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- *Professional skills development*
- *Project and case study focus*
- *For most, this is a terminal degree*
- *We prefer previous full-time professional work*

Analyze, Negotiate, manage, measure, advocate, communicate, lead

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Methodological Areas at HKS

The three foundational methodological areas at HKS are:

1. Quantitative Analysis
2. Strategic Management
3. Leadership and Advocacy

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Outcomes

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1. Technically correct
2. Administratively feasible
3. Politically supportable

Knowledge of politics, institutions, implementation, policy challenges, leadership, negotiation

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PhD Programs

- PhD in Health Policy
 - PhD in Public Policy
 - PhD in Political Economy and Government
 - PhD in Social Policy
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HKS Overview

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Master's degrees

48%

International students

900+

Full-time students

90+

Countries

0-40

Years of work experience
in the public, private, and
nonprofit sectors

500+

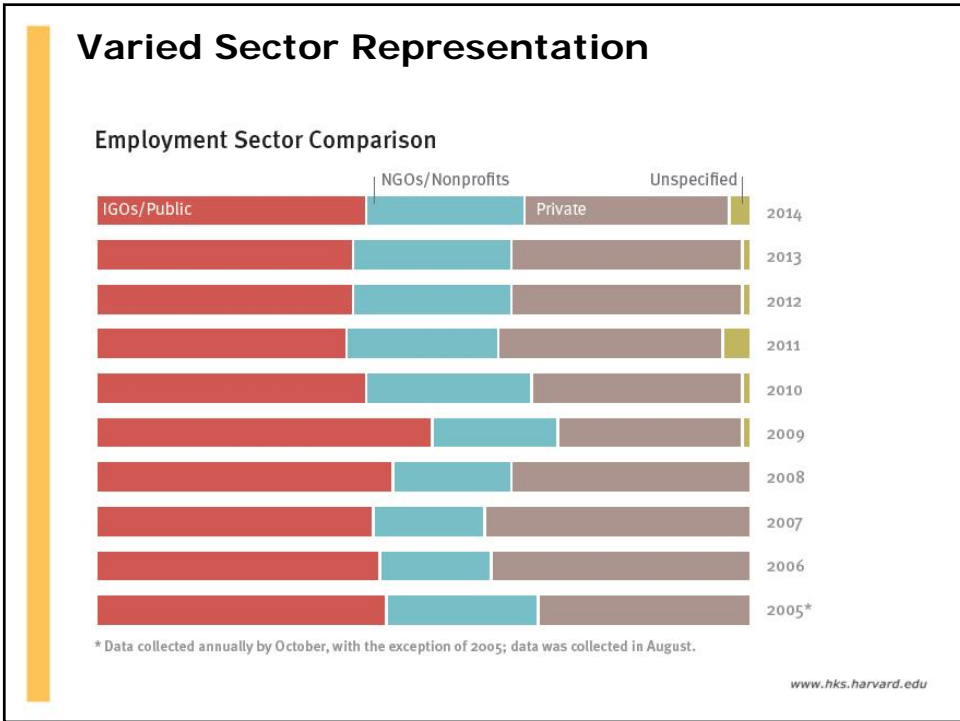
Colleges and universities
attended previously

