

MANAGEMENT CAREER SERVICES

Graduate Programs



Master of Public Administration (MPA) Internship Program

Our Master of Public Administration (MPA) Internship Program is Atlantic Canada's only MPA program offering a paid work experience. It's designed with employers in mind.

Our students are equipped with the leadership, policy, and analytical skills needed to thrive in government, public agencies, and consulting environments. Backed by CAPPA (Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration) accreditation, curriculum is built around five core competencies: critical thinking, leadership, engagement, ethics, and communication.

WHY HIRE AN MPA INTERN?

- Pre-screened, graduate-level talent available for 14- to 16-week work terms starting in May
- Employer-informed curriculum ensures students are ready to contribute from day one
- Professional development training prepares students to hit the ground running

MPA INTERNS CAN SUPPORT YOUR TEAM WITH:

- Policy development and engagement
- Research, analysis, and evaluation
- Briefing notes and communications
- Program delivery and project collaboration
- Budgeting, event planning, and stakeholder management

INTERNSHIP STRUCTURE

Internships take place between the first and second year of study. Objectives include:

- Goal setting and self-assessment
- Improving time management, networking, and presentation skills
- Giving and receiving constructive feedback

Year	Fall (Sept. - Dec.)	Winter (Jan. - Apr.)	Summer (May - Aug.)
1	Study Term	Study Term	Work Term
2	Study Term	Study Term	Graduation

INTERNSHIP CRITERIA

- A 14- to 16-week, 35 or 37.5 hours/week paid position
- Supervision and mentorship
- A meaningful, growth-oriented experience
- Recent average hourly rate of \$25.65 (varies by region and role)

This program is approved by the Public Service Commission of Canada.

INTERESTED IN HIRING A STUDENT FROM OUR OTHER PROGRAMS?

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