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10th September 2026

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Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office
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**Call for Nominations – 2027 Master's Degree Programmes in the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
– National University of Singapore**

The Department of External Resources (ERD) wishes to inform that the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), has invited applications from eligible public officials of the Government of Sri Lanka for the following Master's Degree programmes to be offered during the forthcoming academic cycle:

- One-year Master in Public Administration (MPA): For mid-career professionals with at least five years of relevant work experience in a supervisory role, seeking to strengthen their capabilities for senior management and leadership roles.
- Two-year Master in Public Policy (MPP): For early-career professionals with at least two years of relevant work experience, seeking to develop a strong foundation in policy analysis, programme evaluation, and public management.
- Two-year Master in International Affairs (MIA): For professionals with a keen interest in Asian and global affairs and a strong commitment to contributing to positive transformations at the national, regional, and global levels.

The programme guidelines, including details on eligibility criteria, application and selection procedures, and the programme schedule, are enclosed herewith for reference. Further information is also available on the websites of the Department of External Resources and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS.

Please note that these programmes are not offered under a formal or guaranteed scholarship scheme. However, applicants may, based on their individual applications, qualifications, and overall suitability, be considered by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS, for limited scholarship or financial assistance opportunities, subject to the availability of funding and the applicable selection criteria of the School.

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The final decision regarding admission to the respective programme, as well as any scholarship or financial assistance that may be available, will be made by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS, in accordance with its applicable selection procedures.

Accordingly, you are kindly requested to circulate this information among prospective candidates whose duties and professional responsibilities are relevant to the above programmes, within your Ministry/Organization and its affiliated institutions, and encourage eligible officials to submit their applications in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Overview Information Booklet.

The Department would greatly appreciate it if suitable nominations from your Ministry/Organization could be submitted by 2.00 p.m. on 09 October 2026, together with the following documents:

- Nomination/approval letter from the relevant Line Ministry;
- Duly completed application form and all supporting documents required under the programme guidelines;
- Copy of the relevant pages of the passport; and
- Duly completed ERD Application Form, available on the ERD website.

Applicants are strongly advised to thoroughly review the eligibility criteria, programme guidelines, and all other relevant information provided in the attached documents before submitting their applications.

It should be emphasized that acceptance of a nomination by the Department of External Resources does not constitute selection for the programme or entitlement to any scholarship or financial assistance. All nominations accepted by the Department will be subject to the final admission and selection process conducted by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS.

In view of the limited number of nominations that may be accommodated, Ministries/Organizations are therefore encouraged to forward only the most suitable and competitive candidates for consideration. Prospective applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting until the closing date.

Ministries and nominating organizations are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted only after confirming the nominee's firm commitment and availability to participate in the programme, if selected, including their ability to meet any costs not covered by a scholarship or financial assistance, where applicable.

Furthermore, your kind assistance in facilitating the necessary official leave and other administrative arrangements for officials selected to participate in the programme would be greatly appreciated.

The Department earnestly encourages all suitably qualified officials to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to enhance their academic qualifications, professional expertise, and leadership capabilities through study at one of Asia's leading institutions for public policy and governance.

Your timely attention and kind cooperation in this regard would be sincerely appreciated.



Upendra Wijerathne
Director (Actn.)
for Director General

> DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PUBLIC MANAGER

The MPA strengthens the judgement, communication, and leadership skills you need to work effectively across institutions and stakeholder groups.

Professional Development (Compulsory)

Choose between *Fundamentals in Communications or Strategic Communications* – both designed to equip you with the skills to influence, persuade, and lead in any policy environment.

LKYSPP-in-Asia (Optional, Experiential)

Travel to Southeast Asia with your cohort for a specially curated programme built to develop your soft skills, resilience, and real-world exposure to the region's most complex policy landscapes.



