Student Financial Services
Financing Your Education
Funding Your Graduate Education: A Partnership

At Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), we see financial assistance as a partnership. We support as many students as we can with our limited amount of merit-based fellowships and scholarships. For your part, you must eliminate consumer debt, maintain a modest standard of living, research external funding sources and save when possible.

You must apply for financial assistance before you’re admitted to HKS to ensure that you will be considered. The only opportunity for you to apply for assistance is before admission. Opportunities to apply for funding after enrolling—other than loans—are extremely limited.

This guide provides a brief overview of what HKS has to offer. The Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) website includes more information on funding resources and how to apply: www.hks.harvard.edu/admissions-aid/funding-your-education
### 2019–2020 Harvard Kennedy School Cost of Attendance*

#### MPP, MPA/ID, MPA, and Non-Degree Programs
- Tuition and Fees: $57,058
- Living Expenses and Books/Supplies: $27,612
- Total: $84,670

#### MC/MPA Program
- Tuition and Fees: $66,107
- Living Expenses and Books/Supplies: $30,780
- Total: $96,887

#### MC/MPA Mason Program
- Tuition and Fees: $70,383
- Living Expenses and Books/Supplies: $33,118
- Total: $103,501

*As of July 2019

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**Percentage of enrolled students receiving HKS and partnership program assistance (three-year average) 52%**
Fellowships and scholarships are awarded based on our financial aid committee’s review of the financial assistance application, essays, resumes, and the admissions committee’s recommendations. Funding availability varies each year.

Aida Kayali International Public Service Fellowship
For students, preferably women, who are committed to public service in Africa, The Middle East, or Latin America. A three-year commitment to public service in their home country is required after graduation.

Albert Carnesale Fellowship
For students who demonstrate exceptional academic and professional distinction.

Andchritie Graduate Fellowship
For students from Nigeria with financial need as determined by SFS. A three-year commitment to government service in Nigeria is required after graduation.

Arturo and Pola Ortiz Graduate Fellowship
For students from Venezuela with a preference for those pursuing a joint or concurrent MBA degree.

Annette Kade Fellowship
For students from France.

Bashir Al-Haffar Public Service Fellowship
For students from the Arab League who are committed to public service. A three-year commitment to public service in their home country is required after graduation.

Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Fellowship
For graduates of Harvard College.

Charles Edison Fund Fellowship
For students who want to extend the scope and impact of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

ClassACT HR1973 Graduate Leadership Program Fellowship in Honor of Benazir Bhutto
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows with financial needs and commitment to creating positive change through the advancement of the principles of democracy, equality for women, reconciliation of religious and cultural differences or education without gender, or religious bias. Preference given to candidates from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Pakistan.

Dean’s and Kennedy Fellowships
For incoming students who demonstrate exceptional academic and professional distinction.

DS Foundation Public Service Fellowship
For incoming students in the Indian Administrative Service or Indian Foreign Service who will return to India after graduation.

Edith M. Stokey Fellowship
For students from Sri Lanka.

Edward and Charity Dong Family Endowment Fund
For degree program student support.

Emile Lahoud Fellowship
For students from Lebanon.

Ernesto Fernandez-Holman Graduate Fellowship
For two-year degree program students from Nicaragua. Preference is given to those pursuing a concurrent MBA degree.

Ferenc A. Vali Memorial Scholarship
For students from Hungary. Established to honor the life, career, and legacy of Professor Vali.

Fisher-Kistefos Norwegian Public Service Graduate Fellowship
For students from Norway with financial need as determined by SFS, that demonstrate a capacity to lead, a commitment to good governance and the potential to make a positive difference in Norway.

Fletcher H. Wiley Financial Aid Fund
For degree program student support.

Fred N. Fishman Scholarship
For students in the HKS/Harvard Law School joint degree program.

George W. Mallinckrodt Graduate Fellowship
For MC/MPA students who plan to pursue careers in international public service and have exhibited courage, vision, a deep commitment to ethics, transparency, and good governance.
Gertrude Manley Fellowship
For MC/MPA students who demonstrate financial need and promise as managers and leaders. In honor of former HKS Registrar Gertrude Manley.

