



▶▶ JSGS Executive Internship Program

The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School (JSGS) offers MPA and MPP students the opportunity to enhance their post-graduate experience with an internship in the federal or provincial public service, municipal and local government or in health services research. The depth and quality of our internship options distinguish them from any other in the country. They are the only internships in Canada that pair student interns with mentors/coaches who are at the most senior level of government and focus on the development of a high quality mentorship experience. Likewise, the Health Services Research Field Placement directly engages students with health services decision and policy making processes.

While the internships are designed primarily for MPA students, MPP students may be placed if an appropriate internship is identified.

Throughout the course of the internship, JSGS students gain the skills they need to thrive in a public service environment. The many concrete benefits to interns in the Johnson-Shoyama Executive Internship Program include valuable career preparation and experience, the development of an extensive professional network, as well as accelerated professional growth and advancement.

▶▶ Internship Goals and Objectives

The goal of each internship placement is to expose MPA and MPP students to and give them hands-on experience with a broad range of activities and issues related to public administration, public policy analysis and evaluation. JSGS Executive Internship opportunities may be based in federal departments, provincial ministries, other public agencies, and even non-governmental or international organization/agencies. Mentors/coaches are recruited from the most senior level of government, depending on the ministry or department. Interns will apply their knowledge and skills and learn about government processes through direct involvement in:

- > planning, policy development and analysis;
- > budget development;
- > program development and delivery;
- > research and evaluation; and
- > strategic planning and reporting.

ALISON HAMILTON, 2010 FEDERAL INTERNSHIP, MPA GRADUATE, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN CAMPUS

“This internship has helped to refine and enhance my public policy skill set, which I developed in my MPA program. My placement has also provided me with opportunities to learn how to work effectively under time constraints, in a high-paced work environment.”

Alison has also attained her BSc (Hons), Brandon University

“The MPP program at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy afforded me a high quality education and provided a high level of interaction and support from my supervisor. With strong ties to the provincial government, the school provided me with a unique and valuable internship experience in government that allowed me to apply the skills I learned in class. In addition, working in a smaller organization as an intern exposed me to high-level decision-making and allowed for daily interaction with senior managers and policy makers. I am confident that the skills I acquired in class and through my internship will enable me to succeed as I start my career.”

MATTHEW JURCAK, 2010 WRTC INTERNSHIP, MPP STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA CAMPUS

▶▶ Internship Mentors/Coaches

Mentors/coaches provide direction and guidance to the intern and will design and monitor the placement to ensure it is rewarding and meaningful. Additionally, the mentor/coach is available to share their knowledge and experience.

▶▶ Eligibility Requirements and Application Process

Applicants to the JSGS Executive Internship Program must be current (not graduated) JSGS MPA or MPP students who will have completed at least 50 per cent of the program (including all core courses) by the time the internship placement begins.

To apply, students are required to submit an application package that includes a professional resume, cover letter, the names of two JSGS faculty references and a two page written response to a question posed by JSGS faculty. Interns will be selected on the basis of their academic performance, the quality of their application package submission and an in-person interview. The interview panel is comprised of JSGS and employer representatives. Successful candidates may be invited for a follow-up interview with a prospective mentor/coach.

▶▶ Application Deadline

Applications for JSGS internships are accepted from January 1 to February 15 annually. Information on the application process is available on the JSGS website.

▶▶ Funding

Provincial, municipal and local government interns receive a scholarship of \$20,000 for an eight month internship (\$2,500 per month for the duration of the program).

Federal interns are paid at a rate of pay determined by the employer.

Participation in the internship program entails a University-applied fee based upon registration in JSGS 850: JSGS Executive Internship Program.

Registration in JSGS 850 is required for each internship semester.

▶▶ Contact

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▶▶ WRTC Health Research Field Placement

The Health Services Research Field Placement is required for students enrolled in the Western Regional Training Centre for Health Services Research (WRTC). WRTC students will undertake a field placement upon completion of their academic program. A four month field placement is offered in partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, the Regina-Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR) and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). It provides students with the opportunity to engage in applied health services projects and work directly with health services decision-makers. So that they may fully appreciate the practical and cultural considerations of the placement organization, students are integrated into the organizational structure and participate in the decision and policy making process as fully as possible.

Prospective students are invited to contact the WRTC Program Coordinator at (306) 585-5469 for more information about the WRTC and to learn how to apply for the program.



For more information regarding the JSGS Executive Internship Program, visit www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca and click on 'Current Students'.