

Tulane SoPA launches online Master of Public Administration degree program focused on contemporary civic challenges

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Tulane's School of Professional Advancement is currently accepting applications for its new online Master of Public Administration degree program, starting in fall 2020. Tulane's School of Professional Advancement is currently accepting applications for its new online Master of Public Administration degree program, starting in fall 2020.

The [Tulane School of Professional Advancement](#) (SoPA) is accepting applications for its inaugural cohort starting in Fall 2020 for its new online [Master of Public](#)

[Administration degree program](#) (MPA). The program is one of the few newly developed MPAs launched in the last three decades and is directly responsive to present-day civic issues. [Applications](#) are currently being accepted and the deadline for the fall semester is August 15.

“Launching a new MPA amid unprecedented global challenges, we are seeing first-hand the importance of effective civic leadership,” said [Halima Leak Francis](#), program director and professor of practice for the public administration program. “Preparing civic sector professionals who can successfully navigate today’s complexities and uncertainties is at the heart of our program. I am excited to launch an MPA program that stands to be such a tremendous resource locally and nationally, and I look forward to working with faculty, staff, students and community partners to help build much-needed civic leadership capacity.”

The Tulane SoPA MPA boasts a [faculty of experts](#) who work at the forefront of innovation in fields such as public policy, economic development, philanthropy, education and environmental management.

The curriculum addresses real-world challenges faced by today’s civic sector leaders, including maximizing the uses of data and technology, successfully engaging diverse constituents and working effectively across government, nonprofits and the private sector. The program helps students prepare for diverse career paths and is intended for early and mid-career professionals, as well as recent college graduates.

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