

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MIPA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

International Public Affairs Careers

Career development is an integral part of the La Follette School experience, and the La Follette School's graduate career outcomes (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/graduate-career-outcomes/>) data show extremely high percentages of employment three to six months post-graduation. The La Follette School offers:

- Visits with local employers, as well as trips focused on local, regional, and federal careers
- Networking opportunities
- Career development seminars with public affairs professionals
- Connections with alumni mentors

The Director of Career and Employer Services works with students one-on-one to develop essential skills, such as interviewing, writing strong cover letters and resumes, and researching internships and permanent employment. During the first semester course Professional Development Workshop (<https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/degree-programs/courses/pa-800-professional-development-workshop/>), students also create an individual plan and portfolio that help them proactively move toward their academic and professional goals.

La Follette School alumni work in all levels of government, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector. Popular positions include policy analyst, consultant, executive director, research analyst, project manager, and government liaison. MIPA alumni have held positions with these agencies, organizations, and businesses:

- African Development Bank Group
- American Institutes for Research
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Global Fund for Women
- Millenium Challenge Corporation
- Morgan Stanley International
- National Endowment for Democracy
- Peace Corps
- United Nations Development Programme
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of State

Please refer to the Career Development (<https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/>) section of the La Follette School website for more information (www.lafollette.wisc.edu (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/lafollette-school-public-affairs/international-public-affairs-mipa/www.lafollette.wisc.edu>)).