



Cardinal
Careers

Explore career paths in local government

Internships and summer fellowships

- Apply for Stanford in Government local and state government summer fellowships and stipends. Learn more: sig.stanford.edu
- Find over 500 paid summer local government internships through CalOpps at calopps.org
- Contact a city, county, or special district office in the area or your home state to identify an internship.
- Fund an unpaid internship with a Cardinal Quarter self-designed fellowship: bit.ly/cardinal-quarter
- If you are eligible for Community Service Work-Study, talk to Haas Center staff about pursuing a summer internship in local government while earning money toward financial aid. Learn more: bit.ly/Stanford-CSWS

Courses

Below find examples of courses focused on local government and policy:

Autumn

PUBLPOL 135:
Regional Politics
and Decision-
Making in Silicon
Valley and the
Greater Bay Area

SIW 106: Criminal
Justice Policy

URBANST 164:
Sustainable Cities

Winter

PUBLPOL 109Q:
Community Police
Academy

PUBLPOL 133:
Political Power in
American Cities

PUBLPOL 154:
Politics and Policy
in California

Spring

AMSTUD 124A: The
American West

LAW 7051: Local
Government Law

URBANST 107:
Introduction to Urban
and Regional Planning

URBANST 174: Defining
Smart Cities: Visions of
Urbanism for the 21st
Century

Programs and institutes

- The Bill Lane Center for the American West
- The Freeman Spogli Institute
- Future Bay Initiative
- The Hoover Institution
- Stanford Geospatial Center
- Woods Institute for the Environment



Resources for career development

Jobs and professional associations

Visit the websites for cities, counties, and special districts; follow offices on social media and LinkedIn; or join a professional organization dedicated to providing current and aspiring local government managers with networking and professional development opportunities. Online resources include:

- CalOpps: calopps.org
- Engaging Local Government Leaders: elgl.org
- International City/County Management Association: icma.org/job-center
- Municipal Management Association of Northern California: mmanc.org
- Municipal Management Association of Southern California: mmasc.org

Professional association membership benefits include:

- Special student membership rates
- Attend networking events in your area
- Access career development webinars
- Read Career Compass columns on leadership and career development topics
- Get free career coaching through the ICMA Coaching Program: icma.org/coaching

Informational interviews

Work with the Cardinal Careers team to identify alumni working in local government and contact them for informational interviews, and make use of the Stanford Alumni Mentoring tool: mentoring.stanford.edu

Cardinal Careers fellowships

Graduating seniors and coterms: The Haas Center for Public Service offers Stanford-exclusive fellowships. Some are fixed placements in local cities such as San Jose, and others support work in any state or local government office in the country.

- Community Impact Fellowships and John Gardner Public Service Fellowship: bit.ly/ccfellowships

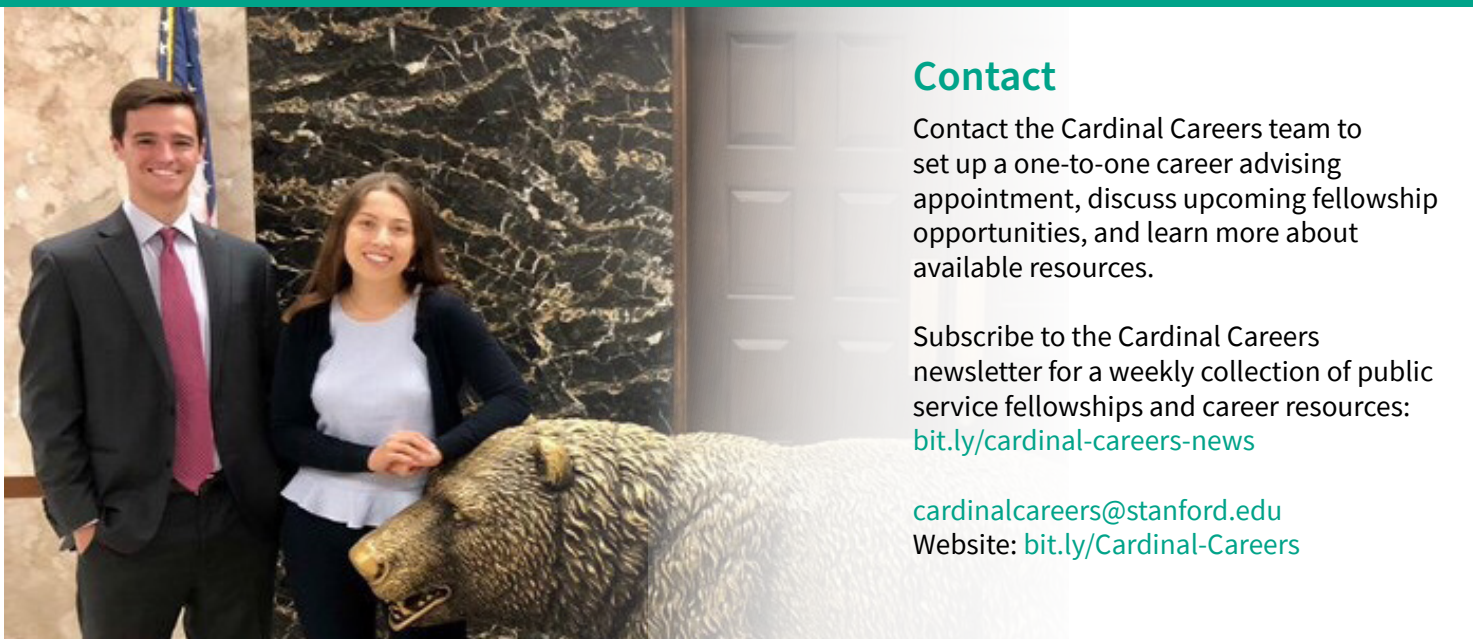
Graduating masters students:

- Local Government Management Fellowships nationwide: www.icma.org/lgmf

Alumni Spotlight

“I love my job because I get to see first-hand how government services benefit our community. My advice to students thinking about their career paths is to come work for state or local government! You can have an immediate impact and engage directly with policy and community issues. Decisions about public safety, affordable housing, parks and libraries, transportation, and economic development are all happening at the local level.”

–Minh Dan Vuong, '11 (Economics); Performance Auditor, City of Portland, Oregon



Contact

Contact the Cardinal Careers team to set up a one-to-one career advising appointment, discuss upcoming fellowship opportunities, and learn more about available resources.

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