STUDENTS SEEKING PRACTICUMS for Summer 2016
Carolina MPA Students

The Carolina MPA program attracts students who share a passion for public service and capacity for leadership. Employers who recruit from Carolina’s MPA program have access to students who are critical thinkers and who have extensive experience in team-building and problem-solving. Interns provide staffing for projects that might not otherwise be completed, and employers have the opportunity to invest in a potential future employee.

Many of our students choose Carolina because they are interested in practical scholarship and experience. Our rising second-year and dual-degree students bring energy, intelligence, and creativity to practicums, while developing new skills and putting their knowledge to work through meaningful public service. This professional work experience is an opportunity for students to test the waters in their areas of interest and to network with future colleagues.

In the following pages, you will meet students who are seeking practicums for summer 2016.

Students in the online format of the Master of Public Administration program (MPA@UNC) are available year-round for practicums or projects. We can easily connect you with students to meet your internship or short-term project needs.

To request further information: Contact Susan Austin, career services director, at 919.966.4159 or austin@sog.unc.edu.

To view student resumes: Visit mpa.unc.edu/node/104. To log in, enter password 2tarheel2.
ANGELICA ARNOLD seeks a practicum with a local or state government agency involved in children’s public health issues.

I am interested in the implementation of health and wellness programs in schools and other child-focused community organizations. My internship with the No Kid Hungry campaign taught me how food insecurity affects learning and academic achievement. I want to explore how states and other public sector entities are working together to promote and provide opportunities for nutritious food choices and physical activity for kids, ideally leading to healthier communities.

SE-WOON CHA seeks a practicum in a federal, state, or local government organization specializing in economic and industrial development.

After working at the Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy for seven years, I became interested in government actions that stimulate economic and industrial development. I am eager to learn about the respective roles the federal, state, and local governments play in development, and I am interested in working in any level of government. I have experience conducting economic analyses, operating grant programs, and implementing laws and regulations.

BILLY COOK seeks a practicum in the field of national security with a federal agency.

I am particularly interested in the areas of cybersecurity and counterterrorism. This interest stems from my previous experience in the computer science field and observing researchers at the Army Cyber Institute at the United States Military Academy. I have also conducted policy research related to cybersecurity.

TRAVIS CRAYTON seeks a practicum with a local, regional, or state government agency involving neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and city/county management.

As a dual-degree student in public administration and city and regional planning, I am especially interested in government approaches to planning, managing, and financing development and growth. I am eager to work with a government agency to gain experience planning projects and crafting long-term strategic plans that address housing affordability, urban redevelopment, public transit, and economic opportunity.

JULIA DA SILVA seeks a practicum in a nonprofit organization.

I am interested in nonprofit management and development. My experience working with survivors of interpersonal violence inspired me to want to create safer, healthier, and more empowered communities. This involvement helped me become more compassionate and also passionate about creating change. My development experience helped hone my fundraising and grant-writing skills. I am eager to continue learning about how nonprofits are managed and funded.
ALEX GOTTSCHALK seeks a practicum in local or state government or with a regional planning organization addressing issues important to rural North Carolina.

I have a deep interest in rural North Carolina, which stems from an abiding love for my home of Currituck County. Knowing firsthand the experience of living in an underserved region of the state, I am eager to assist in the creation of viable and thriving rural regions for the current and next generations of North Carolinians.

ELIZABETH HANNIGAN seeks a practicum with a state or federal records management department.

I am especially interested in government records management to help ensure the long-term accessibility of vital public information. I want to help government employees understand the importance of good records management practices and implement innovative ways to improve the transfer and storage of archival government documents.

JANICE HILLANBRAND seeks a practicum in a nonprofit organization that interacts with one or more levels of government.

I am interested in the effective delivery of services to underprivileged residents and the way nonprofit organizations can assist in that delivery. I am also interested in how nonprofits interact with multiple levels of government to both deliver and fund these services. My experiences working for a nonprofit and a local government showed me how both sectors are critical to providing services to citizens. Growing up with deaf parents, I was also personally affected by these services.

ELLIS JOHNSON II seeks a practicum in a state or local government department focused on community and economic development.

My work in education, along with observing the rapid development and transformation in Durham, North Carolina, and my hometown of Detroit, Michigan, sparked an interest in how communities address inequity as they welcome new citizens and businesses. I am interested in the effect growth has on economic mobility for working class and poor communities.

OMAR KASHEF seeks a practicum with a nonprofit or government organization focused on economic development and affordable housing.

I am interested in guiding economic development through sustainable solutions. I want to facilitate growth that is supported both statistically and through community engagement. I have experience working for a community-based housing organization and a housing developer, and I am eager to gain economic development experience to expand my technical skill set.
**LIZ KENNELL** seeks a practicum in nonprofit management, city management, or economic development.

I am interested in enriching communities via advocacy and through collaboration among government and nonprofit agencies. Growing up as the daughter of a leader in a small city’s downtown meant Saturdays at the farmer’s market, discussions about changes in the homeless population at dinner, and playing on maps of planned streetscapes. Growing older, I have come to see public administration broadly as the tool through which communities are revitalized.

