The School of Public Affairs awards over $500,000 annually in scholarships and assistantships to our students. Please download the scholarship application for details and submit your completed application by the appropriate deadline (see table below).

The new online scholarship application is now available through the UCD Student Portal.

Contact Rebecca Gianarkis with your questions about SPA Scholarships. rebecca.gianarkis@ucdenver.edu or 303.315.2560

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Undergraduate Scholarships

UCD Dean's List Scholarship: UC Denver uses a fixed criterion across all colleges for determining eligibility for the Dean's List. This policy applies to undergraduate students.

For fall and spring semesters, students must successfully complete 9 hours in the semester upon which to determine grade point. These courses can be both within and outside of the School of Public Affairs. Metro pooled courses will not be included in the calculation nor will they count towards the 9 hours required for consideration. The GPA set for inclusion in the Dean's List is 3.75.

In the summer semesters, students must complete 6 hours as a basis for inclusion in the Dean's List. Course inclusion will be the same as in fall and spring semesters. The GPA for Dean's List in summer will also be 3.75.

The School of Public Affairs will collect data each semester on the number of students making the Dean's List. Scholarship awards tied to the Dean's List vary each semester depending on the total amount of funding available and the number of qualified students.

SPA Dean's Experiential Learning Scholarship: To be awarded to current BACJ students who actively participate in experiential learning projects. The award will be merit based. The student must be actively engaged in an experiential learning project related to their studies. Examples of experiential learning projects include: participation in the Criminal Justice Honor Society,
volunteer work, internship activity, active participation in criminology and criminal justice co-curricular events, etc. Students must be enrolled in at least 9 semester credit hours at UCD for the duration of the award. For consideration, students must submit the School of Public Affairs Scholarship Application, a Student Aid Report (SAR) generated from the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance, and an essay describing experiential learning projects or activities. Award amount will range from $500-$1500 a semester depending on the number of qualified applicants, the quality of the applicant, and available funding. Scholarships will be available for the fall and spring semester to current students only. The priority deadline for consideration is April 1.

First Generation Advocate – School of Public Affairs

$3,000 scholarship is available to rising juniors and seniors in the School of Public Affairs who expect to be the first in their family to attain a four-year college degree and who want to support other first generation students in SPA. Up to three awards will be made each year, with preference for students who are succeeding academically and who have demonstrated commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion. First Generation Advocates will spend 10-12 hours per week in activities such as providing peer advising and support to first generation students, participating in summer bridge, first-year seminars, and/or learning communities, and engaging in community outreach for prospective first generation students and their families.

In 250-500 words please describe how this scholarship and experience will benefit your educational goals. Additionally, please include how your personality, experiences, and skills will allow you to effectively work with peer groups for advising and community.

Graduate Scholarships

SPA Dean's Scholarship: To be awarded to new or continuing degree seeking graduate students in the School of Public Affairs. The award will be based on merit (high school or college GPA & test scores), a written essay, and financial need. For consideration, students must submit the School of Public Affairs Scholarship Application a current Student Aid Report (SAR) generated from the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance, and a 250-500 word essay. The essay should address two areas:
1. The student’s goals as they relate to their graduate program. Students should highlight what they have learned, or what they hope to learn, in their criminal justice courses and how they plan to apply that knowledge to achieving their goals.
2. How the financial assistance will contribute to their success in the program. Award amounts will range from $500-$1500 per semester depending on the number of qualified applicants, the competitiveness of the applicant, and available funding.

SPA Dean's Leadership and Service Scholarship: To be awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership and public service by participating in public service organizations, honor societies, and or leadership training programs. Examples of these types of organizations include: Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Community INVST, Presidents Leadership Institute, City Year, Student Government Associations, Peer Advocate Leaders, etc. Preference will be given to
full time students and those enrolling in the Accelerated MPA program. Scholarship awards will be $500-1,000 per semester and will be determined on available funding, need and merit. The applicant should submit a general essay along with the scholarship application. The essay should be 1-2 pages and it should describe the applicant's leadership and service experiences and how those experiences relate to their professional goals and the graduate program.

**Diana Boulter Scholarship:** To be awarded to a student who is employed full time and has family responsibilities. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic merit and financial need, and may be up to $600 per year ($300/semester). The award is to be used to fund tuition and fees.

**John C. Buechner Scholarship Fund:** To be awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in public service. Purpose of the John Buechner Scholarship fund is to assist in achieving a diverse student body. The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and outstanding academic merit. The amount of the award is $3,500 per year ($1,750/semester) and is to be used to fund tuition and fees. The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award and renewal of this award will be dependent upon continued full-time enrollment and successful academic performance and the judgment of the scholarship committee.

**City Year, Give a Year Partnership Scholarship:** To be awarded to City Year corps members, senior core members, alumni, and staff who are accepted to the School of Public Affairs Accelerated MPA program. Those eligible for the "give a year Partnership" program are corps members or alumni that have successfully completed at least one year of service or staff members that have been employed for at least two years. The scholarship will provide 25% of the tuition costs toward the Accelerated MPA program. The award will be based on financial need and academic merit. The applicant should submit a general essay along with the scholarship application. The essay should be 1-2 pages and it should describe the applicant's experience with City Year and how that experience relates to their professional goals and the Accelerated MPA program.

