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February 1, 2023

His Excellency Mahinda Samarasinghe
Ambassador of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Embassy of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2148 Wyoming Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador,

I would like to share with you that Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) is launching a new Master of Public Administration in Global Leadership (MPA-GL) for accomplished policy practitioners, foreign officials, managers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and other professionals with at least 10 years of progressively senior experience.

As former Finance Minister of Colombia, I understand the importance of preparing the next generation of leaders to address the multiple and overlapping global crises of the day, advancing policy expertise, polishing analytical skills, and enhancing leadership capabilities to bring participants' careers to the highest level.

The 10-month MPA in Global Leadership will be conducted in person at the Columbia University campus in New York and is now accepting applications for the inaugural class that will enter in July 2023.

The MPA-GL core curriculum will cover leadership skills and global issues, highlighting difficult problems—in the United States and worldwide—and innovative approaches to tackling them. It is organized in five focus areas: geopolitical stability; democratic resilience; climate, energy, and sustainable development; inclusive prosperity and macroeconomic stability; and technology and innovation.

The learning experience will be unique for each student. Participants will benefit from highly personalized mentorship and enjoy flexibility to design 75 percent of their curriculum, choosing among 400 courses to tailor the program to their individual needs.

Outside of the classroom, students will attend seminars and special sessions, both on and off campus, where they will meet leaders of major global institutions.

We hope policy practitioners from your country will find this program relevant and that you can help us spread the word among rising leaders in your country about this new degree at Columbia University.

I would be glad to discuss this further and explore opportunities for synergy at mpagl@sipa.columbia.edu or 212-854-9746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MCS".

Mauricio Cárdenas
Professor of Professional Practice and Director, MPA in Global Leadership
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Master of Public Administration in Global Leadership (MPA-GL)

Designed for accomplished policy practitioners, managers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and other professionals with at least 10 years of progressively senior experience, the MPA-GL is an immersive 10-month mid-career master's program conducted in person at the Columbia University campus in New York City.

The learning experience is unique for each student: You'll enjoy flexibility to design 75 percent of your curriculum, consulting individually with the program director and the most relevant faculty before choosing among 400 courses to tailor the program to your individual needs.

The MPA-GL core curriculum will cover global issues, leadership skills, and strategic thinking, highlighting difficult problems—in the United States and worldwide—and innovative approaches to tackling them. The program outside the core is organized in five focus areas: geopolitical stability, democratic resilience, energy, climate and sustainable development, inclusive prosperity, and technology and innovation.

Outside of the classroom, you'll attend seminars and special sessions, both on campus and off, where you'll meet and learn from leaders of major global institutions.



"For talented professionals who are ready to take on the world's most pressing challenges, SIPA provides the education they can't get within their own organizations—the knowledge, the skills, and the connections to make an impact at the highest level. To do that while experiencing the singular environment of New York City is a truly unique opportunity."

Keren Yarhi-Milo, Dean, Columbia SIPA

Program Length: 10 months
Degree Awarded: MPA

Curriculum

The MPA-GL's customizable curriculum will help you achieve your professional goals. You'll receive personalized advising to help align your coursework with your career objectives and personal interests.

Summer Program

A six-week (6-credit) immersion includes private sessions with SIPA faculty as well as cohort-building activities.

Fall and Spring Semesters

You're required to complete at least 14 credits in both the fall and spring semesters. In addition, you'll be able to take courses from across the University, including Columbia's business, law, and climate schools.

You'll also be part of a 2-credit policy leadership workshop each semester that will introduce you to global leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.



The Columbia SIPA Advantage

Customize a curriculum that aligns with your passions.

Interact with Columbia's distinguished faculty and visiting global leaders.

Join a diverse cohort of highly accomplished professionals and build lifelong professional relationships.

Go beyond the classroom and take advantage of New York's career and cultural opportunities.

Join Columbia University's global network of nearly 400,000 alumni who are shaping the future in every discipline and sector.

Application documents

All materials must be submitted in English through the online application portal at apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply.

Essay Questions

Video Essay

Professional Resume/CV

Letters of Recommendation (2)

Academic Transcripts

Interview invitation only

Application Fee: \$95 USD (non-refundable)

GRE/GMAT Test Scores (Optional)

GRE school code: 2161 (no department code)

GMAT school code: QF8-64-56 for MIA or QF8-64-99 for all MPA programs

TOEFL/IELTS (If Applicable)

Required if your native language is not English or if your undergraduate degree was not taught in English.

Optional Fellowship Essays



"MPA in Global Leadership graduates will leave Columbia University with deeper knowledge about the drivers of today's policy challenges, their interdependent nature, and the capacity to apply this knowledge and respond effectively to problems and issues they will encounter throughout their careers."

Mauricio Cárdenas, Director, MPA in Global Leadership

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24k+
ALUMNI



50+
NATIVE
LANGUAGES
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QUESTIONS?

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