

## Master of Public Administration Degree Program



### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM

Baruch College has been the academic home of the National Urban Fellows since 1983. Baruch's Master of Public Administration is a 43-credit degree program accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. The curriculum prepares Fellows for leadership roles in public policy and administration in government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Fellows must complete 13 credits during the first semester at Baruch College:

- Computer Workshop (no credit)
- English Workshop (1)
- Introduction to Public Affairs (3)
- Communication in Public Settings (3)
- Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Analysis (3)
- Research Analysis I (3)
- Organizational Management (3)
- NUF Fellowship Journaling Course (3)
- Policy Analysis (3)
- Capstone\* (3)
- Mentorship (6)
- Public Management (3)
- Economics (3)
- Administration of Nonprofits (3)
- Research Analysis II (3)

\* Each Fellow develops a Master's thesis called the Capstone, a major research project in an area of public policy of importance.

Fellows learn contemporary managerial and analytical methods that apply to a variety of program areas.

### MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

#### *Mentorship*

The mentorship assignment builds on the academic component to enhance professional competence, open new areas of interest and employment opportunities, and offer incomparable working experience with senior-level administrators. Fellows work as special assistants to their mentors and are charged with significant responsibilities. They perform responsibly in managing critical assignments during this core segment of the Fellowship. Often, Fellows work on policy and program development, including fiscal analysis and budget impact analysis for state and government agencies.

- Fellows who successfully complete the first semester begin a nine-month assignment with a senior administrator in a federal, state, municipal, or county governmental agency, nonprofit organization, or foundation.

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- The needs and interests of the mentors and Fellows are carefully assessed and matched to provide the best experience for both.
- Placements are nationwide, and Fellows are required to relocate to the city of their mentorship assignment.
- Problem Solvers – analytical, financially savvy, creative, and collaborative creators of issue resolutions and decisions
- Systems Thinkers – designers of comprehensive and integrated systems that measure, implement, and deliver quality outcomes

### *Leadership*

National Urban Fellows seeks to develop accomplished and courageous leaders and to prepare these leaders to be highly effective agents of change. National Urban Fellows develops great leaders through education, mentorship experience, and development opportunities during Fellowship and as alumni. We prepare great leaders in pursuit of social justice and equity to be:

- Visionaries – mission-driven, results-oriented, focused strategic planners with passion, purpose, and integrity
- Relationship Builders – inclusive bridge- and network-builders who inspire a shared purpose, common goals, solutions, and high-performance results with their organization team, partners, and constituents

- Communicators – high impact, reflective, and persuasive managers with effective verbal, writing, and listening skills that demonstrate emotional intelligence