Master of Public Administration

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Rockefeller College offers one of the best tuition values among the top 25 schools of public affairs, even for out-of-state students. Low tuition plus low cost of living in Albany make Rockefeller the smart choice among public administration programs.

Competitive financial awards are available to select MPA students on the basis of merit, previous academic achievement, and potential for success as a student at Rockefeller College. MPA applicants are automatically considered for departmental assistantships and scholarships when they apply by the February 1 funding deadline. Most MPA students are also able to secure paid professional internships.

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Demand for candidates with strong quantitative skills continues to grow as pressure to empirically measure the cost and success of policy decisions rises. Early in my academic career, my Rockefeller advisor helped me tailor my coursework to build those skills; the breadth of courses available at Rockefeller enabled me to apply them to real-life situations. That experience has proven invaluable. My degree from Rockefeller opened doors to careers in the private sector, as well as state and federal government.”
Public Financial Management

Tolulope Bamwo ’14
Presidential Management Fellow
Financial Management Specialist
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C.

“One of the most valuable aspects of the public finance curriculum at Rockefeller was its practical approach to real world situations. We looked at actual organizations’ financial issues in real time. My edge in the workplace has been my familiarity with the different tasks at hand from day one.”
Donald Boyce III ’08
Assistant Vice President
Global Technology & Operations, Regulatory, Risk and Control Group
Regulatory Management Group
New York City

“Rockefeller College taught me never to forget the fundamentals, and to never underestimate the value of your network. Standing at the cross-roads in-between regulatory policy and implementation, staying grounded, and relying on my contacts across the bank has helped make me remain successful.”
Thanks to Rockefeller’s MPA program, I was able to jump right into a leadership role that directs the program’s operations as well as the external affairs. I knew how to handle the diversity of work nonprofit leaders are required to do including program management, fundraising, community outreach, financial management, and performance measurement. Anyone looking to become a nonprofit leader should go through the MPA program!
Rockefeller’s MPA program provided the complete framework for professional success. The courses are designed to equip students with practical skills in the public and nonprofit sector, while the internship program provides an opportunity to test those skills and gain professional experience. Rockefeller College provides the experience, knowledge, and professional network to succeed in any endeavor!
Joseph Garba ’05
Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of N.Y.S. Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie
Albany, New York and New York City

“My MPA from Rockefeller College provided me with the training and knowledge I needed to grow professionally and progress in my career. It has given me the skills necessary to address the types of complex issues that come up regularly in serving at all levels of government.”
Part-time and evening course options allow traditional and non-traditional students the flexibility they need to pursue the MPA program at their own pace. Evening classes begin at 5:45 p.m. and meet only one night per week.

“Rockefeller College provided me with the flexibility I needed as a working professional and opened up doors to a diverse array of potential career paths. Even before graduation, I was hired by a national consulting firm at almost twice my previous salary.”

Amanda Susser, MPA ’13
Advisory Associate, KPMG
The Rockefeller MPA gives you a breadth of knowledge that any employer would be happy to have in an employee. My degree preparation included ample coursework in substantive policy, data analysis, and communication skills. I felt I had a very strong foundation on which to build a career. I developed a broad skill set I could call upon in any number of professional positions and acquired the specific knowledge related to healthcare reimbursement I needed to work in my chosen field.
"When you are the town manager you must be on top of your game at every moment because, at the end of the day, the performance of the organization is your responsibility. Not only do you need to know the fundamentals of the job, but you also need to exhibit leadership ability. Rockefeller College helped teach me those things. My decision to attend Rockefeller was one of the best I ever made."

Joseph Colangelo ’06
Town Manager
Shelburne, Vermont
When I was a student at Rockefeller I always felt that I was getting the preparation and support I needed to achieve my goals and be successful in my future career. Today, I call on what I learned in my classes at Rockefeller routinely. My work in city government is all-encompassing — exciting and sometimes stressful. There’s always a new initiative to launch, a problem to solve, or a crisis to handle. There is never a dull moment; it’s always exciting. I enjoy the career path I’m on very much!”
Frank McStay II ’14
Senior Researcher
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

"Rockefeller was the right choice because it gave me the confidence and practical policy analysis skills I need to have an influence on the health care system. It’s a small school that I really think of as a learning community, where the faculty, staff, and students can openly engage in rigorous in-depth dialogues about current critical policy issues."
Deciding to attend Rockefeller to earn an MPA was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. As a foreign student I had all the support I needed to get through the program and succeed in my future career. Core program courses gave me a foundational understanding of the public sector, and the caring and knowledgeable staff helped me find an amazing internship, and eventually a great job at KPMG.”
Our Robust Alumni Network

One of the greatest benefits of a Rockefeller MPA is access to a vast and connected alumni network.

More than 11,000 Rockefeller College alumni are available to provide advice, introductions, internship opportunities, and job connections. Our College Advisory Board is comprised of prominent alumni who work in Washington, D.C., New York City, Albany, and beyond.
Rockefeller College launches careers. The meaningful connections I made with my peers and faculty members, the number of substantive homeland security internships in Albany, and the practical skills in Microsoft Excel and quantitative analyses I learned in the classroom not only helped to connect me with my first professional employer but also helped me land the job! I attribute my professional successes to my decision to attend Rockefeller College."
Government Information Strategy & Management

Adam Figueroa ’11
Director, eCommerce Systems
Cenveo Corporation
Greater New York City area

“I’ve always had a passion for technology, both in its current application and the new frontier it represents for our world. As the MPA core courses provided me with a solid background in management, economics, policy, and finance, the Government Information Strategy & Management concentration expanded my portfolio with highly specialized and marketable skills. The program has unique partnerships with industry leaders that give students opportunities to gain applied, hands-on experience with companies and organizations in the field. I was able to monitor emerging trends in the Information Technology industry and build my résumé, which positioned me for success after graduation.”
The Rockefeller MPA
At a Glance

98% graduates employed or pursuing further graduate study one year after graduation

56% overall salary increase experienced by Rockefeller MPAs who graduated in the classes of 2010–2015

85% Rockefeller students who have paid internships

$54,390 average salary for the Class of 2015
Employment by Sector
2010–2015

- State Government: 38%
- Nonprofit: 14%
- Private Firm: 14%
- International: 17%
- Federal Government: 8%
- Local Government: 7%
- Law/Legal: 2%
- Other: <1%

We have and will continue to hire interns from Rockefeller College, as we believe they are an excellent source of high-quality professionals.

– Kelli-Ann Shelley
New York State Department of Civil Service

Sample Internship Employers

- Make-A-Wish
- American Red Cross
- KPMG
- New York State Assembly
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Public Financial Management
- City of Philadelphia
- Citizens Budget Commission
- New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
- New York State Homes and Community Renewal
- New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc.
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MPA ADMISSIONS
Admissions decisions are made by the Department of Public Administration and Policy.

To be considered for MPA admission, you must submit:

- Two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate study to date
- Official GRE or GMAT results (GRE code 2532). LSAT scores are also accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- A statement of goals describing your career objectives and your intended area of study
- A current résumé or CV
- Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) if your first language is not English (TOEFL or IELTS scores are not required for students who previously have been enrolled for a minimum of two full-time semesters in a U.S. college or English-speaking institution)

The application process is coordinated through the University at Albany’s Office of Graduate Education. Applicants may apply online through the University’s Web service. Detailed admission information may be found at: albany.edu/rockefeller/applympa

Frequently Asked Questions:
www.albany.edu/rockefeller/faq