**HEATHER LEWIS** seeks a practicum with a state-level government agency or nonprofit organization providing education, health, or social services to children and families.

My primary interests include program effectiveness and quality improvement for government funded programs. Both as a public school teacher and as coordinator for a state-funded preschool program, I witnessed first-hand the need to ensure services were managed effectively and achieved the desired impacts. Effective management is key in securing future funding and the public trust. I am also eager to learn how public administrators use evaluation to improve program effectiveness.

**MARGARET MURPHY** seeks a practicum in state or local government involving financial management.

I am interested in the role financial management, tax policy, and budgeting play in creating and maintaining government programs and how monetary policy is communicated to employees and the public. As an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer and finance manager with the Boys & Girls Club, I witnessed the effects finance had on our operations and the importance of helping staff to understand financial and grant reporting. I am eager to combine the skills I developed in the nonprofit sector with my passion for government.

**STEPHANIE OLSON** seeks a practicum in management consulting or a nonprofit or government position focused on serving communities in need.

My work with the homeless, former offenders, and other vulnerable populations through nonprofit and government organizations piqued my interest in determining the effectiveness of the programs these institutions provide. I am eager to learn how to help organizations provide services that successfully meet the needs of the entire community. I am also interested in program evaluation, budgeting, and policy implementation.

**HANNAH OSBORNE** seeks a practicum in a city, county, or state agency that is part of the criminal justice system or provides mental health services.

I have a special interest in public policy research and analysis concerning mental health issues and the justice system. My professional experiences working at the North Carolina 10th District Superior Court and the Public Defender’s office inspired my interest in the criminal justice system. I am also interested in gaining a better understanding of how mental illness and the justice system relate.
**GRIFFEN RICE** seeks a practicum with a city, county, or state government agency.

My work for Senator Bernard “Bernie” Sanders (VT) and Congressman Lloyd Doggett (TX) piqued my interest in the interactions between government agencies and how they implement multi-level programs to mitigate inequality. As a city council candidate running on a platform that included banning hydraulic fracturing, I learned how local planning and implementation of local ordinances could be used to empower citizens. I am interested in learning how different levels of local autonomy empower or impede government’s efforts to alleviate inequality.

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**G. DYLAN RUSSELL** seeks a practicum in a state or federal government agency.

I have a special interest in public policy research and analysis. My leadership experiences as a White House intern and as a student body president helped me develop skills necessary for working within state and federal government. I am eager to work for a government agency where I can acquire additional skills and continue to expand this knowledge base.

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**RICKY RUVIO** seeks a practicum in local or state government.

I am particularly interested in using economic development, innovation, and education as means to empower communities. I was born and raised in a small, rural town in North Carolina and attended a state institution for my undergraduate studies. I also worked for two years in western North Carolina with the Carolina College Advising Corps. As a result of my service and upbringing, I am eager to contribute to the improvement of North Carolina communities in any way possible.

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**NICHOLAS DAVID SMITH** seeks a practicum in management at the city or county level in a non-urban area of North Carolina.

I am interested in the many different aspects of local government management. My interest stems from witnessing the strong impact local governments can have on a community, especially through building strong relationships with residents and by being a force for positive change.

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**MILES SPANN** seeks a practicum with a local government agency focusing on community and economic development in underprivileged or rapidly developing communities.

I am interested in learning ways to create opportunities for community development. I want to analyze community assets and teach residents to use their strengths and abilities to empower themselves. This desire developed from growing up in Detroit, Michigan, and watching administrators and public leaders struggle with unlocking the city’s potential in the wake of the decline of the auto industry.
IVETTE TAPIA seeks a practicum at a state agency or nonprofit organization focusing on economic development, real estate, or public finance.

In my experiences working for a homeless advocacy agency and a community development financial institution, I learned the importance of effective program design and implementation, strategic investments, and public-private partnerships to advance community-wide goals and opportunities. I am interested in using my skills in evaluation, data analysis, policy analysis, and economics to learn more about management issues such as competing interests/goals, resource stewardship, and program design and implementation.

ASHLEY S. TUCKER seeks a practicum in local government focused on community development and planning.

As an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for a community development corporation, I had the opportunity to see the challenges communities face and the many obstacles in the way of addressing those issues. I am interested in gaining a better understanding of these problems from a local government perspective. I am also interested in working in neighborhood revitalization, historic preservation, economic development, and other aspects of community planning.

STEPHANIE WATKINS-CRUZ sees a practicum with a local, state, or federal government agency administering affordable housing, education, or other social service programs.

I am interested in the role government agencies have in developing and implementing social service programs for citizens. I have lived in transitional housing and worked for nonprofits including She’s the First and Urban Mentoring Academy, both of which promote education equity and youth engagement. I saw first-hand how social service programs can benefit from collaborative and comprehensive initiatives with government agencies. I am eager to gain more experience developing and executing such programs.

SABRINA WILLARD seeks a practicum in a state or federal government agency involving emergency management and/or homeland security.

I am interested in learning about best practices associated with emergency and homeland security management. I would like to work in an agency where I can help communities prepare for, mitigate, and recover from a wide range of adverse events. My background in public affairs has helped me hone the communications skills that are critical when responding to crises. I am interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of the operational side of emergency management.