Policy and social impact professional opportunities range widely. They include positions in government, public policy, nonprofits, and private/public sector partnerships. Through policy and service, measures are designed and implemented for positive social impact. Career paths vary broadly, accommodating all student interests and strengths.

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Careers vary widely – according to level (federal, state, local) and field (education, legal, security & protection, etc.).

Students are often attracted to public policy because of a desire to contribute to social good. Public policy careers are not just in politics or nonprofits; policy encompasses a wide range of careers across sectors.

Nonprofit organizations are mission driven, serve the public, value volunteerism and altruism, are governed by a board of directors, and are flexible and autonomous.

Companies and organizations recognize the value of the “triple bottom line” approach: people, planet, profit. As a result, students seeking public interest careers are exploring opportunities in the private sector.
NAVIGATING UCHICAGO
CAREERS IN POLICY & IMPACT

Career Advancement offers a number of events and resources to help prepare you for a career in policy and service:

JOIN

ENGAGE
Sign up for public policy and service treks including:

Uniquely Nonprofit
Site visits include The Resurrection Project, Youth Guidance, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Refugee One, Heartland Alliance, Plant Chicago, Innisfree Village.

Washington DC
Site visits include Human Rights Watch, Brookings Institution, Freedman Consulting, Families USA.

Environmental & Urban Policy
Site visits include City Hall, Metropolitan Planning Council, Lincoln Park Zoo.

Attend Fried Public Policy and Service Workshops, including:

• ENERGIZE! Intensive Environmental Job Search
• Health Policy Seminars
• Public Sector Info Sessions, Workshops, and Networking Events
• Policy and Service Treks

EXPLOR

Volunteer opportunities: Eg. Office of Civic Engagement, Neighborhood Schools Program, Maroon Tutor Match

Government, policy and service internships: Eg. White House Internship Program, Heartland Alliance, Delta Institute, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Northwest Immigrant Rights

Externships: Citizens’ Climate Lobby-Political Will for a Livable World

UChicago graduate schools (Harris School of Public Policy & School of Social Service Administration): Attend courses, campus visits, joint BA/MPP program, BA/MA program.

SELECT CAREER PATHS AND EMPLOYERS

GOVERNMENT
Organization
Dpt. of Veteran Affairs
Dpt. of Homeland Security
Environmental Protection Agency

Role
Public Affairs Intern
Immigration Analyst
Science Advisor

PUBLIC POLICY
Organization
Brookings Institute
Human Rights Watch
The Bridgespan Group

Role
Researcher
Policy Analyst
Project & Research Assistant

SERVICE NONPROFIT
Organization
National Council of La Raza
Metropolitan Family Services

Role
Case Manager
Grassroots Manager
Public Relations Assistant

PRIVATE SECTOR
Organization
Urban Partnership Bank
Illinois Facility Fund
National Community Investment Fund
Stateside Associates

Role
Junior Analyst
Research Development Manager
Research Analyst

Kent Keller (AB ’17)
• Regulatory Associate, Stateside Associates
• Internships: The Paulson Institute, Environmental Law & Policy

Yumika Takeshita (AB ’17)
• Fulbright Scholar, Humanity in Action Fellow
• Internships: DonorsChoose.org, Manhattan Borough President

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