Glenn Dubin Graduate Fellowship
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

Governor Robert F. Bradford Fellowship for Excellence in Public Administration
For students who serve as public leaders in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Branch. Applications are managed by the Human Resources Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hahn Graduate Financial Aid Fund
For students with financial need as determined by SFS. Preference for students from China or Korea.

Harry and Nisha Arora Graduate Fellowship
For domestic students with a demonstrated interest in advancing the principles of democracy, including diversity of thought and free and open debate.

Henry G. Brooks Fellowship
For students from the state of Maine who are state or local government officials or leaders of nonprofit institutions.

Henry Hubbschman Fellowship
For students in the HKS/Harvard Law School joint degree program.

Hilda Ochoa-Brillembourg Graduate Fellowship
For students from Venezuela with a preference for those pursuing a joint or concurrent MBA degree.

Hutchins Russel Fund
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

Isabelle and Scott Black Fellowship
For students with financial need as determined by SFS who show strong commitment to public service issues, particularly in social policy, through careers in government or nongovernmental organizations.

Jack Carlson Memorial Fund
For MPP students from Maryland with financial need as determined by SFS.

Jerome H. Grossman, M.D. Graduate Fellowship
For MPP and MPA students who are licensed physicians or concurrently pursuing an MD and demonstrate: a commitment to shaping health care delivery policy in the United States with goals of reducing costs/improving efficiency and improving patient outcomes; an interest in pursuing health care delivery policy inside and outside their individual practice; and excellence in public speaking and writing.

Jerome L. Rappaport, Sr./Boston Urban Fellowship
For MC/MPA students who are either elected officials in the greater Boston area or non-elected officials serving the City of Boston.

John and Marilyn Keane Graduate Fellowship
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

John Berger Fellowship
For MPP students who are Harvard College graduates and intend to work in U.S. or international institutions that focus on different areas of international affairs.

John Hilton Knowles Fellowship
For students in the HKS/Harvard Medical School concurrent degree program.

John Kenneth Galbraith Fellowship
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows from India. Established in honor of Professor Galbraith’s 90th birthday.

Kay Family Public Service Fellowship
For MPP students who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and professional distinction, as defined by the admissions and financial aid committees. Recipients must work in the public sector for three years after graduation.

Kistefos African Graduate Public Service Fellowship
For students from Ethiopia, Liberia, and South Africa. Recipients must work in the public sector for three years after graduation.

Lewis Freedman Fellowship for Broadcast Journalism/Frederick Roy Martin Fellowship
For journalists to expand and deepen their knowledge of public policy issues.

Lisa Garcia Quiroz Graduate Fellowship
For students from underrepresented groups with demonstrated leadership promise and interest in serving and reducing disparities in underserved Latino communities in the United States.

Margaret Traub and Phyllis Dicker LGBT Graduate Fellowship
For students who have demonstrated interest in and commitment to issues related to the LGBT community.

Mary and David Boies Fellowship
For students from Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, and the former Soviet Union countries in Central Asia.

Middle East-North Africa (MENA) Graduate Fellowship
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows from Iraq’s Kurdistan region, Somaliland, Tunisia, and Yemen.
Minnie Osmeña Scholarship
For students from the Philippines to study and train in public policy.

Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) Student Support Fund
For MPA/ID students.

Native American Public Service Fellowship
For a student who is committed to matters of concern to Native American tribes, including (but not limited to) tribal self-governance and policy. Directly after earning an JKS degree, the recipient must work in a public service position for three years that directly benefits Native Americans.

New York City Fire Fighters, Police, and Emergency Workers Public Service Fellowship
For MC/MPA students who are first responders, with preference for those who work in New York City. The fellowship is in honor of public service workers killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and whose heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands as well as all emergency and public safety personnel who risk their lives daily to protect the American public.

Ng Teng Fong Graduate Fellowship
For students from China and Hong Kong, SAR with financial need as determined by SFS.

Nurlan Kapparov Graduate Fellowship
For students from Kazakhstan with a preference for those with work experience in the governmental, quasi-governmental, and private entities in Kazakhstan.

