



## INTRODUCTION

NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, is the global standard in public service education. NASPAA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership association with over 300 institutional member schools at U.S. and non-U.S. universities that award degrees in public administration, public policy, public affairs, non profit and related fields. NASPAA is the recognized global accreditor of master's degree programs in these fields.

## OUR MISSION

NASPAA's twofold mission is to ensure excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service globally.

## WHAT NASPAA OFFERS

- Accreditation
- Data Center
- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Efforts
- Innovative Teaching and Learning
- Unites Experts in the Field
- Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAAE)
- Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society

## BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE



- Case Studies
- Simulations
- Champion Class

## CHALLENGES WHERE NASPAA CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ✦ HBCU schools are underfunded and lack the resources to apply for NASPAA accreditation and participate in events and other programs.
- ✦ There are administrative barriers to obtaining a job in the federal government, making it difficult for students to get internships and jobs.
- ✦ Students are taking out more loans to finance their higher education. Yet, they are already making a financial sacrifice by working in the public sector.
- ✦ Veterans do not have adequate support to further their public service career after serving.
- ✦ International students cannot consistently engage with NASPAA's programs because the VISA process is long and complex.
- ✦ Educational freedom, DEI components, and civic engagement courses are in danger. We need well-trained individuals working in the public sector.



## FEDERAL ACTION PLAN FOR NASPAA

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### Public Service Loan Forgiveness

NASPAA supports the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program and requests that the program remains in place for our graduates working in the public sector.

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### Funding for MSI Initiatives

NASPAA seeks funding for its Minority Serving Institution initiatives, including the development of an HBCU Center of Excellence to assist accredited HBCUs with keeping their NASPAA accreditation. If funded, this program would also increase support for HBCUs seeking accreditation.

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### Broaden Student Pathway Programs

NASPAA seeks to broaden student pathways into Federal Employment. More specifically, the Presidential Management Fellowship and other worthy internship programs.

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### Say No to Schedule F

NASPAA opposes the reassignment of civil servants who serve in roles deemed to have some influence over policy to "Schedule F" employees.

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### Veterans Continuing Public Service

NASPAA seeks to support Veterans seeking education that could lead them to continue their public service and pursue public service degrees.

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### Student Visa Accessibility

NASPAA seeks to address the challenges related to securing visas for our students.