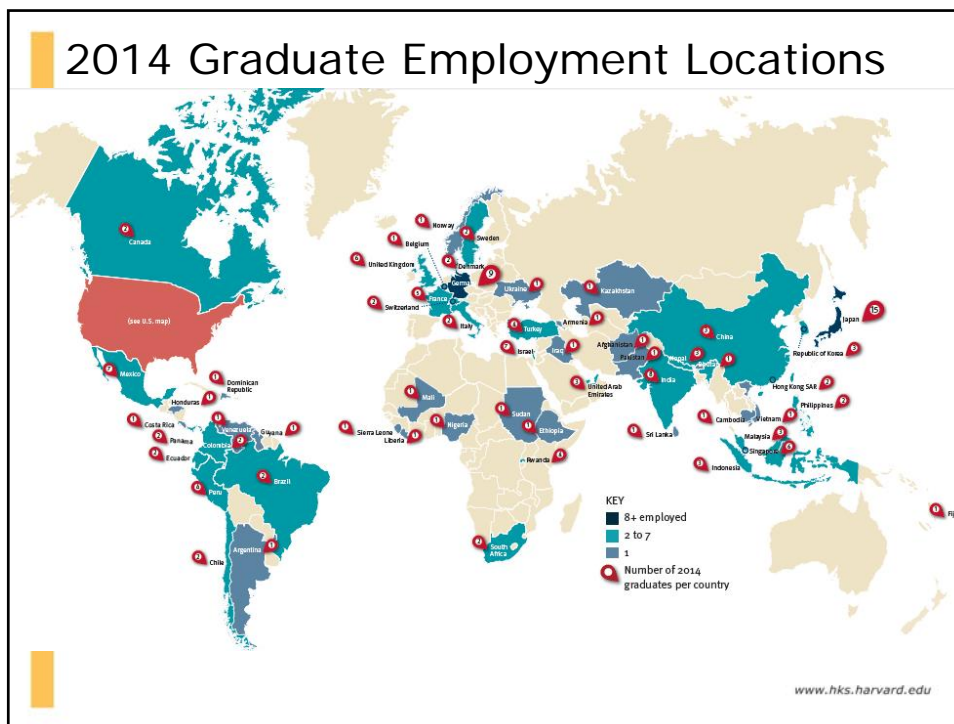
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There is not one profile

- *We are interested in applicants from a variety of majors*
- *Previous work experience does not have to be government related*
- *Both our students and alumni represent the not-for-profit, private, and public sectors*

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Livio Valenti - MPP



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City Hall "To Go" - MPP Katharine Lusk



Residents can pay parking tickets and tax bills, get a library card and dog license, even register to vote, at a van dubbed "City Hall To Go" . . . a rolling office, outfitted with laptop computers, wireless access, and the necessary paperwork from a host of city departments.


Response to an innovation in local government challenge.

Previous career was in consulting and marketing.

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CITY HALL TO GO

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This Month's Schedule:
To sort by neighborhood, view as a map and more, view the calendar in a new window.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 12 PM South End (Peter's Park) 3:30 PM Dorchester (Savin Hill)	29 8:30 AM Mayor Coffee Hour 12 PM Roslindale (Adam Park) 3:30 PM Charlestown (Thompson Sq.)	30 7 AM NeighborH (Inside BCYF Tobin)	1 12 PM Allston (BCYF Jackson Mann) 3:30 PM Beacon Hill	2
3	4	5 12 PM Hyde Park (BCYF) 3:30 PM	6 12 PM Dorchester (Fields Corner) 3:30 PM	7 7 AM NeighborH (Inside BCYF Tobin) 12 PM	8 12 PM Roslindale (Adam Park) 3:30 PM	9 9 AM NeighborH (Inside BCYF Tobin) 10 AM

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ESTHER WANG SPEAKS AT POPTECH 2013

November 21, 2013



A 2013 PopTech fellow, Esther Wang shares techniques for identifying whether billions of dollars in social interventions actually do measurable good. "Measuring impact is a challenge, but it is also critical and billions of lives depend on it."

[Watch the video here.](#)

Jennifer Hollet – MC/MPA

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Three Former Mexican Presidents

Miguel de la Madrid



In Zurich 1985

52nd President of Mexico

Carlos Salinas de Gortari



53rd President of Mexico

Felipe Calderón



President Calderón in 2007.

56th President of Mexico

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Is a future President of Mexico sitting in this room?