Peace Corps, Public Policy and Leadership Conference, and Teach for America Public Service Fellowships
For students who are graduates of any of these three programs.

Pforzheimer Foundation Nonprofit Fellowship
For a student with nonprofit experience or who is concentrating in nonprofit management.

Powel Public Service Fellowship
For students committed to careers in public service. A three-year commitment to public service is required after graduation.

Powell/Trager Public Service Fellowship
For students committed to careers in public service. A three-year commitment to public service is required after graduation.

Presidential Scholarships and Public Service Fellowships
For students demonstrating outstanding leadership and professional promise and are committed to working in public service. Recipients must be employed in the public sector for three years after graduation. Established by alumni, friends, and former Harvard President Larry Summers.

Princess Banderi Al-Faisal Fellowship
For students from the Arab League, preferably women.

Raising Public Service Fellowship for Barbados
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows from Barbados. A two-year commitment to public service in Barbados is required after graduation.

Rawabi Fellowship for Leaders from Palestine
For students from Palestine with financial need as determined by SFS.

Reid Marsh Denis Public Service Fellowship
For students demonstrating outstanding leadership and professional promise and are committed to working in public service.

Annual amount of HKS and partnership program assistance received by admitted domestic applicants by degree type (three-year average)

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Richard E. Neustadt Public Service Fellowship  
For a student who exhibits potential for leadership and dedication to public service. A three-year commitment to employment in the public sector is required after graduation.

Robert A. and Renee E. Belfer Family Foundation Graduate Fellowship  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS, with preference for those interested in the International and Global Affairs policy area of concentration.

Robert C. Seamans, Jr. Fellowship in Science, Technology and Public Policy  
For students who demonstrate talent in research or management of issues at the nexus of technology and public policy, and leadership potential in these areas. Established by Robert C. Seamans, Jr., former dean of engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robert Woods Memorial Scholarship  
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows from Africa.

Sammy Ofer Graduate Fellowship Fund for Emerging Leaders from Israel and Palestine  
For students from Israel and Palestine. Established in memory of Israeli businessman Sammy Ofer to pay tribute to his desire to make the world a better place.

Seymour and Ruth Harris Scholarship  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

Sheik Abdulaziz A. Al-Tuwaijri International Public Service Fellowship  
Established in honor of Sheikh Abdulaziz Al-Tuwaijri for students from the Middle East who show commitment to global peace and conflict resolution. A three-year commitment to public service in their home country is required after graduation.

Sheikh Suhaibin Hamad Al Thani Fellowship Fund  
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows from Egypt, Iraq, Liberia, Palestine, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Vietnam, and Yemen.

Sumner Feldberg Fellowship  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS, a commitment to public service, and exceptional potential for leadership.

Tamer Fellowship  
For students from Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Mozambique, Somalia, Tanzania, and Yemen.

The Reed Financial Aid Fund  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

The Stacey Gillis Weber MPA 1990 and Jeffrey A. Weber MBA 1990 Graduate Fellowship  
For students in the HKS/Harvard Business School joint degree program.

Thomas Barry Fellowship  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

Thomas J. Healey Fellowship  
For students in the HKS/Harvard Business School joint degree program with experience and commitment to government service.

Walker Beale Scholarship  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

William Hodson, Jr. Fellowship  
For staff members of the United Nations, specialized agencies, or other public international organizations.

William A. Starr Innovations Fellowship  
For journalists who demonstrate original, unconventional thinking in policy analysis and public service.

William Woodward III Memorial Fund  
For students with financial need as determined by SFS.

Partnership Programs

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Program (Pickering), Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, Donald M. Payne International Development Program, Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowships (PPIA)  
For students from diverse backgrounds who have an interest in foreign service or public service.
HKS Research Center Funding Resources

HKS research centers are significant contributors in providing financial support for HKS students.

### Percentage of admitted domestic applicants who receive HKS and partnership program assistance by degree type (three-year average)

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Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation—China and Globalization Program Fellowship
For students from China with financial need with a demonstrated interest in the areas of domestic politics and social development of China, with a focus on public policy challenges.

