Application Checklist

- Statement of Purpose
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
  - For EXPM applicants only, no GRE/GMAT test scores needed
  - For MAMG applicants, GRE/GMAT test scores needed if undergraduate GPA is below 3.0
- Transcript(s)
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application
  
  Please note: The essay prompt below is very similar to the first part of the graduate school “Statement of Purpose” listed as #1 in the Upload Requirements section of this application but is more specific to your reasons for studying public policy/public administration. It is acceptable, in fact preferred, that you compose a single essay incorporating both this prompt and the Statement of Purpose prompt and upload it in both the Statement of Purpose (#1) and Supplementary Application (#6) sections of Upload Requirements.

  Write a statement addressing the following: What are your reasons for undertaking public policy studies at the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy? Indicate, if appropriate, any specific areas of specialization or research interest. You may wish to discuss past work in your intended field and allied fields, your plans for a professional career, and/or how you developed your interest in or knowledge of your chosen subject. Note regarding length: There are no specific word limitations on this statement. As concisely as possible, please tell us about yourself, your interest in public policy and the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy.

- For International applicants only, Test of English Language as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- For PhD applicants only, Description of Research
- For PhD applicants only, Writing Sample

Application Deadlines

- Fall Priority: January 15 (for best scholarship/merit/fellowship consideration)
- Fall International (Final): March 15
- Fall Domestic (Final): May 15
- Spring International (Final): October 1
- Spring Domestic (Final): December 15

EXPM Application Deadlines

- Fall International: March 15
- Fall Domestic: July 15
- Spring International: October 1
- Spring Domestic: December 15

POSI Application Deadline

- Fall Domestic/International: January 15

Public Financial Management Certificate Application Deadline

- Fall Domestic/International: July 31