Program Overview: Masters of Public Policy Co-op Recruitment - Summer

Masters of Public Policy students from Simon Fraser University are ready to put their skills into action. A cohort of 35 talented young policy professionals are seeking Co-op opportunities from May to August.

MPP Co-op students want to contribute their skills, energy and ideas to the policy issues being addressed by organizations at the local, national and international level. Across all sectors, organizations hire MPP Co-op students for policy and research projects demanding strong communication and analytical skills, resourcefulness and innovation.

For more information about the academic program visit www.sfu.ca/mpp

Skills Profile

MPP students have significant experience in the following areas:

- Qualitative and quantitative research and analysis
- Written communication including policy briefs, memos, research summaries, reports, literature reviews, environmental scans and position papers
- Survey design and implementation
- Focus group facilitation and expert interviews
- Evaluation and decision making frameworks
- Stakeholder consultations
- Project coordination and presentations

Program Focus

The two-year Masters of Public Policy Program includes coursework in these areas:

- Research Methods
- Survey Design and Analysis
- Issues and Comparative Analysis
- Political Economy
- Economic Principles of Policy Analysis
- Policy Analysis Techniques and Application
- Statistics

Examples of Research Areas

Indigenous issues
Climate change
Education
Economic development
Energy
Environment & sustainability
Finance and trade
Gender and equity
Governance
Health
Housing & homelessness
Human rights & social justice
Immigration & settlement
Intergovernmental affairs
International development
Labour market & training
Natural resources
Technology & innovation
Transportation

See page 2 for details on posting a co-op job opportunity.

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Steps to Posting a Co-op Position

A Co-op job posting needs to include:

- Contact name and title, phone and email
- Job title and location
- Brief description of your organization
- List of job responsibilities/activities
- Skills and qualifications
- Preferred areas of study and education level
- Rate of pay: $20–25 for graduate level, set by individual employers

Additional Information:

- Special requirements or restrictions including citizenship
- Details of work hours (full-time or part-time)
- 3–4 day/week hiring options are possible
- Note if relocation expenses are covered
- Specific application deadline if applicable

When your posting is ready, email it to Eva Lewis at evat@sfu.ca. We will send applications to you via email within 8–10 days; or the deadline date you have set for the competition.

Our office handles arrangements for in-person or telephone interviews with selected candidates, based on your preferred dates and times.

Jan 15th: 1st Summer job postings available for student viewing
Jan–early May: postings, interviews, and offers ongoing
3rd Week of May: final Summer postings, interviews, and offers
May–Aug: employment period lasts 12–16 weeks

Who is hiring MPP students?

One of the key strengths of our program is the diverse range of partners involved in providing challenging and engaging Co-op opportunities for graduate students.

Federal, provincial and municipal government departments, crown corporations and agencies, not for profit organizations, professional associations, labour organizations and research institutes are involved in recruiting MPP Co-op students including:

- Adaptation to Climate Change (ACT)
- BC Business Council
- BC Government and Service Employees Union
- BC Housing
- BC Ministry of Justice
- BC SPCA
- BC Utilities Commission
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- EcoTrust Canada
- Employment & Skills Development Canada
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- First Nations Health Authority
- Fraser Basin Council
- Global Affairs Canada
- Government of Ontario
- Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada
- Technical Safety BC

"Working at the Canadian Cancer Society has given me confidence in my policy knowledge and professional skills. This position helped affirm my interest in health policy where I have focused my career goals for the last few years. The opportunity to work on several health advocacy programs showed me more about policy implementation which I found very satisfying."

K. Bowers | Canadian Cancer Society

"I am committed to pursuing a career in public service, particularly in local government. I have been fortunate to gain important insight into policy-making, how strategic decisions are formulated, how and when issues are considered, and also gaining perspectives on how policy work is informed by the public and ultimately results in direct services, programs and staff contact with community residents."

A. Molina | City of Surrey

Undergraduate and graduate Co-op students in all social sciences disciplines are represented by the Faculty of Arts Social Sciences Co-op program, which includes the School of Public Policy. If your organization has a job opportunity better suited for a 3rd or 4th year undergrad, we can assist you with recruiting a great candidate who meets your requirements.