  American Refugee Committee, Minneapolis
- Specialist
  International Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program, University of California–Davis
- Project Manager
  Health and Wellness Community Partnerships, HealthPartners, Minneapolis

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**OUR GLOBAL IMPACT**

Egypt, Peru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, and Senegal are a few of the countries where students most recently spent their summers conducting community-engaged research.

**DOMESTIC EXPERTS**

The status of women and girls in Minnesota, transportation planning in metro areas, and the integration of immigrants are a few of the topics our faculty members currently are researching.

**WORLDLY WISE**

Our faculty’s expertise spans the globe, with current research and work occurring in such countries as China, Colombia, Egypt, India, and Tanzania.
The Humphrey School invites students to explore their leadership potential and contribute to a thriving University community, where people from diverse backgrounds work together and learn from each other.

Scott Marshall
Graduate
Master of Public Policy

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**MS-STEP**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

In this program, we prepare individuals with natural science or engineering backgrounds to assume roles in policy development and implementation. The MS-STEP degree focuses on understanding the role of science, technology, and the environment in our society, particularly in relation to economic growth, sustainability, health, education, and national security.

**POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD**

- **Environmental Impact Manager**
  - U.S. Department of Energy
- **Fiscal and Policy Analyst**
  - State of California
- **Water Policy Planner**
  - Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
- **Program and Policy Manager**
  - Center for Energy and the Environment, Minneapolis
- **Executive Director**
  - Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
- **Project Leader**
  - LK Domain Registry, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

**DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- MS–STEP/JD, Law School

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**MURP**

**MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

Influencing how neighborhoods, cities, and regions develop is the work of urban and regional planners. This degree program brings together experts from planning, sociology, engineering, law, architecture, social work, public health, landscape architecture, urban design, and other disciplines to build cities, tackle urban sprawl, upgrade housing, protect the environment, and promote community and economic development. For eight consecutive years, graduates of our MURP program have had the highest passage rate on the American Institute of Certified Planners’ exam.

**POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD**

- **Executive Director**
  - U.S. Federal Transit Administration, Washington, D.C.
- **Director**
  - Aviation Services, ICF International, China
- **Vice President for Environment**
  - JPB Foundation, New York
- **Urban Designer**
  - MIG, Inc., San Francisco
- **City Planner**
  - City of St. Paul

**DUAL DEGREE OFFERINGS**

- MURP/JD, Law School
- MURP/MSCE (Civil Engineering), College of Science and Engineering
- MURP/MSW, School of Social Work
- MURP/MPH, School of Public Health

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**TALENTED + DIVERSE**

Our students come from 21 U.S. states and 22 countries around the world, forming a student body that is global and inclusive, welcoming and collegial.

**THE IDEAL LABORATORY**

With the country’s #1 rated park system, many forms of public transit, an all-weather bicycling community, and walkable neighborhoods, the Twin Cities is the perfect laboratory for studying urban and regional planning.

**A LITERATE + ENGAGED COMMUNITY**

The Twin Cities are among the most literate cities in the nation and boast one of the most sophisticated nonprofit sectors in the country, as well as the nation’s highest volunteerism and voter turnout rates.
The Humphrey School of Public Affairs taught me how to systematically tackle social issues about which I am passionate. The school also introduced me to the concept of ‘integrative leadership’ and the need to build relationships across disciplines and sectors in solving complex problems.

Matthew Johnson
Graduate
Mid-career Master of Public Affairs

I really appreciated the active learning strategies that are the basis for the MPA program. I regularly apply the lessons learned to special projects underway in my field of medical education.

Leslie Anderson
MPA

MID-CAREER MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Humphrey School offers a Master of Public Affairs degree program for mid-career professionals who want to advance their skills in public and nonprofit leadership, management, and policy analysis at the local, state, national, or global level.

Designed to stimulate personal and professional growth through concentrated work with dedicated peers, the MPA provides students the opportunity to design a program that works best for them and their goals. The majority of our MPA students take one or two classes at a time while working full-time, with most completing their degree in less than three years.

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HOLD

Secretary of State
State of Minnesota

Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Human Rights

Director
Native American Training Institute, Bismarck, North Dakota

Executive Director
Pillsbury United Communities, Minneapolis

Regional Director
Eurasia Foundation, Moscow Regional Office, Russia

PhD

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Affairs degree program at the Humphrey School prepares students to become public affairs scholars in the Academy or to join innovative institutions involved in cutting-edge research and practice in public affairs, policy, planning, and management.

Students are advised by highly accomplished faculty members with research expertise and public affairs experience related to environmental and energy policy, infrastructure development, urban and regional planning, transit and transportation policy, social justice, and public policy.

The curriculum of the PhD in Public Affairs is customized based on the student’s educational background and the student’s research interests. Students take a common set of core classes, choose one of four academic sub-plans for specialization, select a customized set of courses within the sub-plan, and complete a dissertation.

Each sub-plan requires advanced training in theory, research design, statistics, and other quantitative and qualitative methods. Students also complete training in pedagogy and gain experience in teaching.

HUMPHREY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY is designed to offer students expertise in applying research-based knowledge to public policies affecting young children and the adults who care for them.

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP offers mid-career professionals specific knowledge and skills in leadership, management, public policy, and analysis to succeed and advance in today’s workplace.

CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT harnesses the curriculum of a program ranked third in the country for nonprofit management to offer professionals in nonprofit organizations knowledge and skills related to human resource development, organizational evaluation, finance, conflict resolution, and decision-making.

CERTIFICATE IN POLICIES ON WORK AND PAY provides professionals in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors the insight and ability to better understand and evaluate federal, state, and local policies that affect the employment relationship.
Situated in a vibrant metropolitan region that encompasses both the state capital and economic center of the upper Midwest, the Humphrey School offers students tremendous opportunities to jump-start their careers. By nearly every measure, the Twin Cities area ranks among the country’s most desirable places to live, work, and study, and offers exceptional professional, cultural, social, and recreational opportunities.

Although separated by the Mississippi River, Minneapolis and Saint Paul together form the core of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, the 16th-largest metropolitan area in the United States with more than three million residents. With the energy and sophistication of the largest U.S. cities, Minneapolis–St. Paul has a rich history, beautiful scenery, year-round outdoor recreation, world-class art museums, professional sports, and exciting nightspots. And the Humphrey School sits in the center of it all.

Minneapolis and St. Paul both are noted for their affordability, with the cost of living significantly lower than in similar cities on the East and West coasts, and boast distinctive neighborhoods. The region has made major transit investments to its extensive public transportation system, and has one of the best urban systems of trails and parks in the world.

Minnesota’s economy is one of the most diversified in the nation with more than 90% of all major U.S. industries located in the state, including 19 Fortune 500 companies and 15 S&P 500 firms, plus dozens of governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. The Twin Cities community has long been noted for its tremendous spirit of civic cooperation. Private corporations and foundations often join with government and community organizations to improve and expand the resources available to the community and opportunities for students.
PUTTING OUR PASSION TO WORK

We focus on connecting our students and graduates to meaningful work that matches their passions and areas of study. Our students get real-world experience through internships, Capstone workshops, and field experiences in developing countries. Working on such projects as solar energy systems, public transit and transportation, K-12 education policy, or water filtration in Nicaragua, students leave the Humphrey School with practical experience and better positioned for employment.

The vast majority of our alumni are employed in their chosen field. In fact, nearly 85% of 2013 graduates found work in their field of interest.

Our extensive career resources include specialized courses; annual career exploration trips to Washington D.C. and Chicago; internships; individualized counseling; and assistance finding summer work experiences. We are unique in that we continue to provide career services long after graduation, throughout our graduates’ careers.

A LIVING LEGACY
The Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs was founded in 1977 to honor Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, a legislator and statesman recognized internationally for his contributions to improving the well-being of humanity. Before his death, Humphrey made certain that the institution that would bear his name would be a living memorial. He wanted a vibrant public affairs program that would not only prepare future leaders but also would be a forum for active debate on the policy issues of the day—and an academy that would produce the best research and non-partisan advocacy based on that research. In honor of its namesake, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs continues to carry out this legacy and instill in its students an understanding of and commitment to leadership and public service.

WHERE OUR ALUMNI LIVE + WORK

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

- 38% GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT
- 25% NONPROFIT EMPLOYMENT
- 26% PRIVATE SECTOR
- 11% ACADEMIC STAFF
The Humphrey School staff is committed to doing all it can to assist students with the cost of a graduate education. University Fellowship programs and Humphrey School merit-based aid awards are competitive, and range from partial- to full-tuition packages, with some including assistantships. In addition, financial assistance is used to support the important objective of achieving diversity and inclusion at the Humphrey School. The Office of Admissions provides comprehensive resources related to financial literacy, loan options, and public-service specific repayment options. Staff members are available to meet with students one-on-one to discuss funding options and the financial aid process.

The School also is proud to support students through programs such as the AmeriCorps Match Program, PPIA Alumni, Pickering Fellows, Rangel Fellows, Returning Peace Corps Volunteers Coverdell Fellows Program, Truman Scholars, and other initiatives. Additionally, application fee waivers are available in some cases.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the Admissions website at www.hhh.umn.edu/admissions/financing for more details on how to apply, cost and financing, and more.

Students who wish to be considered for University-wide graduate fellowships should submit a completed application by December 15. Opportunities include the Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship, Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) Fellowship.

Students who wish to be considered for Humphrey School merit-based aid should submit a completed application by January 15.

No additional application materials are required for aid consideration if a complete application is received by the dates above.
Admission to the Humphrey School of Public Affairs is competitive. All degree program candidates apply for admission once per year in the fall term; certificate applicants may apply for the fall or spring term.

While each degree and certificate program has its own requirements, in general the following components are required:

• Application
• Personal statement discussing educational and professional experiences and goals
• Resumé or CV
• GRE score (for MDP, MPP, MS–STEP, and MURP)
• Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Optional: Diversity Statement

Visit the “How to Apply” section of our website at www.hhh.umn.edu/admissions for deadlines, scholarship information, and prerequisites for each program.

For detailed information about on-campus information sessions, recruitment events, campus visits, and other ways to learn about and experience the Humphrey School, visit www.hhh.umn.edu/admissions/visitus or call 612.624.3800.
“The road to freedom—here and everywhere—begins in the classroom.”

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY