



**HARVARD Kennedy School**  
**RAPPAPORT INSTITUTE**  
for Greater Boston

**TWENTY STUDENT FELLOWS ACCEPTED AS HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL  
RAPPAPORT PUBLIC POLICY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**  
*Fellows Accepted from 13 Graduate Schools Across Greater Boston*

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**CAMBRIDGE, MA** – The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at the Harvard Kennedy School announced today that 20 graduate students from 13 graduate schools in Greater Boston will spend this summer working in key state and local agencies in Boston as Rappaport Public Policy Fellows. These students were chosen from a field of almost 160 applicants.

“Each summer, Rappaport Public Policy Fellows contribute their passion, dedication, and ideas to state and local agencies throughout Greater Boston while working on some of the most critical public policy issues facing our communities,” said Kathryn Carlson, Rappaport Institute Executive Director. “We are excited to welcome the new cohort of public policy leaders to the Fellowship program and look forward to seeing their impact on Greater Boston.”

Now in its twenty-second year, the Rappaport Public Policy Fellowship gives talented young graduate students throughout Greater Boston the opportunity to help public officials address key problems and, in doing so, learn how public policy is created and implemented. Past Fellows have taken on a diverse range of projects, from crafting school reform plans and environmental risk assessment, to developing policy to address racial bias in the juvenile justice system and health coverage for foster children.

In addition to working full-time for their host agencies, Fellows participate in weekly seminars and meet-ups as a cohort to learn about key issues in the region and discuss progress on their projects. At many of these sessions, they are joined by law students from Greater Boston law schools who were selected for the Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy, which is run by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School.

The 2022 Rappaport Public Policy Fellows are:

Brandeis University

- **Samantha Berlus**, Brandeis Heller School for Policy and Management, Master’s in Public Policy, 2023
- **Armando Vizcardo**, Brandeis Heller School for Policy and Management, Master’s in Public Policy, 2023

Boston College

- **Melissa Bustillo**, Boston College School of Social Work, Master's in Social Work, 2024
- **Musa Kamara**, Boston College School of Social Work, Master's in Social Work, 2023
- **Aanandita Shrestha**, Boston College School of Social Work, Master's in Social Work, 2023
- **Vincent Sweeney**, Boston College School of Social Work, Master's in Social Work, 2023

#### Boston University

- **Claudia Diezmartinez**, Boston University, Ph.D. in Earth and Environment, 2025
- **Kimberly Rhoten**, Boston University, Ph.D. in Sociology, 2024
- **Bukiwe Sihlongonyane**, Boston University School of Public Health, Master's in Public Health, 2023
- **Hill Wolfe**, Boston University School of Public Health, Ph.D. in Health Services Research, 2023

#### Harvard University

- **Michael Bueno**, Harvard Kennedy School, Master's in Public Policy, 2023
- **Madeleine Levin**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Master's in Urban Planning, 2023
- **Oscar Mairena**, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Doctor of Public Health, 2024
- **Bailey Siber**, Harvard Kennedy School, Master's in Public Policy, 2023
- **Julia Sproul**, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Master's in Education Policy and Analysis, 2022
- **Valentina Tovar**, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Master's in Education Policy and Analysis, 2022

#### MIT

- **McKenzie Humann**, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Master's in City Planning, 2023
- **Alejandro Jimenez Jaramillo**, MIT Institute for Data, Systems, and Society, Master's in Technology Policy, 2022

#### Tufts University

- **Aja Kennedy**, Tufts Fletcher School for Law and Diplomacy, Ph.D. Economics/Public Policy, 2026

#### University of Massachusetts Boston

- **Maryam Salihu**, University of Massachusetts Boston, Ph.D. in Public Policy, 2025

To learn more about the Public Policy Fellowship, visit the [Rappaport Institute website](#).

### **About the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston**

The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston works to improve the governance of Greater Boston by strengthening connections among the region's scholars, students, and civic leaders. A university-wide entity housed at the Harvard Kennedy School and affiliated with the School's Taubman Center for State and Local Government, the Institute pursues this mission by promoting emerging leaders, producing new ideas, and stimulating informed discussion. The Institute was founded and funded by the Phyllis and Jerome Lyle Rappaport Charitable Foundation which promotes emerging leaders in Greater Boston. Visit the [Rappaport Institute website](#) to learn more.

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