> REAL STORIES, TRANSFORMED STUDENTS DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Our graduates go on to shape policy at the highest levels – across governments, international organisations, and in non-profits worldwide. Hear what they have to say, in their own words:

"My MPA journey has strengthened my understanding of how well-designed public programmes and projects support inclusive, evidence-informed decision-making that better serves communities in need, particularly in the humanitarian-development nexus where I work. Equally rewarding has been experiencing vibrant student life and learning from diverse cultures and perspectives alongside my classmates."

Phyu Kyi Ithaing
Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Specialist,
United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Myanmar
MPA Class of 2025



"Immersing myself in the rigorous MPA curriculum and learning alongside talented professors and classmates from around the globe has sharpened both my thinking and approach to public policy and administration. The experience bridged theory and practice, deepening my strategic perspective and giving me a far richer appreciation of how policies are shaped and implemented."

Winston Ng
Group Director, Aquifer Development
Office of Singapore
MPA Class of 2024



"The programme strengthened my ability to analyse policy issues with confidence and rigour, particularly through its emphasis on policy analysis. Learning alongside a multicultural cohort and distinguished faculty also broadened my international perspective. The skills and insights I gained continue to support my professional growth and work in the public sector."

Ros Ratana
Deputy Director General,
Office of the Council of Ministers
Cambodia
MPA Class of 2024



FEES AND FUNDING

The fees shown below apply to students admitted in AY2026. Fees for the AY2025 intake are expected to be published between April and June 2025.

Tuition fees for AY2026 intake	Per Semester	Special Term	Total (1 year)
Scholarship students (Government fees)	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$102,000
Self-funded students (Self-funded fees)	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$102,000
International Students (Government fees, including GST)	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$102,000
Non-scholarship fees (including GST)	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$102,000

If you require books and services, see (2024), which is available by the Ministry of Education.



Scan this QR code for details on tuition and other fees.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer a number of merit-based scholarships for our Master's programmes. To apply:



HOW TO APPLY

Applications open annually:



Please visit www.lkyspp.sg/gda3 to start your application or scan here.

Admissions Criteria:

- Minimum of 5 years of working experience
- At least a bachelor's degree in a managerial position
- Aspiration towards senior management roles
- Demonstrated commitment to public service
- Proficiency in both written and spoken English



Contact Us

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Scan this QR code for more information on our Master's programmes or to discuss any queries.

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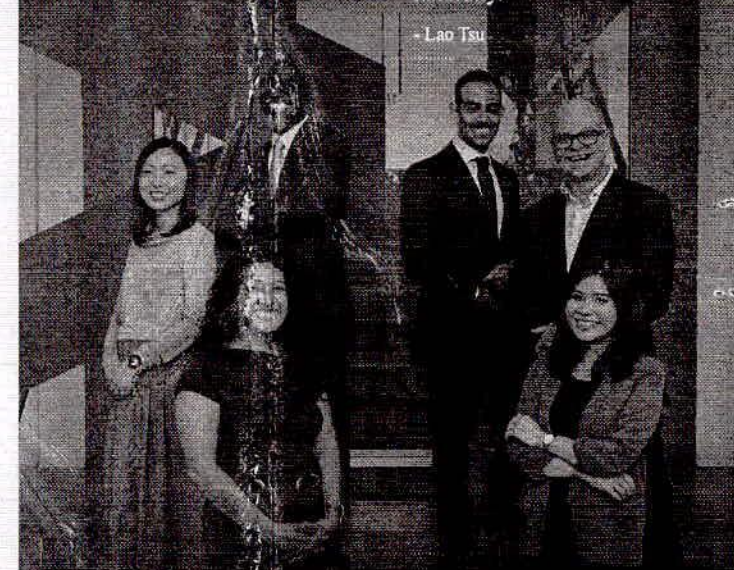
Information placed in the brochure is correct at the time of publication (July 2024). We reserve the right to update the information without notice.

MPA

Master In
Public
Administration

When the effective leader is finished with his work, the people say it happened naturally.

