why the Trachtenberg School?

Combining your interests and the theories and skills to make a difference through classes and opportunities in the heart of Washington, D.C.

No matter the sector – public, private or nonprofit – you’ll have the connections and experience to tackle the big challenges around the world.

The program’s flexibility and focus on applying what you learn equips you for the jobs, internships and pro bono consulting projects you’ll have while you’re a student and in your career.

Build skills – including teamwork, leadership, communications, problem solving and analytic/quantitative research – to be prepared for any job, anywhere.

The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration is part of the George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences.

A Sample of 2016 Graduates' Titles and Organizations

Budget Analyst | U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Communications Assistant | The LIBRE Initiative
Consultant | Inter-American Development Bank
Director of Program Operations | The Reading Connection
Research Assistant | Center for American Progress
Associate, Health and Wellness | National League of Cities
Operations Analyst | D.C. Government, Executive Office of the Mayor
Analyst | GAO
Associate, Federal and State Policy | Advanced Energy Economy
Senior Advisor | U.S. Department of Justice
Research Associate | Institute for Defense Analyses
Program Specialist | Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
Director of Public Policy and Advocacy | United Way Worldwide
Senior Specialist, Federal Affairs | Alzheimer’s Association
State Strategies Manager | Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Data Quality Coordinator | Urban Alliance
Legislative Analyst, Government Relations | Ford Motor Company
Policy Analyst | U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
Regulatory Economist | U.S. Small Business Administration
Senior Legislative Assistant | U.S. House of Representatives
Senior Research Analyst, Tax Policy Center | The Brookings Institution
/not: The data shared in these charts were collected from surveys sent to 127 graduates who were invited to participate in the May 2016 graduation ceremony and receive MPA or MPP degrees. The survey had a response rate of 79%. Of those, 89% provided salary information.

Graduates of the Trachtenberg School succeed in all sectors and fields, earning competitive salaries and benefit packages across the United States and around the world even as they pursue their passions and make a difference on all levels.

Alexis Estevez, MPP ’16
Assistant Financial Analyst
at the City Budget Office,
City of Portland, Oregon
The curriculum is wonderfully aligned with the demands of both the public and private sectors. I was able to apply my coursework during my time working on Capitol Hill in the House and Senate. Following graduation, the courses at TSPPPA provided a tremendous foundation that is well-rounded and instantly applicable. As a veteran, I received support from the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program. GW's Office of Military and Veterans Student Services handled all of my financial concerns that came up throughout the semesters. I have spoken with veterans at other schools about the challenges they encountered without such a dedicated support network, so I know firsthand how fortunate veterans at GW are to have such a dedicated office.

Mark Osmack, MPA ’16
Federal Strategy and Operations Consultant, Deloitte Consulting, LLP

The Trachtenberg School emphasizes a balanced, interdisciplinary perspective on careers in public service. Graduates find they can embrace the school’s motto of “doing good and doing it well” in any sector.
"The courses in the Non-Profit Management concentration enabled me to apply current theoretical and operational perspectives in fundraising, leadership and management to my day-to-day responsibilities. I have a greater understanding of the importance of conducting original research and integrating the results to solve present world issues. While I was enrolled, I participated in the Women’s Leadership Fellows (WLF) program, which helped me to enhance my negotiation, verbal and nonverbal communication, and management skills. The WLF program along with the school’s Career Services support helped position me for my current role with Johns Hopkins Medicine."

Joy Bentley Phillips, MPA ’16
Director of Development for the Johns Hopkins Medicine, Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

**NOTE:** The median salaries are computed by taking the middle amount of the range reported by the graduate. If a graduate reports $50,000-54,999, their salary is represented as $52,500 for determining the average. If a graduate reports a salary above $100,000, we use $100,000 as their salary when determining the median. The categories may differ year to year. In 2016, some of the small categories were combined with others.
a snapshot of WHERE 2016 GRADUATES WORK THROUGHOUT D.C.

PUBLIC

- Corporation for National and Community Service
- D.C. Executive Office of the Mayor
- D.C. Health Benefit Exchange Authority
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Government Accountability Office
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Office of Adolescent Health
- Towson University
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Small Business Administration

PRIVATE

- Booz Allen Hamilton
- CGI Federal
- Deloitte Consulting, LLP
- E3 Federal Solutions
- Erickson and Company
- ICF International
- Insignia Federal Group
- Mathematica Policy Research

USA Rice
Vanguard Communications

NONPROFIT

- AcademyHealth
- Advanced Energy Economy
- Alzheimer's Association
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Institutes for Research
- Center for American Progress
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Council of Chief State School Officers
- First Book
- Ford's Theatre Society
- Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
- Institute for Defense Analyses
- Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
- Living Cities
- National Alliance to End Homelessness
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- National League of Cities
- Open Contracting Partnership
- Protect Our Defenders
- Raise DC
- The Brookings Institution
- The Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine
- The George Washington University
- The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- The Reading Connection
- The World Bank Group
- United Way Worldwide
- Urban Alliance