Master of PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Bush School of Government & Public Service
Texas A&M University
“My Bush School experience taught me the value of a life dedicated to public service. I learned that serving the public is a privilege as well as a way to fulfill my own dreams.”

STACI CROSS
MPSA Class of 2006
Assistant Director
The Children’s Museum of the Brazos Valley

THE BUSH SCHOOL
http://bush.tamu.edu
THE MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM PREPARES PRINCIPLED LEADERS FOR THE PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT SECTORS. IT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS THEY WILL NEED IN ORDER TO PERFORM BOTH EFFECTIVELY AND ETHICALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE CHALLENGES FACING PUBLIC SERVANTS ARE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE.

The Master of Public Service and Administration degree (MPSA) is a 21-month program that requires 48 credit-hours of course work.

**Core Curriculum**
Seven required courses provide students with general knowledge and analytical skills in management, leadership, policy analysis, and research methods.

**Tracks**
Students select a track in Public Management (PM) or Public Policy Analysis (PPA) and complete two required courses and two elective courses in their chosen track.

**Elective Concentrations**
Students may select an elective concentration in one of the following areas: nonprofit organizations; state and local policy and management; natural resources, environment, and technology policy and administration; security, energy, and technology policy; and health policy and management.

*For detailed curriculum information, including specific core courses, tracks and concentrations, go to http://bush.tamu.edu/academics/mpsa/curriculum

**Capstone Seminars**
These seminars provide Bush School students with the opportunity to apply their skills to solve "real world" topics. Teams analyze a management or policy issue and then prepare a formal, written report and recommendation that is presented to a client from the public or nonprofit sector.

**Writing Program**
A full-time writing consultant offers seminars and provides individual assistance to refine students’ writing skills.
100% of the most recent MPSA entering class received scholarships ranging from $3,000 to $25,000 per year.

The scholarships, which are merit based, are awarded for both the first and second year of the program. All scholarship recipients pay in-state tuition and fees. Bush School students may apply for a graduate assistantship during the second year of their program.

The cost of 24 hours of coursework for in-state graduate students at Texas A&M University is currently approximately $7,500.

The combination of low-cost tuition and fees and the high level of scholarship support for Bush School students make the MPSA program at Texas A&M University very affordable.

“The financial assistance provided by the Bush School was phenomenal compared to other schools I was considering.”

Kimberly Isaura Jones
MPSA Class of 2007

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“We’re committed to providing our students significant financial support through an on-going scholarship campaign. It’s important for them to begin their public service careers without worrying about paying off burdensome education debt.”

— Dick Chilcoat, Dean

SCHOLARSHIPS & COST
DURING THEIR TIME IN THE BUSH SCHOOL, STUDENTS HAVE SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
THE PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM encourages students to refine critical skills in conflict resolution, team building, and oral and written communication. It also gives students the confidence to examine their own strengths and weaknesses and to develop a system of self-improvement.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION (PSO) offers valuable organizational and problem-solving experiences for students who volunteer for worthwhile civic projects.

THE BUSH SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) provides a representative voice for the student body in the governance of the School. The SGA cultivates relationships and facilitates information flow among the student body, faculty, and administration.

CAPSTONE SEMINARS require teams of students to work on a real-world management or policy issue on behalf of a real-world client.

A SPEAKER SERIES provides students unique opportunities for interaction with successful men and women from all areas of public service.

THE PUBLIC SERVANT, the College newsletter, provides students an active voice and an opportunity to speak out on issues in a public forum.

PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES sponsored by the Bush Presidential Library Complex afford students the opportunity to meet and network with experienced leaders in all walks of life.

INTERNSHIPS
Students complete a professional internship that provides them with hands-on experience working in a public or nonprofit organization. Students’ faculty advisors and the career services director work to help individuals obtain an internship tailored to their interests and career goals.
Students have incredible opportunities to meet with prospective employers through formal recruitment contacts and the many speakers, guest lecturers and visitors of the Bush School and Presidential Library Center.

Texas A&M University’s renowned alumni network also facilitates contacts among graduates for a variety of purposes, including placement.

The Bush School Student Services Office works with students to help them navigate the job search process.

Bush School graduates hold diverse positions in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.

Federal Government
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. International Trade Commission
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Treasury

State and Local Government
- City of Dallas, Texas
- Colorado Office of the State Auditor
- District of Columbia City Government
- Loudon County, Virginia
- New York City Mayor’s Office
- Texas State Auditor’s Office
- Texas Sunset Advisory Commission

Nonprofit Organizations
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- Children’s Museum of the Brazos Valley
- CHRISTUS Foundation for Healthcare
- Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- OneStar Foundation

Bush School students learn from and interact with world leaders through the Bush Presidential Library Foundation which hosts an impressive roster of distinguished guests.

“As a White House intern, I quickly realized that the Bush School had prepared me to succeed in today’s fast-paced policy environment.”

PRESELY READER
BSA Class of 2004
Manager, Ministry Partner Relations
Food for the Hungry, Phoenix, AZ

CAREER PLACEMENT
http://bush.tamu.edu/students/career_services

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
http://www.georgebushfoundation.org

INCREIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Texas A&M University is located in the heart of Texas. Home to the Bush School, the University is located within easy driving distance of the state’s major cities.

NATIONALLY RANKED as one of the most livable, affordable and fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation, Bryan and College Station are rich in opportunities — sports, parks, nature trails, opera, concerts, ballet, symphonies, museums, exhibits, and special events are all part of the culture of the community.

With an enrollment of more than 45,000 students and as a nationally ranked research university, the resources available to Bush School students are outstanding.

STATE-OF-THE-ART CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY • ADVANCED COMPUTER RESOURCES • WIRELESS ACCESS • OFFICE SPACE • STUDENT LOUNGE • LANGUAGE LABORATORY • STUDY AREA • COPIER AND PRINTER PRIVILEGES • 3.3 MILLION VOLUMES IN THE MAIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY • INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY • POLICY SCIENCES & ECONOMICS LIBRARY • GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

“Texas A&M is a university of strong and unique traditions, has an enormous wealth of resources and opportunities, and attracts faculty and students from all over the world.”

MANAL SHEHABI
MPSA Class of 2004
Project Manager
Government Relations Division
The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
“IN A HUNDRED YEARS, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK BACK AND HAVE HISTORIANS SAY, ‘FROM THAT SCHOOL CAME GENERATION AFTER GENERATION OF PEOPLE WHO WERE COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE RIGHT REASONS — THEY BELIEVED THAT PUBLIC SERVICE IS NOBLE AND THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.’”

GEORGE BUSH
41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
ADMISSION INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

Bush School classes are small and admission is competitive. Approximately 35-40 students are admitted to the MPSA program each year. Successful applicants demonstrate strong academic capacity, a potential for leadership, and a commitment to serving others. The Bush School seeks diversity in both background and academic degrees and recruits students both nationally and internationally.

APPLICATIONS

Deadline – Mid-January for the following fall semester enrollment

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Application
Application Fee
Official GRE Scores
Official Transcripts from Each University Attended
Resume
Statement of Purpose
Two Required Essays
Three Letters of Recommendation with Form
TOEFL Score for International Students

USEFUL LINKS

Texas A&M University  http://www.tamu.edu
Office of Graduate Admissions  http://www.tamu.edu/admissions/grad
Financial Aid  http://financialaid.tamu.edu
Cost of Living/Housing  http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss
International Student Services  http://international.tamu.edu/iss
Community  http://www.bryan-collegestation.org

YOUR BUSH SCHOOL CONTACT

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