



TRACHTENBERG IN THE WORLD

Professional Achievements of 2025 MPA, MPP, and MA-ESP Graduates

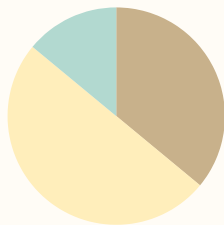
The Trachtenberg School maintains its reputation as one the country’s top-tier public affairs institutions, ranking **#12** of more than 280 schools of its kind, by U.S. News & World Report’s Public Affairs Graduate Schools rankings (2025).

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

- Global Policy
- Non-Profit Management
- Public Policy Analysis
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- Public Finance & Budgeting
- Social Policy
- Public Management & Leadership
- Overall Public Affairs

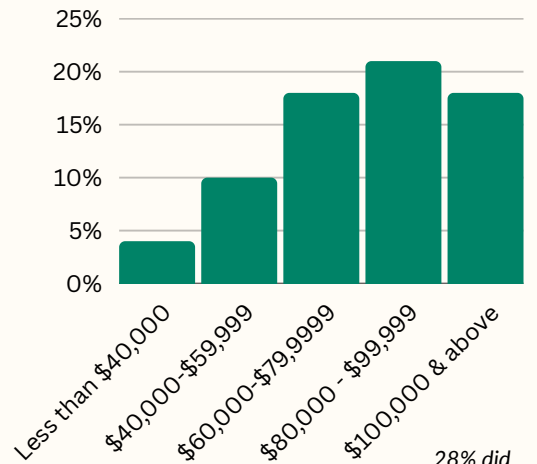
90%
Employed
Continuing Education
or Not Searching

EMPLOYMENT STATUS



- **42%** Started a new position at graduation/within 6 months
- **49%** Continued tenure with employer that began during graduate school in the same or new position.
- **9%** Returned to same employer as prior to graduate school in the same or new position

SALARIES



28% did not provide salary data



“The Trachtenberg School connected me to the mentors, advisors, and skills that I've needed to build my career. In or out of the classroom, I could count on all of the faculty, staff, and fellow students at Trachtenberg to support my success”

Nathan Varnell, MPA '24

EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR AND EMPLOYER EXAMPLES

86%

Say employment is somewhat/closely related to degree

Sector Breakdown

38% Non-Profit

25% Private

38% Public

Beyond DC, recent graduates work nationwide, including Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oregon, Utah, Georgia, New Jersey, and California.

PUBLIC

DC Public Charter School Board

Policy and Legislative
Affairs Specialist

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

International Program
Specialist

PA Housing Finance Agency

Special Assistant

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee

Research Assistant

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget

Program Examiner

State of Oregon Employment Department

Policy and Research Analyst

U.S. Coast Guard

Officer

Federal Aviation Administration

Budget Analyst

U.S. Department of Commerce

Telecommunications
Policy Specialist

Federal Aviation Administration

Regulatory Compliance
Specialist

IMPACT

Data Foundation

Policy and Research Analyst

Girl Scouts of the USA

Associate, Public Affairs

UC Berkeley, Center for Effective Global Action

Program Manager

Blue Green Alliance

Senior Policy Advisor for
Clean Energy

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

Program Examiner

Save the Children

Officer, Corporate
Partnerships

The Urban Institute

Research Associate

National Wildlife Federation

Senior Legislative
Coordinator

Special Olympics

Manager, Youth Fitness

Alliance for Automotive Innovation

Senior Manager, Energy
and Environmental Policy

PRIVATE

Booz Allen Hamilton

Consultant

Federal Practice Group

Analyst

Grant Street Group

Business Analyst

BRG

Senior Associate,
Healthcare Transactions
and Strategy

Boston Consulting Group

Senior Analyst

Form Energy

Director of Federal Affairs

Institute of International Finance

Senior Program
Assistant Staff

Smithbucklin

Membership and
Operations Senior
Associate

Fannie Mae

Senior Associate,
Multifamily
Operational Risk

Fragomen

Business Immigration
Analyst

93% of students worked/interned while in graduate school

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

Our recent cohort:

56% are early career professionals

24% have 3-5 years of prior experience

14% bring 5-10 years of work experience

5% 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

- **As You Sow**, *Racial Justice Research Fellow*
- **Clear Path**, *Policy Intern*
- **Federal Housing Finance Agency**, *Office of Housing and Community Investment Intern*
- **Johnson & Johnson**, *Worldwide Government Affairs & Policy, Federal Affairs Intern*
- **Montgomery County Government**, *Council Fellow*
- **National Immigration Forum**, *Field and Constituency Intern*
- **The Nature Conservancy**, *Global Food and Agriculture Systems Policy Intern*
- **The World Bank**, *Summer Associate*
- **Partnership For Public Service**, *Government Affairs Intern*
- **U.S. House of Representatives**, *Legislative Intern*

JOBS

- **American Cancer Society**, *Senior Program Manager*
- **American Councils for International Education**, *Program Associate, Data Hub*
- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington**, *Director of Bilingual Services*
- **FEMA**, *Emergency Management Specialist*
- **ICF**, *Grants Management Specialist*
- **Inter-American Committee on Ports, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Economic and Social Policy**, *Program Manager*
- **Reading is Fundamental**, *Senior Program Associate*
- **State of Maryland**, *Budget Analyst*
- **Tiber Creek Group**, *Policy Research Assistant*
- **U.S. EPA**, *Program Analyst*
- **U.S. Senate**, *Administrative Director*

"The career advisors at the Trachtenberg School helped shape my professional presence, confidence, and uplifted me as I completed my degree (and after!)"

Kari Harper, MPP '25



CAPSTONE

In 2025, our students supported 20 clients with more than 12,500 pro-bono hours

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

Airlines for America
American Council on Education
Anacostia Riverkeeper
Artists of Middleburg
Asian American Government Network
CCS Fundraising
Destination DC
District Council Office of Racial Equity

Friendship Place
Ocean Ties
Office of Personnel Management
Refugee Council
Small Business Administration
SPIN Global
St. Louis Integrated Health Network
U.S. Coast Guard
Veterans Exploring Treatment Solutions

- **Columbian College Career Center:** *Empowering Futures: Integrating Career Competencies into George Washington University's Undergraduate Curriculum*
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):** *Labor Before Labor: An Analysis of Pregnant Workers' Rights in the Federal Workforce*
- **Las Cruces Library:** *Funding the Future: A Comparative Analysis of Las Cruces Public Library and Peer Institutions*
- **Plus Energies:** *Attainable Housing Strategies in the Ultra-Rural Mountain West*



"My Capstone with Airlines for America (A4A) sharpened my focus on tech policy and AI. It was a meaningful way to apply what I learned at TSPPPA to real-world challenges with real impact."

Hope Ledford
MPP '24

CAREER ADVANCEMENT 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 team has conducted more than 750 advising sessions, complemented by over 150 drop-in hours. We have led nearly 70 programs including Student/Alumni Speed Mentoring, Career Catalyst Series, Professional Development Workshops, Alumni Panels, and Employer Briefings.

CONTACT INFO: tspppa.gwu.edu/Career-Advancement | tspppa@gwu.edu | 202-994-8475