

PUBLIC POLICY

GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2026 - 2027

The UConn School of Public Policy (SPP) connects state agencies, municipalities, and **nonprofit organizations** with graduate students from the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) programs for academic year-long internship placements.



\$18,250 **585 HOURS** (AUGUST - MAY)



TALENTED STUDENT **EMPLOYEES**

FINANCE & BUDGETING RESEARCH DESIGN STATS & DATA ANALYSIS POLICY ANALYSIS HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



INTERVIEW &

AUTONOMY IN CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION PROCESSES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & LOGISTICS:

HOST SITE OPT-IN

Deadline to submit opt-in survey: Feb. 16, 2026

PREPARING APPLICATION PACKET

Deadline for hosts to submit internship job description:

Feb. 25, 2026

APPLICATION PROCESS

UConn SPP sends student applications to hosts by March 26, 2026.

INTERVIEW PROCESS (ROUND 1)

Interviews coordinated directly by hosts from March 26 - April 24, 2026. Top student candidate preferences submitted by end of day April 24.

"EARLY MATCH", OFFERS, & CONFIRMATION

April 27: "Early Match" offers sent. April 29-May 6: Open offer period (similar to open job market)

GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNS ARE HIRED AS UCONN EMPLOYEES, WITH UCONN SPP COORDINATING PAYROLL, INVOICING, AND INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT PAPERWORK.

NEXT STEPS & MORE INFO:

- Public and nonprofit organizations opt in as host sites by **February 16, 2026.**
- Prospective hosts create and submit job descriptions by **February 25, 2026**.
- Applications and interviews through March and April, 2026

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SUBMIT A HOST OPT IN **SURVEY HERE:**