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Most Recent Year Undergraduate Schools - Mexico

- CIDE - Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas
- El Colegio de México
- Escuela Libre de Derecho
- Instituto Politécnico Nacional
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)
- Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa
- Universidad de las Américas - Puebla
- Universidad del Valle de México
- Universidad Iberoamericana
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

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Degree Programs at HKS

http://www.hks.harvard.edu/var/ezp_site/storage/fckeditor/file/pdfs/degree-programs/admissions/HKS_14admissions_brochure.pdf

Degree Programs	MPP	MPA/ID	MPA	MC/MPA*
Entering Class	221	68	74	207
Average Age	27	29	30	39
Average Years Worked	3	4	5	13
Gender	52% male 48% female	53% male 47% female	62% male 38% female	64% male 36% female
International Students**	28%	74%	54%	55%
U.S. Students of Color***	37%	43%	41%	29%
Joint/Concurrent Program Option	yes	yes	yes	no

* Includes students in the MC/MPA Mason Program
 ** Defined as non-resident aliens
 *** Represents the percentage of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are students of color

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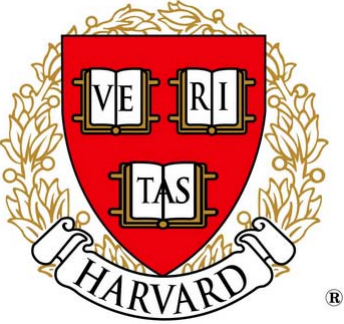
The Harvard Universe

14 Different schools

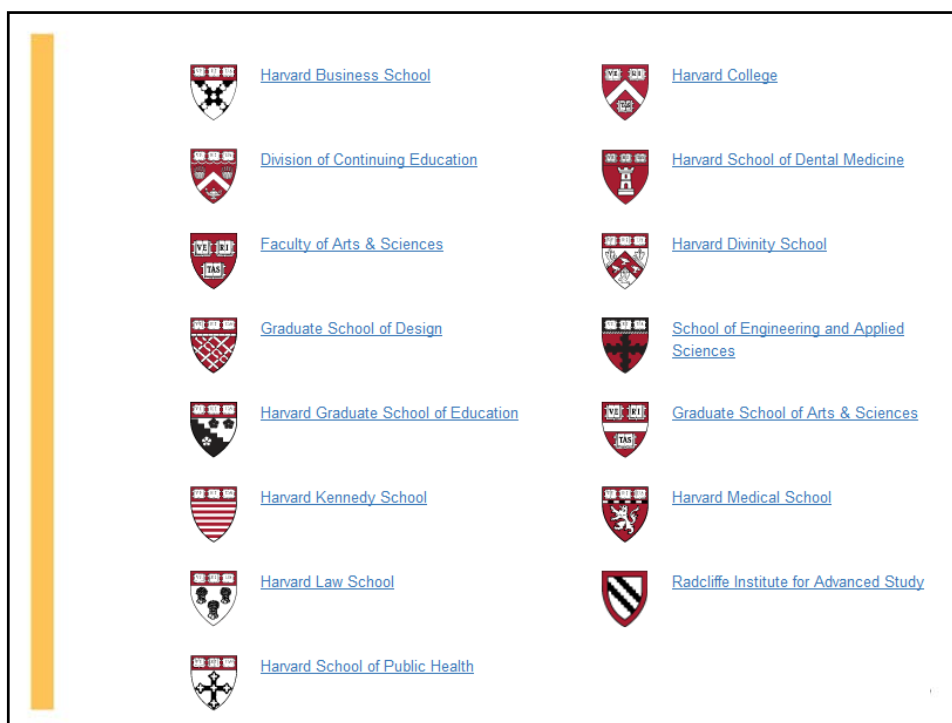
Graduate training in a variety of fields

Each school runs its own operations

Different admission offices and policies



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Combined Degree Programs

Joint Degrees

- Harvard Business School
- Harvard Law School

Concurrent Degrees

- Harvard: Divinity School, Graduate School of Design, Medical School, School of Dental Medicine
- Business: MIT, Stanford, Tuck (Dartmouth), Wharton (UPenn)
- Law: Berkeley, Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, Michigan, NYU, Northwestern, Stanford, UPenn, Yale
- Medical: UC, San Francisco and others on a case-by-case basis

Dual Degree

- The Graduate Institute, Geneva

Cross-registration within Harvard and selected professional schools outside Harvard

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Two Main Questions Many Have . . .

