

Master of Public Administration City/County Management Fellowship Program

The University of Southern California (USC) School of Policy, Planning, and Development (SPPD) has a long history of providing academic training to those who hold or will hold leadership positions in local government. Throughout its history, SPPD has educated many current and former city and county managers and is committed to effective local government. In recognition of the importance of having our nation's cities, counties, special districts, and nonprofit organizations well-managed, SPPD is establishing the City/County Management Fellowship program.

The City/County Management Fellowship provides a small group of graduate students at SPPD with the financial support, academic training, and professional experience necessary for a career as a chief executive at the local government level. Fellows will pursue USC's Master of Public Administration degree and receive a number of benefits, including a \$12,000 per year for two years scholarship and networking opportunities with local government professionals. Potential networking opportunities might include internships in local municipalities, participation in the alumni mentor program, and involvement in local government seminars, conferences, and professional associations, some of which are made available through collaboration with Cal-ICMA. Selection is competitive and is based on academic merit and commitment to the local government field. Fellows will also be considered for additional SPPD scholarships, up to and including full-tuition scholarships.

USC's Master of Public Administration (MPA) prepares graduates for leadership and management roles in public service by developing their understanding of social, economic, political, and institutional contexts and their personal and professional skills. The MPA provides students with sound management, analytical, and policymaking skills that prepare them to pursue their individual interests. For over 60 years, SPPD has been ranked among the top programs in public affairs in the nation. Most recently, SPPD is ranked number seven in the overall public affairs rankings in the 2004 *U.S. News and World Report* and number three in the City Management and Urban Policy specialty area.

To be considered for the City/County Management Fellowship program, applicants need to submit a completed application for admission to the MPA program prior to January 15, 2007. Application instructions can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.usc.edu/schools/sppd/programs/masters/mpa/admission/>.

For more information about the SPPD City/County Management Fellowship, please contact Ms. Marisol Gonzalez, Director of Recruitment and Admission, University of Southern California, School of Policy, Planning, and Development, Los Angeles, California 90089-0626, (213) 740-0550, marisolr@usc.edu or visit our Web site at www.usc.edu/sppd/mpa.