

JSGS Master of Public Policy (MPP) Program Application Questions

The JSGS Master of Public Policy (MPP) is a research degree that prepares graduates to conduct policy research and analysis for use in the policy system. The MPP program trains students to apply their skills in the public policy domain. Graduates are prepared to work as policy researchers locally and globally in the public, not-for-profit, and corporate sectors and employ innovative strategies to address policy challenges.

Your personal statement offers you the opportunity to describe to the admissions committee your interests and fit with the MPP program. It also provides you with the opportunity to clearly detail your background and preparation, the ideas and methods that you bring to public policy and an indication of the particular areas of public policy that interest you.

1. Why do you want to pursue a public policy degree, and how does it connect to your academic, professional, volunteer, or personal experiences?
2. What is your proposed research question?
3. Identify a public policy issue, challenge, or area that you would like to study during the MPP. Explain what kinds of evidence, theory, methods, data, interest-holder perspectives, or policy considerations would be important in studying or addressing this issue.
4. How does your research background (including academic credentials and practical experience) prepare you for policy-related research?
5. Have you approached any of the faculty at the school to be your supervisor? If so, please name them.

Maximum of 750 words (overall).

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