- How do I get in?
- How do I pay for it?

The admissions process is not . . .

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Advice

Create Momentum

Tell a Story

Follow Instructions

Do Not Overthink

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What Are We Looking For in Applicants

Commitment to public service and to making the world a better place



Strong academic achievement

Diverse experiences and backgrounds



Leadership ability

Quantitative skills



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Admissions Blog

Text October 15, 2015

Previous Year Application Review Notes - Post #5

This continues our series on the review of applications from previous years. Links to previous posts in the series are at the bottom of this entry. One disappointing style used by applicants when composing responses to essay prompts is reiterating what is already evident in the resume or in other parts of the application. I was searching for an example of this from last year, but after searching for a while I realized that reusing a previous blog post on the topic would be just fine to illustrate my point.

The essay prompt I am commenting on is below, but this exact prompt is not used this year and not all programs use the same essays (essays for this year can be [accessed here](#)). Still, I feel my comments will help provide guidance as applicants consider the essay prompts for this year.

Essay Question

"...Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."— John F. Kennedy, Presidential Inaugural Speech, 20 January 1961.

Master's Programs Application Deadline - 12/01/2015 11:59 PM EST

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Countdown to Application Deadline

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2015 New Student Information - Post #2

This is the second in a series of posts on some of the biographical and background information of our new students starting this year. The [first post](#) was a summary of all programs and this post is specific to new MPP students who have joined us this year.

MPP Previous Employment Sector

Employment Sector	Percentage
Non-Profit	37%
Private	21%
Federal (US Federal Government)	13%
International (Foreign Governments)	10%
Academic	8%
City (US City Government)	4%
Media	3%
State (US State Government)	1%
Multinational	1%

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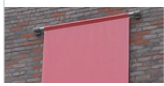
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The Cycle: 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 - 1

- ✓ One application open date – September
- ✓ One application deadline date - December
- ✓ One decision release date – March
- ✓ One class start date – September
- ✓ Can only apply to one program

Profile

It is true that we prefer applicants with work experience . . . but we do not prefer a "type" of experience.

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Application Deadline: December 1, 2016 by 11:59 p.m. EST

- ✓ Academic transcripts
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
 - ✓ 360 view and content is king
- ✓ A résumé/CV
 - ✓ No need to keep to one page
- ✓ Quantitative résumé/statement
- ✓ Essay(s)
 - ✓ Follow our admissions blog
- ✓ GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, and/or IELTS scores



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Test Information

- TOEFL
 - Minimum iBT score of 100 and we prefer 25 on each section
- IELTS
 - Minimum score of 7 and prefer score of 7 on each section.
- Note: English tests good for 2 years

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Test Information

- GRE and GMAT – no cutoffs, recommended ranges
 - MPP and MPA – have a goal of top 30%
 - MPA/ID – goal of top 20% in Q section
 - MC/MPA – goal of top 50%
 - Relative nature of tests – e.g. English as a second language
- Note: GMAT and GRE good for 5 years.

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Student Financial Services

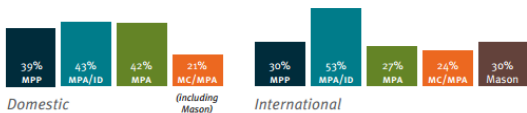
2015–2016

Tuition + Fees	Mandatory Health Insurance	Other Expenses
Academic Year Tuition \$45,697	HHS Student Health Fee \$1,042	Estimated living expenses per month \$2,300
Course Materials Fee \$428	Student Health Insurance Plan Fee* \$2,390	Estimated cost of books and supplies for the year \$1,500–\$2,000
HKS Activity Fee \$175		Estimated cost of personal expenses/domestic travel for the year \$5,000–\$5,600
Mid-Career Summer Program Fee (All Mid-Career & Mason) \$ 8,040		
MC/MPA Mason Program Seminar Fee \$3,500		

* May be waived if student is enrolled in a comparable health insurance plan.

