

**CHANGE  
STARTS  
WITH  
YOU!**

**ENGAGING PROJECTS  
REAL-WORLD POLICY ISSUES  
INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION**



## **ABOUT POLICY PATHWAYS**

Policy Pathways, Inc., is a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that offers educational programs to prepare young people to stand out in academic and career pipelines in public policy, public administration, and policy-related disciplines and fields in the public and private sectors. Policy Pathways provides professional development opportunities for students as well as individuals not enrolled in school.

Young people are aware of the impact of public policies on their lives and the world. More efficient communication, increased information, and the power to mobilize people and resources through social media give youth the tools and platforms to challenge assumptions and long-held beliefs. Yet young people seek new approaches and understanding of complex policy issues. Policy Pathways helps them build leadership skills, analyze ways to influence and cause change, and understand how policies and political decisions affect their daily lives.

## **OUR VISION**

We envision a society in which high-level policy decision-makers are more diverse and in which previously disenfranchised groups and communities have more power, as well as more voice, in policy formation and public policy decisions.

**LET'S CONNECT**

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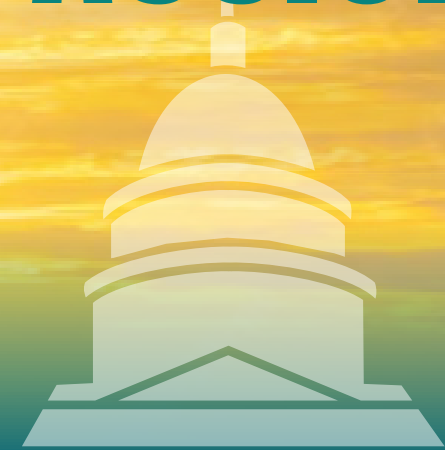
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**SUMMER ACADEMY**

**POLICY LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**AT THE VCU L. DOUGLAS WILDER SCHOOL  
OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**JUNE 23 - JULY 6, 2024**  
**JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE**

## THE EXPERIENCE

2- WEEK PROGRAM FOR AGES 15-25  
IN-PERSON AND REMOTE OPTIONS

### THE PROGRAM

Our engaging and challenging program will enhance and test your abilities to translate theories into practice in real-world situations. Over the course of 2 weeks, participants are introduced to policy formation and analysis, economics, public administration, research methods, and statistics, critical thinking, advocacy, and effective, readable writing.

### HANDS-ON PROJECTS

Capstone projects are designed to give participants the opportunity to collaborate on real-world policy issues and challenges in a team setting on current and relevant topics. Our Capstone projects, you will build creative thinking, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship skills.

### INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION

Our curriculum is taught by top professors, policy experts, and leading decision-makers who equip your youth to thinking critically about real-world policy issues.

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## ADMISSIONS

APPLICATIONS DUE    EXTENDED DUE DATE\*  
MAY 1, 2024        MAY 15, 2024

\*Late applications accepted on a space available basis.

### APPLICANTS

Rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors; high school graduates; and community and undergraduate college students. Must be between the ages of 15-25 (on June 23, 2024).

The admissions committee seeks a well-balanced cohort that is diverse and inclusive, and whose members will interact well, and meaningfully, with each other and with their teachers.

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

#### STATEMENT OF INTEREST

To state why you are applying in your own words: include your interests, academic work, and community involvement.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

To verify academic enrollment.  
Standardized test scores are not required.