



VCU L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Academic Year 2023-2024 Internship, Fellowship and Employment Placement

Internship Placements

MPA students who do not have at least one year of professional level experience in the public sector or in a nonprofit agency are required to complete GVPA 693: Public Administration Practicum (3 credit hours). The public service internship provides the student with work experience and a realistic exposure to an organizational-bureaucratic environment. This experience should develop the student's awareness of the internal dynamics of an organization and of the value and attitudes of public employees to both their clientele and their administrative-political superiors.

Our highly rated students have held positions at the agencies below.

- Virginia Commonwealth University – Career Services
- VCU Health Systems – Ryan White Program
- Virginia Department of Corrections
- Office of Comprehensive Services
- The Virginia League of Conservation Voters at the Richmond City Health District
- Virginia Department of Elections
- Joe Koehler District 1 Campaign
- Library of Virginia Foundation
- Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Richmond Department of Economic and Community Development
- Department of Historical Resources
- City of Richmond, Department of Public Work
- Capital Region Airport Commission
- Congresswoman McClellan's Richmond Regional Office
- Greater Richmond Transit Company

Fellowship Placements

VCU's Wilder Graduate Scholars Fellowship program provides exceptionally well-qualified master's students with professional work experience through a host employer. Fellows are appointed for one academic year, beginning in August and ending in May, and are expected to work for their host employer for 20 hours per week.

MPA students have held fellowship positions at the following agencies:

- Capital Region Airport Commission
- GRTC
- Virginia Department of Corrections
- Virginia Department of Corrections – Research and Management Services
- Center for Public Policy
- Division of Legislative Services
- Greater Richmond Transit Company
- VCU Public Policy Training
- Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute
- VCU Center on Human Needs
- The Community Foundation Serving Richmond & Central Virginia
- Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory
- Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission
- Research Institute for Social Equity (RISE)



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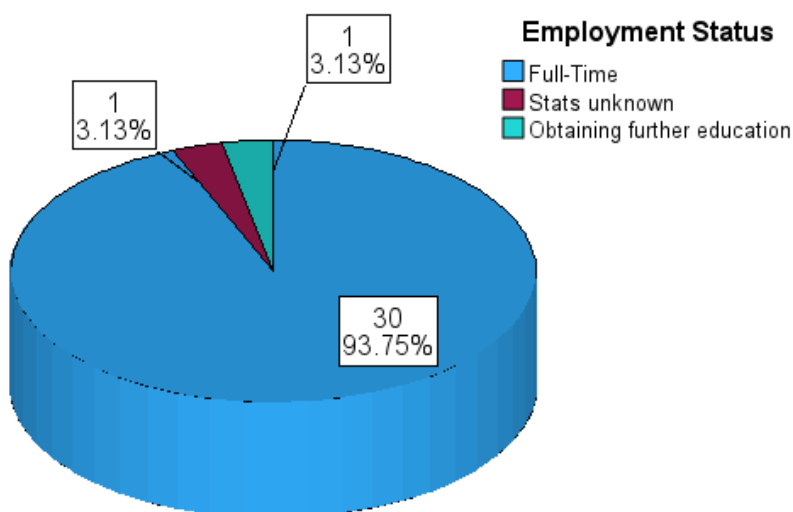
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Job Placements

Graduates of the Master of Public Administration program at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs go on to earn positions in local, state and federal government as well as nonprofit agencies.

In the 2023-2024 Academic Year, our graduates held the following positions six months after graduation. This data is self-report by the graduate in surveys conducted by the MPA program.

Employment Situation Six Months After Graduation



Categories of Employment Six Months After Graduation

