STUDENTS SEEKING INTERNSHIPS

for Summer 2015
Carolina MPA Interns

The Carolina MPA program attracts students who share a passion for public service and capacity for leadership. Employers who recruit from Carolina’s MPA program have access to students who are critical thinkers and who have extensive experience in team-building and problem-solving. Interns provide staffing for projects that might not otherwise be completed, and employers have the opportunity to invest in a potential future employee.

Many of our students choose Carolina because they are interested in practical scholarship and experience. Our rising second-year and dual-degree students bring energy, intelligence, and creativity to internships, while developing new skills and putting their knowledge to work through meaningful public service. This professional work experience is an opportunity for students to test the waters in their areas of interest and to network with future colleagues.

In the following pages, you will meet students who are seeking internships for summer 2015.

Students in the online format of the Master of Public Administration program (MPA@UNC) are available year-round for internships or projects. We can easily connect you with students to meet your internship or short-term project needs.

To request further information: Contact Susan Austin, career services director, at 919.966.4159 or austin@sog.unc.edu.

To view student resumes: Visit www.mpa.unc.edu/node/104. To log in, enter password 2tarheel2.

LUISA AGATHON seeks an internship in local government.

I have five years of professional experience in the nonprofit sector, strong analytical skills, and knowledge about the growing Latino community. I am especially interested in broadening my skills in the areas of economic and community development or budget management in a local government setting.

LAUREN BRUNE seeks an internship with an education policy organization or with a nonprofit focusing on public education or performing arts administration.

I am interested in the overall improvement of public education and ways to integrate the performing arts and their associated benefit into public elementary and secondary curricula. This goal is a result of an interest in education policy coupled with my longtime involvement in the performing arts.
WILL CHEATHAM seeks an internship in local government administration.
I am interested in learning how local government leaders shape a community’s strategic vision and oversee its implementation. I also want to understand how leaders balance competing priorities in decision-making and facilitate high performance in their daily work. By observing the complex interdependence of government agencies in ensuring effective service delivery, I have grown aware of the challenge that leaders face in providing the highest-quality services for residents. I am inspired to take on a demanding role in local government by the positive effect I believe I could have as a steward of good governance.

JONATHAN C. CHEEK seeks an internship with a state or federal government agency focusing on strategic policy research and analysis.
With my background as an Army logistics and strategic plans officer, I am interested in disaster and emergency management planning, energy management, and opportunities with the NC Department of Transportation. I am passionate about working with state/local planners on planning, researching, evaluating, and developing effective disaster response plans. I am also interested in port management, environmental studies, and traffic management for highway or rail departments.

MARIA CHIOCHIOS seeks an internship with a nonprofit organization or local government agency that focuses on community development, civic engagement, or records management.
While working in Kenya, I was struck by the lack of access to and exchange of information. I realized how information and records sharing empowers and transforms communities. My prior professional experiences demonstrate that I can best serve as an information professional, facilitating a community dialogue, identifying and engaging community strengths, promoting civic engagement, and preserving social memory. I am interested in a position where I can continue to develop my expertise in promoting civic engagement; extracting, presenting, and preserving information; and using management tools to confront community challenges.

KHADIJAH DIAZ seeks an internship in state or federal government focused on policy research and analysis.
I have worked as both a research intern for the Durham County Board of Commissioners and a research assistant on three academic projects over the last two years. I am eager to transition my analytical and research skills into an expanded role in public policy.

JOSEPH ECKSTROM seeks an internship in state or local government.
I have a special interest in community development and outreach, focusing on building economic opportunities in underprivileged areas. I spent the previous four years teaching in a Title I school in Charlotte, North Carolina, observing how students living in economically depressed areas often do not achieve at the same levels as their more affluent peers. This experience piqued my interest in how state or local governments respond to economic disparities to alleviate stress on low-income families.
JAMES P. ELLIS seeks an internship in city or county administration.
I am interested in working with a jurisdiction contending with large urban planning or revitalization efforts. Because of my background in urban infrastructure design, I believe I could contribute to planning projects while learning how planners and administrators develop and implement long-term strategic plans. I am also interested in positions that would allow me to assist in the “nuts and bolts” of administration, working closely with a city or county manager in their day-to-day duties.

OLIVIA HAMMILL seeks an internship in city management.
I am interested in the daily operations of cities, including collaboration and coordination among city departments and the development of public programs. As a result of my experiences in higher education and policy and program implementation, I am particularly interested in program analysis and evaluation, communication between government officials and citizens, and how governments ensure that their programs are efficient and effective for the citizens they serve.