**Marshall Kaplan Scholarship:** To be awarded to a student committed to addressing pressing social issues in developing countries. Award is also based on academic merit and financial need. This scholarship awards up to $1,200 per year ($600/semester). The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award. The scholarship money is to be used to fund tuition and fees.

**Susan Kirk Scholarship:** To be awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to community activism. The amount of the award may be up to $750 per year ($375/semester), and the scholarship is awarded based on financial need and academic merit. The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award. The scholarship money is to be used to fund tuition and fees.

**Arthur B. Murphy Scholarship:** (Colorado Springs students only): To be awarded to highly qualified students to enable them to conduct graduate training in public administration and/or public policy. Up to two $750 scholarships ($375/semester) are available. Only students on the Colorado Springs campus carrying at least six hours of SPA coursework per semester are
eligible. Applicants must be able to demonstrate relevant management experience in either the Public or Non-Profit sector, or agree to complete three semester hours of field study in Public Administration prior to graduation. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholarly achievement. In instances where equally qualified students are being considered for the same award, the Scholarship Selection Committee may require additional data to determine the greater financial need.

**AmeriCorps Alums Higher Ed Scholarship:** To be awarded to AmeriCorps Alums who are accepted to SPA's Accelerated MPA program, given they meet eligibility requirements for the High Ed Partnership program. Those eligible are AmeriCorps Alums who have successfully completed at least one year of service. The scholarship will provide $5,350 toward the Accelerated MPA program tuition. The award will be based on financial need and academic merit. The applicant should submit a general essay along with the scholarship application. The essay should be 1-2 pages and it should describe the applicant's experience with AmeriCorps and how that experience relates to their professional goals and the Accelerated MPA program.

**E. Sam Overman Memorial Scholarship:** To be awarded to a student with good academic standing. This scholarship is $500 a year award ($250/semester). The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award. The scholarship money is to be used to fund tuition and fees.

**Young Nonprofit Professionals Network Scholarship:** To be awarded to a student with good academic standing. This scholarship is a $500 a semester award to an active member of the Young Nonprofit Professional Network (YNPN) – Denver, who is pursuing a master degree at the School of Public Affairs. The award is to be used toward tuition costs and is available to newly admitted and continuing students. Competitive applicants will be able to demonstrate participation and commitment to YNPN while also demonstrating the value of their participation toward their individual career development. The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award.

**McNair Scholars Higher Ed Partnership:** To be awarded to a McNair Scholar Alum, who is accepted into SPA’s Accelerated MPA program. This scholarship provides 25% of program tuition toward the Accelerated MPA program. The scholarship money is to be used to fund tuition and fees. The applicant should submit a general essay along with the scholarship application. The essay should be 1-2 pages and it should describe the applicant's experience with McNair Scholars Program and how that experience relates to their professional goals and have prepared them for an intensive academic program.

**Jefferson County Human Services Fellowship:** To be awarded to 1-2 students for fall admission to the MPA or MCJ program. Students will receive a 1,000 – 1,500 dollar scholarship award and will be placed in an internship program with Jefferson County Human Services working in areas of employee relations, strategic planning, and human resources. The internship experience requires a minimum of a 9 month commitment for and an average of 15 hours per week. The award will be based on financial need, merit, and demonstrated interest in human resources and employee relations. Applicants should submit a general essay along with the
application. The essay should be 1-2 pages in length and illustrate how the applicant’s previous experience and career goals are aligned with the fellowship.

**City of Aspen Summer Fellowship:** Aspen is a beautiful small town in the heart of the Colorado Rockies. Located in the Roaring Fork River Valley, it is also an international resort that attracts visitors and part-time residents from around the globe. The City is excited to offer 1-3 Fellowships for summer 2015. These full-time fellowships will last from approximately June 1 through August 31 (the specific dates are flexible, to accommodate student schedules). Fellows will work with either the City Manager’s Office or the Community Development Department on planning, policy analysis, program development, program evaluation, performance measurement or process improvement projects. Students must have completed at least one year of graduate study and must be able to commit to the entire summer fellowship period. Students who have graduated within the past 12 months are eligible to apply, as well as students who have not yet completed their studies. Aspen prefers students with a passionate interest in local government, a focus on providing high-quality services to customers, and a desire to approach problems collaboratively. This is a paid, full-time temporary fellowship. Depending on the student’s background and experience, the anticipated pay range is $18 to $23 per hour. Further, the School of Public Affairs will award a $1,000 scholarship to help offset housing and temporary relocation costs. Applicants should submit a general essay along with the application. The essay should be 1-2 pages in length and illustrate how the applicant’s previous experience and career goals are aligned with the fellowship.

**SPA Dean's Scholarship:** To be awarded based on academic merit and financial need. There will be a limited number of SPA Dean’s Scholarships available for the 2013-2014 Academic Year. Awards will range from $500 - $1,000 a year.

