

About our Scholars

The Public Service Scholar Program has graduated over 775 students. Of our alumni:

- 80% now hold or held leadership positions in the public service field
- Over 75% have earned or are currently earning graduate degrees
- Over 75% have received esteemed fellowships that built on their work as scholars

Today, our former scholars are policy analysts, nonprofit and foundation executives, lawyers, social workers and educators.

They are realizing their dream as leaders in our communities, dedicated to making our city a better place to live.

Benefits of Partnership

Join over 200 non-profit and government agencies and elected officials that have discovered the value of hosting a Public Service Scholar.

By providing a learning opportunity for a Public Service Scholar, your agency receives the following benefits:

- A scholar working half-time to staff projects important to your agency
- Quality policy and advocacy work
- A talented and committed worker
- A chance to influence the development of a new generation of public service leaders
- A dedicated advocate for your agency's mission, even after the placement ends

Mission Statement

The Public Service Scholar Program seeks to improve our cities and the lives of people by preparing talented undergraduates for careers in the public and non-profit sectors.

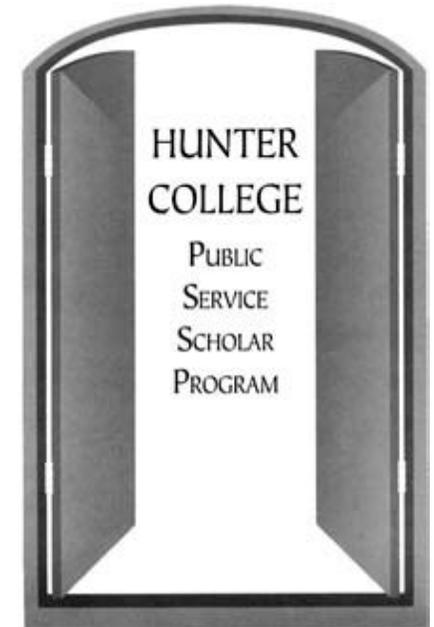
The program particularly seeks to raise the representation of women, immigrants, and minority-group members in leadership positions.

For more information about hosting a Public Service Scholar at your agency, contact:

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***Opening doors,
creating opportunities
and building leaders.***

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What is a Public Service Scholar?

A talented, upper-level Hunter College student performing a **full academic year, 20-hour per week residency at a non-profit, government agency, or elected official's office.** The residency is supported by intensive seminars examining important policy issues and contexts.

Scholars undergo a rigorous application process and are selected based on the following criteria:

Motivation	Leadership potential
Maturity	Communication skills
Academics	Life experience
Faculty referral	Interest in public service

Fees

There is no application fee. Agencies selected for placement are asked to pay a \$175 processing fee to cover administrative costs.

We urge you to join the many agencies, large and small, who recognize the great value Public Service Scholars add to their agencies. Host agencies are encouraged to make a financial contribution to scholar stipends of up to \$8,500.

** All scholars receive a stipend from the program, allowing self-supporting students to participate and give their full attention to their placement. The program raises funds for stipends from agency contributions and other private support.**

Apply to Host a Public Service Scholar

Interested agencies may apply online at:
www.hunter.cuny.edu/pssp/agencies/agency-application

or

Email: pssp@hunter.cuny.edu

The following information is requested:

- supervisor's contact information
- agency contact information
- brief agency description
- Field work job description

Application deadline March 23, 2020

Field Work Job Descriptions

Agency applications and job descriptions are reviewed to ensure that they provide *well-supervised, substantive placements*.

Placements should provide scholars the opportunity to:

- be involved in the ongoing activities of the agency
- work on a *substantive policy area*
- learn about both policy process and implementation
- perform work that includes: research, analysis, advocacy, organizing, and liaising with other agencies.

Interview and Placement Process

March 23 —Deadline to apply!

Early April—Newly-admitted scholars review job descriptions

Mid April —Scholars select 5 agencies for interviews.

—Agencies schedule interviews promptly and submit placement preference to PSSP.*

Early June—PSSP notifies scholars and agencies of placements.

September—Placements begin mid-September and go through May of the following year.

*Agencies may be contacted for between one and five interviews. Agencies not selected for an interview are invited to re-apply for the next year.

The placement process is competitive for scholars and agencies alike! Approximately 100 agencies will apply to host one of up to 20 scholars. Interesting and detailed job descriptions and engaging interviews will increase your chances of being selected.