

JSGS Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program Application Questions

The MPA is a professional program designed to prepare you for a career in public administration and policy work in diverse areas such as non-government organizations, industry associations, and, of course, the public service. To help the committee understand whether the MPA program is right for you, and whether you will be a good fit for our school, please address the following:

1. Motivation and interest. What has motivated you to pursue an MPA?
2. Preparation. How have your education, professional experience, and other relevant experiences prepared you to succeed in a graduate-level professional program in public policy and administration?
3. Goals and fit. What do you hope to achieve through the MPA, and why is the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy the right place for you to pursue these goals?

Word limit: 200 words per question.

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