University of Michigan
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Summer Program in Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA)
June 9- July 25, 2003

THE PROGRAM

PPIA is an intensive seven-week summer program that focuses on preparing students for graduate programs in public policy and international affairs. Courses focus on improving students' communication and quantitative reasoning skills, which are vital to their success in graduate programs. Ford School faculty teach most courses. Current MPP students and recent graduates serve as teaching assistants, leading discussion seminars and providing tutorial resources. PPIA fellows take three courses: quantitative methods, economics, and communication skills/policy analysis. Elementary and advanced sections of quantitative methods and economics are offered. PPIA Fellows attend classes in the morning and spend their afternoons working on problem sets, participating in discussion sessions, and seeking individual assistance in their courses.

THE COURSES

Quantitative Methods: This course is designed to provide students with the necessary background required to master both calculus and statistics. The fundamental concepts of algebra and mathematical problem solving will be presented, along with a brief introduction to topics in calculus. Topics include basic algebra, factoring, and solving linear and quadratic expressions in practical problems. Calculus techniques to be introduced include differentiation and integration.

Economics: This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the economy and the economic implications of public policies. The course will also introduce students to the use of economic tools for policy planning. The course will concentrate on microeconomics, with special emphasis on governmental involvement in economic activity. Major topics include theories of production, costs, prices, resource allocation, and the operation of various kinds of market systems.

Communication Skills/Policy Analysis: The purpose of the course is to improve communication skills –particularly writing composition – and to introduce students to policy analysis. The course will present international and domestic policy case studies. These cases will parallel the mathematics and economics courses in the techniques used in the analysis of a specific policy case. Students will write a series of papers analyzing each case. Oral presentations will also be part of the course.

Enrichment Programs: Students will also receive training using microcomputers, participate in weekly lunch meetings with guest speakers, and attend workshops on student development (e.g., resume writing) and on graduate programs. A review for the GRE and a mock GRE exam will be offered.

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION:

•Students must have completed the junior year of college and have at least one full semester of coursework left before graduation.
•Demonstrated interest in public policy or international affairs. All undergraduate majors are acceptable.
•Students must be U. S. citizens or permanent residents.
•To increase the diversity of students pursuing graduate programs in public policy and international affairs, students are selected from groups underrepresented in public policy and international affairs. Primary preference is given to African Americans (Blacks); Asians or Pacific Islanders (includes the Indian subcontinent); American Indian or Alaskan Native Tribal Members; and to Hispanics/Latinos.

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

•$1,000 Stipend.
•Assistance with travel expenses.
•University housing with a stipend for meals.
•Books and related course supplies.
•Library pass.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION ONLINE
http://www.fordschool.umich.edu/academics/ppia.htm

APPLICATIONS

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted to:

Summer Program in Public Policy
and International Affairs (PPIA)
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
University of Michigan
611 Tappan Street, 440 Lorch Hall
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1220

Applications, including official transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be received by February 15, 2003. Faxes will **not** be accepted. Early applications are strongly encouraged.

Application deadline is February 15, 2003

PPIA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
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PPIA Fellows who successfully complete the summer program at Michigan, Princeton or Berkeley and who are admitted to the Master in Public Policy (MPP) program at the Ford School will be eligible for a Rackham Masters Award, consisting of four semesters of tuition and fees, a stipend (currently $10,000.00 per year), and health care.

PPIA Fellows are also eligible for graduate fellowships of at least $5,000.00 from any of the PPIA member institutions:

American University, School of International Service
American University, School of Public Affairs
Brandeis University, Heller Graduate School
Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz School of Public Policy & Management
College of William and Mary, Jefferson Program in Public Policy
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
Duke University, Sanford Institute of Public Policy
Georgetown University, MS in Foreign Service Program
Georgetown University, Public Policy Institute
George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
Indiana University, School of Environmental & Public Affairs
Johns Hopkins University, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Urban Studies & Planning
New School University, Milano Graduate School of Mgmt. & Urban Policy
New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy
Princeton University, Wilson School of International and Public Affairs
Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service
Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
University at Albany - SUNY, Dept. of Public Administration and Policy
University of California - Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy
University of California - Los Angeles, School of Public Policy and Social Research
University of California - San Diego, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies
University of Chicago, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies
University of Delaware, Grad. School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy
University of Denver, Graduate School of International Studies
University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Policy Sciences Graduate Program
University of Maryland - College Park, School of Public Affairs
University of Massachusetts - Amherst, MA in Public Policy Program
University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Master of Public Administration Program
University of Pennsylvania - Fels Center of Government
University of Pittsburgh, Grad. School of Public and International Affairs
University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs
University of Washington - Seattle, Evans School of Public Affairs
University of Washington - Seattle, Jackson School of International Studies
University of Wisconsin - Madison, LaFollette School of Public Affairs

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