**Graduate Student Assistantships:** As a student assistant, students will work under faculty/director supervision, and/or assist with SPA operations by providing teaching assistance, research or other services. This includes SPA areas such as: The Center on Domestic Violence; SPA Administration; The Wirth Chair in Environmental and Community Development Policy; The Buechner Institute for Governance. A graduate, teaching, or research assistant is employed and funded at an hourly rate. An assistantship requires you to physically be in the SPA offices in Denver. If awarded an Assistantship, you will be required to verify your employment eligibility. Assistantships are awarded based on availability at the School of Public Affairs. To apply for an assistantship please email the following to rebecca.gianarkis@ucdenver.edu.

1) Cover Letter

2) Resume

We accept cover letters and resumes throughout the academic year, however, the priority deadline is July 30th.

If you have any questions concerning SPA Assistantships please contact Rebecca Gianarkis at rebecca.gianarkis@ucdenver.edu or 303-315-2560.
Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program Scholarship: Financial assistance to returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who pursue graduate studies. SPA will provide a $3,000 Scholarship renewable for up to two years. Paid internship. Opportunity to apply for other SPA scholarships and research assistantships. Preference will be given to candidates who will begin in the fall semester. Other applicants will be considered on a space available basis. There is a separate application form for this scholarship, the SPA Peace Corps Coverdell Fellowship Program Application Form. Please contact Christine Martell for more information at Christine.Martell@ucdenver.edu or call 303-315-2716.

Alumni Association Graduate Scholarship: This scholarship is $3000 a year. To be awarded to students who are enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours per semester, must have a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA average, and must be classified as a resident of Colorado for tuition purposes.

PhD Assistantships: For meritorious candidates, SPA may also fund a small number of doctoral research assistantships each year based on financial availability. Students selected will receive a full-tuition waiver as well as a salary of $15,000 for the academic year. Our goal is to provide such funding for students for at least three years. This award is applied for through the PhD admission process and should not be submitted on this application. Please go to the PhD Handbook for further info. PhD Handbook for the Public Affairs Program

Kathleen Beatty Scholarship To be awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in public service. Purpose of the Kathleen Beatty Scholarship fund is to assist in achieving a diverse student body. The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and outstanding academic merit. The amount of the award is $1000 per year ($500/semester) and is to be used to fund tuition and fees. The student must be enrolled full time at SPA for the duration of the award and renewal of this award will be dependent upon continued full-time enrollment and successful academic performance and the judgment of the scholarship committee.

Faculty Scholarship: To be awarded based on academic merit and financial need.

Dean’s International Research Scholarship

Each fiscal year, the School of Public Affairs will make available a small amount of funding to help students cover expenses associated with studying abroad. Assistance is available on a matching basis, and the amount of assistance available to any one student may not exceed $1,500 in each year. The funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, and once the amount of funding allocated for that year has been awarded, no more financial assistance will be made available. Available funding is at SPA’s discretion and may vary from year to year.

Students interested in applying for financial assistance through this fund should obtain the Application for International Scholarship form from SPA’s International Coordinator, complete the application, and return it to the International Coordinator. Applications will be considered in
the order received by the International Scholarship Fund Committee, consisting of the International Coordinator and two faculty members appointed by the Dean. It is recommended that students submit their application for funding at least six months prior to their anticipated travel period.

**CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. Government Consulting Fellowship**

CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP is seeking applicants for a Government Consulting Fellow. The Fellow will be a part of the Greenwood Village office within the Governmental Consulting Solutions (GCS) team. The Fellow will be compensated hourly by CliftonLarsonAllen at a rate of $15-20 hour for an average of 20 hours a week. Additionally, the School of Public Affairs will provide a $500 tuition scholarship. The Fellow will start with CliftonLarsonAllen by August 2016. Official start date and weekly hours negotiable with start date as early as June 1.

The Government Consulting Fellow will: participate on capital projects; assist with budget preparations, build partnerships, and work with consultant teams to achieve goals of the Board of Directors; and complete special projects as assigned. The Fellow will be offered career development opportunities through hands on training and sponsored attendance at appropriate professional association meetings and conferences. Please describe in 250-500 words how your background, interests, skills and abilities relate to this fellowship opportunity and the steps you would take to ensure the experience benefits both CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP and your career development goals.

**Colorado City & County Management Association (CCCMA) Local Government Fellow**

The Colorado City and County Management Association (CCCMA) is seeking CCCMA Local Government Fellows for placement in a several cities and towns in the greater Denver metro area. Fellows will be offered part time positions within the city departments for a minimum of 10 hours a week for 32 weeks. The positions will pay a minimum of $4,000 as a stipend and the School of Public Affairs will award Local Government Fellows a $2,000 tuition scholarship.

In 250-500 words please describe your understanding of the local government landscape in Colorado and why you would like to pursue a career in Colorado local government. Describe your background and goals and how this fellowship program would contribute to your professional development. Consider your experiences and the skills and abilities you could offer local governments in Colorado. You are encouraged to expand on the sub-areas of local government you are most intrigued with, touched by, or experienced with if applicable (i.e. city management, transportation, emergency management, economic development, housing, natural resource management and sustainability, etc.).