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation—Ford Foundation Mason Fellowship
For MC/MPA Mason Fellows with financial need who demonstrate strong interest in democratic institutions, politics and engagement; urban and municipal governance; political and social development in Southeast Asia and digital technology and governance.

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation—Roy and Lila Ash Fellowship in Democracy
For MC/MPA students with financial need who demonstrate strong interest in democratic institutions, politics and engagement; urban and municipal governance; political and social development in Southeast Asia and digital technology and governance.

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs—Roy Family Scholarship
For two-year degree program students who have demonstrated interest in environmental and energy issues either through public or private sector work, or relevant entrepreneurial experience as an undergraduate.

Belfer Center Fellowship for Science and International Affairs—The Kuwait Foundation Fellowship for Outstanding Emerging Leaders
For students from Arab countries, preferably Kuwait.

Belfer Center Fellowship for Science and International Affairs—IGA Fellowship
For students with a strong interest in the International and Global Affairs policy area of concentration.

Carr Center—The Charlie Clements Human Rights Practitioner Graduate Fellowship
For students with a demonstrated interest in, or commitment to, issues related to human rights, and promoting and protecting human rights at the international level.

Center for Public Leadership—Harvard Kennedy School Fellowship for Serving African-American Communities
For students with excellent academic credentials and a demonstrated interest in developing leadership skills focused on reducing disparities in African-American communities through efforts in health care, education, economic development, public policy, criminal justice reform, social entrepreneurship, and a variety of other fields.

Center for Public Leadership—Black Family Graduate Fellowship Fund
For U.S. veterans and active duty military members at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Law School. The fellowship includes tuition support, living stipend, and a leadership development program for up to 25 students annually. The fellowship will be awarded at the discretion of the HKS Office of Student Financial Services and Center for Public Leadership, in consultation with Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School.

Center for Public Leadership—David M. Rubenstein Fellowship
For students in the HKS/Harvard Business School joint degree program.

Center for Public Leadership—Dubin Fellows Program for Emerging Leaders
For students who demonstrate strong character, excellent academic credentials, and the ability to thrive in the face of adversity.

Center for Public Leadership—Emirates Leadership Graduate Fellowship
For emerging leaders from the Middle East and the United Arab Emirates to receive advanced training in public management and leadership development.

Center for Public Leadership—George Leadership Fellowship
For students in the HKS/Harvard Business School joint degree program. Students enrolled at either school during the fellowship year are eligible.

Center for Public Leadership—Gleitsman Leadership Fellowship
For students with a demonstrated background and potential as leaders and social activists.

Center for Public Leadership—Louis M. Bacon Environmental Leadership Graduate Fellowship
For students who have demonstrated interest and/or leadership in environmental public policy and practice.

Center for Public Leadership U.S.—Latino Leadership Graduate Fellowship
For students interested in effecting change and reducing disparities in predominately Latino and other underserved communities in the United States.

Center for Public Leadership—Zuckerman Fellowship
For students who have or who are pursuing a graduate degree in business, law, or medicine and want to earn a second degree from Harvard Kennedy School. For details visit: cpl.hks.harvard.edu/zuckerman-fellowship.

Institute of Politics—John C. Culver Scholarship
For a Harvard College graduate who was active in the Institute of Politics as an undergraduate and has been admitted to HKS.
Harvard-Wide Fellowships

The Committee on General Scholarships (CGS) provides a variety of financial assistance to all Harvard students. These funds are very competitive—admitted applicants and current students from around the University are eligible.

CGS Restricted Scholarships are awarded to residents of particular localities or descendants of specific families. Restricted scholarships range in amount, typically a few thousand dollars, and are intended to be supplementary funding. Applicants are considered based upon the information provided on the hks Application for Financial Assistance.

CGS International Fellowships are country-specific. These funds are not awarded through hks and require a separate application.

Detailed applications, contact information as well as a full list of fellowship and restricted scholarship opportunities are available at: scholarships.harvard.edu.

Annual amount of HKS and partnership program assistance received by admitted international applicants by degree type (three-year average)
Some internationally focused fellowships are listed below.

Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat Fellowship
For students from Argentina who demonstrate financial need and academic merit. Recipients must return to Argentina after graduating.

Anne Dias Griffin and Kenneth C. Griffin Harvard University Fellowships
The Anne Dias Griffin and Kenneth C. Griffin Harvard University Fellowships will support students from France who are enrolling in a full-time master’s degree program at the Harvard Business School or the Harvard Kennedy School, or the joint-degree program between the two schools.

Arab Republic of Egypt Public Service Fellowship
For students from Egypt who are committed to public service.

Arthur Sachs Scholarship
For students from France who will study in a graduate program at Harvard University. Applications must be submitted to the Arthur Sachs Scholarship Committee in Paris.

Charles W. Holtzer Fellowship
For a student of German birth and with a German education to study at any Harvard school.

Committee on General Scholarships—Restricted Scholarships
For Harvard students based on a range of criteria and financial need. Details are available at scholarships.harvard.edu.

Fondo Colombia—Harvard Fund
For students from Colombia. This fellowship is need-based and recipients are expected to return to Colombia after completing their Harvard degree.

Francis and Peggy Cahn Fund
For students from Argentina who demonstrate financial need and academic merit. Priority will be given to candidates who will return to Argentina to use their education to contribute to social, economic, and scientific progress.

Frank Boas Scholarship Fund
For a student from Belgium or Luxembourg. Applications must be submitted to the Commission for Educational Exchange in Brussels.

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship
For students from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Fundación México en Harvard Fund
For students from Mexico. Recipients may be awarded scholarships or loans, and are required to return to Mexico after graduating.

Harvard—Los Andes Fund
For graduates from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. Recipients are legally required to return to Colombia after completing their graduate degree.

Harvard Arab Alumni Association Fund
For a resident or national of an Arab country who demonstrates financial need determined by the Harvard Committee on General Scholarships.

Harvard Club of Poland
For students from Poland.

Hellenic Harvard Foundation Scholarship Fund
For graduate students from Greece. Recipients must return to Greece after completing their Harvard degree; however, they may receive practical training for up to one year in the United States.

Hong Kong Jockey Club Graduate Scholarship
For residents of Hong Kong SAR who are enrolling in full-time graduate degree programs in public service-related fields.

Jean Gaillard Memorial Fellowship Fund
For students from France. Applications must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the École Centrale des Arts et Manufactures in Paris.

Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowship
For graduate students from Brazil.

Joseph Hodges Choate Fellowship
For a British student from the University of Cambridge to study at a graduate-level program or conduct research at Harvard for one academic year. The university’s vice-chancellor nominates the fellowship recipient each year.

Real Colegio Complutense Scholarship
For students from Spain, preferably those who attended Universidad Complutense de Madrid or one of its affiliated institutions.

Robert Gordon Menzies Scholarship Fund
For students from Australia. Applications must be submitted through the Harvard Club of Australia’s representative at Australian National University.

Zlatko and Joyce Baloković Scholarship Fund
For a student from Croatia. Applications must be submitted to the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb.
HKS-Affiliated Fellowships

HKS partners with institutions to offer funding resources to students—the institutions administer the application and selection process. Contact details for these fellowships are available on the SFS website.

Commonwealth Fund Mongan Fellowship in Minority Health Policy
For MC/MPA students who are physicians, to prepare them for leadership positions in minority health policy and public health. This one-year, full-time program leads to a master’s in public health (MPH) or in public administration for recipients who already hold an MPH. For details visit: www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships/commonwealth-fund-mongan-fellowship-minority-health-policy

Crown Prince Frederik Fund of Denmark
For students from Denmark.

Harvard South Africa Fellowship Program
For South Africans who were educationally disadvantaged by past law and resource allocations in South Africa.

Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program—MPA/ID Partnership Program
For MPA/ID students from World Bank member countries.

Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program—Regular Program
For degree program students—except MPA/ID students—from World Bank member countries.

Kennedy Memorial Trust
For MPP, MPA, or MPA/ID students from the United Kingdom.

McCloy German Scholars Program
For degree program students from Germany.

Turkish Secretariat General for European Union Affairs Graduate Fellowship
For an MC/MPA Mason Fellow student who has completed at least five years of service at the Secretariat General at the time of application.