ALLISON HAWKINS seeks an internship in state-level policy related to rural economic and community development.
As a result of growing up in a small town in Western North Carolina, I have a particular interest in ensuring future prosperity for the rural areas of our state. I have worked in a boots-on-the-ground role, administering a Rural Center grant in Caswell County; in state politics; and at a nonpartisan North Carolina-based think tank. State-level policy fascinates and excites me, and I want to work with the people who are making the decisions about—and creating strategies for—rural economic and community development at the state level.

CATHERINE HUGHES seeks an internship with a local, state, or federal agency or a nonprofit organization that engages in disaster planning and management.
I am interested in how decisions get made before, during, and after natural disasters and how relations between different organizations affect disaster planning and management. My interest in this area was greatly influenced by hearing about my parents’ experience during Hurricane Hugo as well as participating in relief work following Hurricane Katrina. I am eager to gain more hands-on experience in this area by observing how these decisions are made.

MATTHEW JAMES seeks an internship in city or county administration.
I am motivated to master the full scope of local government operations and understand the subtleties of a city or county manager’s responsibilities. During my tenure with the North Carolina recycling program, I collaborated with counties and municipalities as they worked to improve their recycling practices and infrastructure. I am now eager to experience the local government administration side of this partnership.
**ANNA JOYCE** seeks an internship in state or federal government.

I am interested in the development of public policy. Through work with local nonprofit agencies, I have gained insight into the application of policy directives within an organization. I now want to better understand how public policy is formulated and what considerations are taken into account by those agencies tasked with its implementation. An internship with a state or federal governmental agency will provide an invaluable opportunity to understand the process from beginning to end.

**OMAR KASHEF** seeks an internship with a nonprofit or governmental organization focused on affordable housing.

I am interested in local and community-driven approaches to the affordable housing crisis. This emphasis stems from my time working for an internationally-based organization focused on the issue as well as a locally-based one. I am also interested in nonprofit and local government relations because their collaboration is critical to ensuring resources are properly allocated to those in need of affordable housing.

**JUSTIN KREFT** seeks an internship in state or local government administration.

As a dual-degree student in the Master of Public Administration and Information Science programs, I have a passion for public information management, open data advocacy, and solutions development. I am drawn to the public sector because of an appreciation of how policy shapes what is possible, the opportunities I see to leverage technology to deliver programs and services both efficiently and equitably, and my interest in developing useful, innovative solutions to address the biggest problems with the simplest answers.

**TREVOR LOBAUGH** seeks an internship with a federal, state, or local budget office.

My experiences working within a government office and a national nonprofit have taught me how budget decisions can affect policy-setting priorities. A budget’s composition establishes the blueprint for an organization’s activity, setting focus areas and prescribing programs and initiatives. I am interested in learning more about the process by which these foundational documents are developed, how external pressures are dealt with, and how the decisions that shape governmental functions are made.

**PATRICK MADEJ** seeks an internship in local, state, or federal government.

While managing a community improvement initiative in Binghamton, New York, for the past two years, I learned that government can be a practical and effective avenue for making tangible and positive changes in a community. Internships with local media outlets introduced me to the importance of communication between leaders and their constituents. I am eager to gain additional experience in government project management and performance measurement and to continue learning how the media and government interact to serve and inform their communities.
**MICHAEL MALECEK** seeks an internship with a city, county, or regional agency involving economic development, neighborhood redevelopment, city/county management, or city and regional planning.

I am interested in the evaluation, management, and implementation of development initiatives, projects, and strategies. My background in nonprofit and public affairs consulting provides me with both public and private perspectives on neighborhood investment. In previous positions, I engaged diverse stakeholders to develop plans that benefit everyone and learned the importance of strategy development, targeted communications, and negotiation. I am eager to learn how local and regional agencies balance public investment and private proposals with the needs of communities and the general public.

**JOE MAUGERI** seeks an internship in education on the state or district level involving program evaluation or budgeting.

My work as a high school math teacher in Detroit sparked an interest in state-level and district-level education administration. Outside of my role as a classroom teacher, I had the opportunity to work on managing my school’s Title I funding and learned about the power of effective, efficient budgeting and program evaluation in education. I am particularly interested in working with low-income urban schools.

