



OUR MISSION

The mission of Policy Pathways is to train and educate individuals who desire to excel academically in policy studies and public administration degree programs and who seek to become leaders in policy arenas and the public sector.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a society with representative diversity among high-level policy decision-makers and enhanced empowerment among disenfranchised populations and communities.

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Fees, faculty, and program schedule are subject to change. Policy Pathways does not discriminate on the basis of gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or other legally protected characteristics in any program, activity, admission, or employment.

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**IGNITE YOUR
PASSION
THIS SUMMER**

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THE EXPERIENCE

Our college preparatory program in public policy offers immersive experiences that give participants the opportunity to engage with experts and grapple with real-world policy challenges. Through hands-on activities and interactive sessions, program participants will gain invaluable insight into the policy-making process, develop critical thinking skills, and build a network with peers and professionals who share their passion for positive change in the world.

The two-week session offers engaging and rewarding public policy course work. Top professors in their fields, policy experts, and leading decision-makers introduce program participants to policy formation and analysis, economics, public administration, research methods, and statistics, as well as critical thinking, advocacy, and writing strategies.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Full and partial scholarships available.

THE APPLICATION

Applications are open to aspiring changemakers, youth and young adult aged 15-25 years (as of June 25, 2026).

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 1, 2026

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.

*Extended applications due May 15**

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