Wexner Israel Fellowship
For MC/MPA students in the Israeli Civil Service.
Percentage of admitted international applicants who receive HKS and partnership program assistance by degree type (three-year average)

- **Mason**: 27%
- **MC/MPA**: 38%
- **MPA**: 34%
- **MPA/ID**: 39%
- **MPP**: 29%

How HKS international students fund their education (three-year average)*

- **External Loans**: 7%
- **HKS Certified Loans**: 18%
- **Employer Support**: 18%
- **Sponsor Organization**: 20%
- **Personal Savings**: 41%
- **Harvard Aid**: 42%

*Many students use multiple sources of funding
Federal Loans and Work-Study

Stafford Loans
If you are a domestic student, you may borrow up to $20,500 in direct Stafford loans. Their interest rate is based on the 10 year T-bill as auctioned each May plus 3.6%. An 1.024 percent origination fee is assessed at disbursement. You have a six-month grace period after you are no longer enrolled at HKS before you must start paying back your loan.

Work-Study
The Work-Study program subsidizes employers that hire work-study students. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents with demonstrated financial need are eligible for work-study. Work-study is allocated to students on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference given to second-year students. We discourage first-year students from working.

Private or Grad PLUS Loans
You may find these loans are helpful to bridge the gap between your cost of attendance and other aid received. If interest rates are the determinative factor in securing loans, in some cases private loans can offer you lower interest rates than the Grad PLUS loan. These rates tend to be variable; an initially low rate may increase substantially over time. The best rates are generally only available if you have strong credit scores. Grad PLUS loans have greater repayment flexibility—including income-based repayment—and protections not offered by private loans such as unemployment and economic hardship deferments and public service loan forgiveness. Note that Grad PLUS loans are for domestic students only.

For information on borrowing private loans visit: sfs.harvard.edu/private-loan-options.
Percentage of graduating domestic student borrowers by degree type (three-year average)

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Additional Information

Loans for International Students
If you are an international student, you cannot borrow U.S. federal student loans but you may apply for private education loans. Details are available in the “Loans for International Students” section of the SFS website.

External Funding
There are many resources offered by outside organizations that are not affiliated with Harvard Kennedy School. We encourage you to actively search for these outside sources of funding. There are philanthropic groups, professional and civic associations, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, nonprofit organizations employers, and others who provide funding for graduate study. You should contact the organization directly for details, noting that some of these fellowship programs may have restrictions and deadlines.

Most international students must look for funding outside hks to cover their cost of attendance. If you are among them, you will only receive your student visa once you certify full funding for at least your first year of study. It takes time, planning, and persistence to research all potential sources of outside funding.

Details on external resources as well as a searchable resource database are available on the sfs website.
Debt held by international students at graduation by degree type (three-year average)*

- MC/MPA (including Mason): $35,613
- MPA: $54,051
- MPA/ID: $31,972
- MPP: $37,680

*Debt held by students who are borrowers
HKS Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

HKS recognizes that graduates must often balance significant education debt with the realities of working in modest-paying public sector jobs. The HKS Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) helps graduates—domestic and international—working in the public or nonprofit sector with repaying their traditional educational loans borrowed to attend HKS. If you are an LRAP recipient, you can participate in the program for up to five years. To qualify, you must work full time, either in the U.S. or abroad, for a public or nonprofit sector employer, and earn a household income within the LRAP sliding income scale.

For details visit: www.hks.harvard.edu/lrap.

Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program

If you are a domestic borrower, the PSLF is designed to encourage you to pursue a career in public service. The program forgives your student loans, tax free, if you work full time in a qualifying public service position for at least 10 years. To qualify, you must be employed by federal, state, local, or tribal governments, or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and repay your loans on an income-based repayment plan.

The PSLF Program is not an entitlement program. The U.S. Congress has authority to eliminate or change the program at its discretion.

Debt held by domestic students at graduation by degree type (three-year average)*

- MPA/ID: $78,422
- MPP: $63,866
- MPA: $63,580
- MC/MPA (including Mason): $53,411

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