

Social Impact, Government, & Policy Career Community Overview



The Social Impact, Government & Policy career community is dedicated to students who are interested in a field that encompasses a wide range of professions dedicated to creating positive change in society and shaping government policies at local, national, and international levels. Professionals work across various sectors including non-profits, governmental agencies, think tanks, advocacy organizations, and consulting firms, among others.

Sample Industries & Job Titles



Please note that the job titles below do not cover all areas of opportunity comprehensively. They are provided to serve as initial reference points for exploring potential career paths and options. They can serve as guidance for your search:

Non-Profit: Direct Service Roles

- Educator/Teacher
- Clinician
- Counselor
- Advocacy Manager

More Sample Industries & Job Titles

Non-Profit: Administrative Roles

- Program Coordinator
- Communications Specialist
- Marketing Analyst
- Grant Writer/Developer

Government & Policy

- Policy Analyst
- Conflict Negotiation Director
- Legislative Counsel/Assistant
- Policy Consultant
- Government Relations Specialist
- Director of Policy and Advocacy
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Grassroots Organizer
- Fundraising Analyst

Job Boards

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[Nonprofit Opportunities](#)

[Work For Good](#)

[Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management](#)

[City of Chicago](#)

[Cook County Government](#)

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[USA Jobs](#)



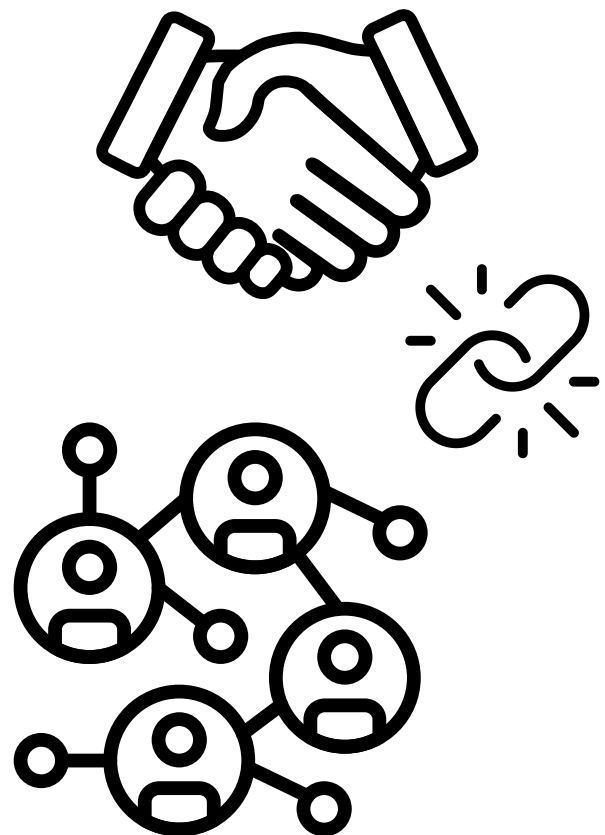
Industry-Specific Resources and Professional Orgs

[Candid Guidestar](#)

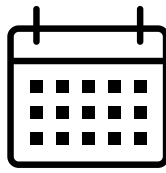
[Society for Non-Profits](#)

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[Young Non-profit Professional Network](#)



Hiring Cycles



Post-graduation positions

- Fall for certain government agencies that have early application deadlines due to required security clearances
- Fall & Winter for more formalized programs and large companies
- Spring for actively identifying and applying to opportunities

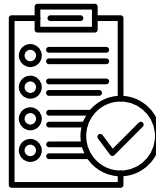
Internships

- Fall for certain government agencies that have early application deadlines due to required security clearances
- Winter quarter (Jan-March) typically for established internship programs
- Spring Quarter (March-May) typically for smaller organization opportunities

Selected Organizations Where Students Have Worked:

Natural Resources Defense Council	Google	Federal Reserve Board
Howard Brown Health	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Department of Transportation	U.S. Senate	National Immigrant Justice Center
Illinois Green Alliance	State of Illinois	Chicago Dept of Business Affairs
Congressional Budget Office	The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy	National Skills Coalition
CAEL	AMS Planning & Research	Chicago Federation of Labor
Civic Consulting Alliance	Shedd Aquarium	

Action Steps



Individualized Career Support



Seeking additional guidance on your career development journey and opportunities to explore? Schedule an individualized career appointment with an EPICS staff member via Handshake!

Handshake



Explore Handshake to find job and internship opportunities, register for a career-related events, stay up-to-date with employers, and more! For a customized search experience, be sure to utilize the filters to pinpoint what you are looking for.

Informational Interviews



Conduct an informational interview. Informational interviews are meetings where you talk to a professional in a job or industry you're interested in. You can ask questions, gain industry insight and advice, and learn more about a job and/or career path.

LinkedIn



Create a LinkedIn profile to connect with professionals in your industry, share your career and educational achievements, stay informed on companies of interest, and search for job opportunities.

Our Northwestern



Interested in expanding your Northwestern network? Explore Our Northwestern, the University's alumni database, where you can expand your network and connect with professionals who are advancing careers in fields of interest.

Vault



Vault is a career engagement platform that empowers career seekers by providing powerful insights and unique resources so that you can discover your best next step. Find invaluable resources including employer profiles, rankings and reviews, field of study and/or occupational guides, and career preparedness training and materials.