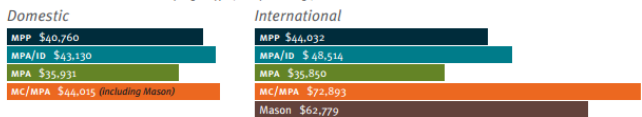
Scholarship/Fellowship Assistance Awarded

Percentage of admitted students who receive assistance by degree type (three-year average)



Harvard Scholarship/Fellowship Assistance in Dollars

Annual amount of assistance received by degree type (three-year average)



https://admissions.hks.harvard.edu/www/documents/2015_HKS_Admissions_Brochure.pdf

Student Loan Repayment

Borrowing is a reality for many HKS students ... but there are options.

HKS Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

For graduates in the nonprofit and public sectors who have modest salaries, to assist with their educational loan repayment.

Eligibility:

- For domestic and international borrowers
- No more than five years of participation



Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (FPSLF)

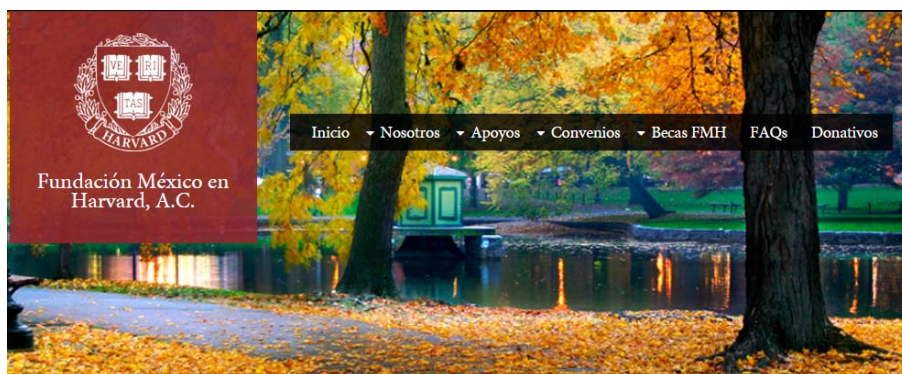
For federal loan borrowers in public service careers who may have 100 percent of their remaining federal loans forgiven after 10 years. To qualify, they must be employed by a federal, state, local, or tribal government, or a 501c(3) nonprofit, and be repaying their loans on an income-based repayment plan.

Eligibility:

- For domestic borrowers only



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<http://www.fundacionharvard.org/>

Additional Financial Support for Applicants from Mexico (Kennedy School 2016)

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Loan support: US\$ 21,800 academic year 2016/17 (average). Awards may increase up to 30% depending upon need.

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CONACYT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Partial tuition, stipend and fees.

www.conacyt.mx

FULBRIGHT Scholarships:

Support for US\$ 25,000 per year.

www.comexus.org.mx

BANCO MUNDIAL (WBI) Scholarships:

US \$35,000 per year.

www.bancomundial.org

Additional Financial Support for Applicants from Mexico (Kennedy School 2016)

FIDERH (Banco de México) Loan Program:
Competitive terms for approx. PS\$200,000 per year.
Ten year repayment at rate of 25% of CPP.
www.fiderh.org.mx

FUNED Loan Program:
US\$12,000 maximum for one year
Five year repayment schedule at rate of 3.75%
www.funed.org.mx

BROCKMANN Scholarships:
US\$18,000-20,000 for one year.
www.becasmob.org.mx

Additional Financial Support for Applicants from Mexico (Kennedy School 2016)

LAUDEX – Student Loan Program in Mexico

- Up to \$820,000 pesos
- For any program, for the last two years of the program only
- Up to 8 years for repayment
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- Fast response to application

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