The Trachtenberg School maintains its reputation as one of the country’s top-tier public affairs institutions, ranking #10 of more than 280 schools of its kind, by U.S. News & World Report’s Public Affairs Graduate Schools rankings.

**Top 5% of Public Affairs graduate programs overall and top-ranked specialties**

- Homeland Security
- Health Policy & Management
- International Policy & Administration
- Non-Profit Management
- Public Finance & Budgeting
- Public Policy Analysis
- Social Policy
- Urban Policy

**Starting Date**

- 47% Started a new position at graduation/within 6 months
- 40% Continuing a position started while attending graduate school
- 13% Returning to/continuing a position held prior to starting graduate school

**Salaries**

- 31% did not provide salary data

“TSPPPA’s career services team always goes above and beyond to help. I leave our sessions feeling like I can get any job and that I can do anything. Our Trachtenberg professors are just as great. The information that I’ve learned through the program has been so useful that I find myself going back to some of the assignments to help me with my work projects. Overall, I’m very grateful for the experience and thankful to all the GW staff for their support and encouragement.”

Christina Prinvil, MPP ’22
Research Analyst, The Urban Institute
In addition to working in the DC area, our recent graduates are employed throughout the US, including California, New York, and Texas, and globally in Belgium and Uzbekistan.

### Sector Breakdown

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### Employment by Sector and Employer Examples

**PUBLIC**

- Federal Government: 67%
- State/Local Government: 17%
- Military: 10%
- Multi-lateral Intl: 3%

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
  - Health Insurance Specialist
- Department of Commerce
  - International Trade Compliance Analyst
- DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
  - Emergency Planning Specialist
- Environmental Protection Agency
  - ORISE Environmental Justice Fellow
- Executive Office of the Mayor of DC
  - Grants Management Specialist
- International Finance Corporation
  - Consultant
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
  - National Nuclear Security Administration Fellow
- U.S. Coast Guard
  - Program Analyst and Enterprise Risk Management
- U.S. House of Representatives
  - Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant

**NONPROFIT**

- Research/Think Tank/Consulting: 27%
- Public Interest/Social Services/Health: 17%
- Advocacy/Lobbying/Government Affairs: 14%
- Educational/Cultural Institution: 13%
- Environmental Association: 12%
- Other: 10%

- American Council on Education
  - Public Affairs Specialist
- American Institutes for Research
  - Education Research Associate
- Center for Emerging Economies
  - Lead Analyst
- Earthworks
  - Federal Campaigner, Fossil Fuels
- Indivisible
  - Senior Foundations Associate
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
  - Communications & Policy Associate
- National Association of Community Health Centers
  - Deputy Director of Regulatory Affairs
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
  - Senior Policy Assistant
- The Trevor Project
  - Corporate Partnerships Manager

**PRIVATE**

- Consulting: 42%
- Lobbying/Government Affairs: 30%
- Research/Think Tank: 23%
- Other: 5%

- Accenture
  - Managing Consultant
- Booz Allen Hamilton
  - Senior Consultant
- Boundary Stone Partners
  - Policy Associate, Federal Finance
- Bridge Bio
  - Sr Director, Government Relations
- Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck
  - Education and Labor Policy Analyst
- Cornerstone Government Affairs
  - Associate
- Delta Air Lines
  - Senior Analyst
- Ernst & Young
  - Associate
- Freddie Mac
  - Equitable Housing Associate
- JPMorgan Chase
  - Regulator Affairs Associate
- Tetra Tech
  - Project Operations Associate
98% of students work/intern while in graduate school

Our Master's degree candidates arrive at the Trachtenberg School with diverse backgrounds. Our recent cohort:

- 51% are early career professionals
- 35% have 2-5 years of prior experience
- 10% bring 5-10 years of work experience
- 4% possess over a decade of professional expertise

As they engage in graduate studies, nearly all students are integrating their coursework into practical experiences. Highlights include:

### Internships

- The Brookings Institution, Research Intern
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, State Fiscal Project Intern
- DC Department of Energy & Environment, Regulatory Review Green Fellow
- Inter-American Development Bank, Consultant Intern
- Management Sciences for Health, Program Evaluation Intern
- National Association of Counties, Legislative Intern
- Progressive Policy Institute, Social Policy Intern
- USAID, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Graduate Intern
- US Institute of Peace, Student Mentorship
- United States Senate Committee on the Budget, Legislative Intern

### Jobs

- Alexandria Economic Development Partners, Director of Operations
- Children’s Funding Project, Research Associate
- DC Public Schools, Data Specialist
- Department of Defense, Inspector General
- Eagle Hill Consulting, Senior Associate
- FEMA, Program Analyst
- ICF, Marketing and Outreach Program Delivery, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure
- Invariant, Senior Associate, Energy
- National Center for Victims of Crime, Program Manager
- US General Services Administration, Evaluation Lead and Scientific Integrity Official

“I loved my time at the Trachtenberg School! The courses, professors, and hands-on learning opportunities really helped expand my skillset for the job market. The "only-in-DC" internships I had were invaluable in gaining experience to both build my resume and help inform my career decisions”

Brady Misustin, MPA '23
Senior Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton
As a culminating experience of the degree, every Master’s student works with a team to complete a capstone for an external client.

Students graduate with more than a degree; they have real-world consulting experience.

Recent Client & Project Highlights

- Advocates for Youth
- Care International
- National Head Start Association
- Smithsonian Zoo
- The Nature Conservancy
- UNDP
- US Army
- VA Dept Emergency Management
- World Resources Institute
- World Wildlife Fund

- **EEOC**: Challenges and Best Practices for Retaining Workers with IDDs in the Federal Workforce
- **National Academy of Public Administration**: Agile Regulation in US Federal Agencies
- **National Black Justice Coalition**: A Landscape Analysis of Resources for Black LGBTQ+SGL and Black Female-Identifying Elected and Prospective Officials
- **US Coast Guard**: Analysis on the US Coast Guard’s Prevention Mission Key Performance Indicators
- **Toy Association**: Quick Response (QR) Codes and Toy Safety Information

Capstone was very valuable and it helped me work in a group and interact with stakeholders. I created a deliverable that was negotiated with both the team and the client.”

Allison Horwitch
ENRP ’23
Environmental Protection Analyst, EPA

Career Services For Life

Catering to the needs of individuals at all stages of their careers, spanning from novices to seasoned experts across a multitude of industries and regions, both within and beyond the DC area, we offer comprehensive career guidance and workshops. Services are available in both virtual and in-person formats, with scheduling options available during both daytime and evening hours. In addition to accessing resources while a student, our alumni receive career services for life!

Over the previous year, our Career Services team has conducted more than 500 advising sessions, complemented by over 150 drop-in hours. We have led more than 75 programs, encompassing activities like Student/Alumni Speed Mentoring, How-To Series, Alumni Panels, and Employer Briefings.

This report represents a 94% knowledge rate of 143 Master’s Graduates (MPP, MPA and MA-ENRP) from August 2022, December 2022 and May 2023. The data is collected through six month post graduation surveys and publicly available online research.