**MEAGAN MCDougall** seeks an internship with an organization focused on women or international development.

I am eager to learn how to combine my research and policy skills with effective organizational management and cross-sector collaboration to enact and administer positive social change. I have particular interests in improving the status of women domestically and internationally and also more broadly in international development.

**JORDAN PASCHAL** seeks an internship with a city, county, or state government agency.

My work in and around state government has shown me the extent to which local and state governments can tangibly improve the lives of their constituents through good public policy and competent delivery of government services. I am especially interested in analyzing and developing budgets and in local economic development. These interests developed from my experience interacting with constituents and local governments throughout the state and from my academic background. I am eager to gain specialized experience in these areas by observing how local government managers and policy researchers craft good policy and implement it on a daily basis.

**NICK PEAK** seeks an internship in a state or federal government agency.

I have a particular interest in public finance research and analysis. This stems from my studies in economics and policy formation. I want to apply the skills I have gained academically to a public sector position where I can meld my passions for policy research and policy execution.
BETHANY SHEWMAKER seeks an internship in environmental management and advocacy in the nonprofit or public sector.

My interests include conservation biology, natural resource management, and human impact on the environment. I have participated in policy-related research projects on a variety of environmental issues, including the captive breeding and reintroduction of California condors and recreational land use in California and Costa Rica. My passion has evolved from field research to environmental management with the goal of effecting change on a broader level. I am specifically interested in a position where I can continue to learn about the complexities inherent in environmental issues and can witness the interplay between government, private, and nonprofit organizations.

AUDREY SHORE seeks an internship with a nonprofit organization with an emphasis on fundraising and development.

My experience working with nonprofit organizations in many different capacities has shown me the importance of strong and innovative fundraising campaigns. One of my specific interests is increasing engagement and fostering new relationships with younger members of the community while continuing to maintain established relationships through innovative, modern, and creative programs. I am eager to gain experience through both observation and hands-on work with a nonprofit organization.

TAYLOR SMITH seeks an internship with a governmental or nonprofit organization focused on disaster management.

I experienced many hurricanes firsthand and studied their effects in college, but it was a trip to Staten Island after Hurricane Sandy that motivated me to work in the field of disaster planning and relief. By providing practical assistance and getting to know that community, I recognized my passion to alleviate suffering in the wake of disaster through relief and recovery projects. I look forward to a career in which I will be directly involved in discovering best practices for disaster planning and relief efforts through practical assistance, research, and analysis.

FRANCINE STEFAN seeks an internship in a public or nonprofit organization focused on international development or cross-cultural exchange.

I am especially interested in assisting a project director with program management, implementation, and evaluation. As a Romanian-American, I understand the importance of both the relationship between developed and developing nations and cross-cultural exchange in an increasingly globalized world.

CALEY TRUJILLO seeks an internship with a city manager or a municipal government department head.

I am especially interested in local government management, specifically in the city manager’s office. My passion for city management grew from my experience working with the assistant city manager in Acworth, Georgia, to create a local youth council. I aspire to become an innovative public servant helping to build strong communities in which citizens and businesses can thrive. I am also enthusiastic about local economic development and the impact planning can have on a city’s prosperity.
ANDREW TRUMP seeks an internship with an economic development organization.  

My professional experiences in economic development, adult education, and workforce readiness, coupled with my leadership training, have shown me that potential exists within every community. I seek to contribute my skills and talents as an economic analyst, project manager, fundraiser, and writer to an organization committed to improving communities through increasing economic opportunity and resiliency.

ALEXANDER VAZQUEZ seeks an internship with a nonprofit organization or governmental agency focused on improving early childhood development.  

Coming from a low-income community in Texas, I have seen and experienced how families are affected by poverty. Through my undergraduate coursework and experience working at a social policy research organization in New York City, I learned the value of evidence-based interventions. I want to work for an entity that employs evidence-based programs to improve the trajectory of children in underserved populations.

PAIGE WALTZ seeks an internship with a federal government agency or public research university involving intergovernmental relations.  

I am especially interested in public policy research and implementation, legislative relations, and communications. During my time working on Capitol Hill handling press inquiries and communications for a senior member of Congress, I had the opportunity to observe the legislative process and its subsequent effect on the district’s constituents. Communication was a crucial part of keeping constituents informed and maintaining a link between our office and the district. I look forward to building upon this experience with a federal government agency or to applying my skillset in a public research university setting.