— Lao Tzu



LKY Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

NUS National University of Singapore

Fee: \$102,000 (including per semester fees, tuition, and other fees)

> WHY MPA AT LKYSPP?

Singapore as a Living Lab

There is no better place to study public administration than a city-state that has done it, and done it well. Singapore's track record in international trade, public finance, urban planning, and institutional design isn't just impressive history, it's your first case study.

Here, governance isn't theoretical. It's evidence-driven, pragmatic, and built to work. And because Singapore sits at the crossroads of East and West, the conversations you'll have with classmates, faculty, visiting leaders, and policymakers will reflect the full complexity of the world you're preparing to influence.

A COHORT LIKE NO OTHER

When you study at LKYSPP, you join a global community of public sector leaders, policy professionals, and academics. Our MPA graduates serve as senior civil servants, diplomats, development professionals, and organisational leaders — advancing effective governance, strengthening institutions, and creating lasting public impact across Asia and beyond.

Join an experienced and internationally diverse cohort of

60-80 students

from 20+ countries

*MPA students are typically senior managers from the public and not-for-profit sectors, including multilateral organisations.

The cohort is, in many ways, the programme. You'll graduate knowing not just more about policy, but more about how people from radically different systems think about it.

> WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Master in Public Administration programme is designed for mid-career and senior professionals with a proven track record in public service, multilateral work, or the non-profit sector, who are ready to take on broader leadership responsibilities.



Ideal Candidates:

- > Mid-career and senior professionals preparing for senior management roles in the public sector
- > Professionals with demonstrated experience in public service, multilateral organisations, or the non-profit sector
- > Individuals driven by a genuine commitment to public service and a desire to deepen their expertise in governance and policy



Eligibility Requirements:

- > A Bachelor's degree from a recognised institution
- > A minimum of 5 years of relevant work experience, including at least one mid-level managerial role
- > Strong proficiency in written and spoken English



What defines our students is not just where they come from, but their commitment to public service and their readiness to lead with greater impact.



CURRICULUM

The one-year, full-time Master in Public Administration offers an intensive, interdisciplinary course of study for those working on increasingly complex issues affecting national, regional, and global policies and projects.

Built for Public Leadership. Grounded in Practice.

The MPA curriculum draws from public policy, economics, and public management to help you build up the disciplinary depth, critical and understanding, and management competencies needed to lead in complex policy environments.

Core courses strengthen the capabilities that matter most at senior levels: sound decision-making, rigorous policy analysis, effective public management, and the ability to lead institutions and programmes under real-world constraints. These include economic analysis, policy analysis, public management, and the Governance Study Project.

Electives allow students to apply and align their expertise with the broader institutional context and their individual leadership goals — giving experienced professionals both rigour and relevance.



For MPA
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For a full list of
electives, visit the
QR code



GOVERNANCE STUDY PROJECT

Collaborative learning. Practical insight. Real policy challenges.

The Governance Study Project is a defining feature of the MPA. It gives students the chance to study and offer policy recommendations on a complex, real-life policy problem. The curriculum also draws lessons from Singapore's policy history, case studies contrasting them with approaches in other countries.

It is a powerful rehearsal for structured thinking, evidence-based argumentation, cross-institutional collaboration, and clear communication of recommendations to decision-makers.



> GO FURTHER TWO MASTER'S DEGREES IN TWO YEARS



DOUBLE DEGREE

The MPA-MBA double degree with NUS Business School is designed for public sector professionals whose work spans the intersection of government markets, regulation, infrastructure, finance, or complex multi-stakeholder organisations.

Admission is highly competitive and applications must be submitted at the point of application to LKYSPP.



REAL-WORLD READY: SEE WHERE AN MPA CAN TAKE YOU

Govern. Transform. Serve.

- > **Govern with Purpose**
Step into senior leadership roles that shape public institutions, drive national agendas, and strengthen governance frameworks.
- > **Transform Organisations**
Leverage your public administration expertise to guide organisations through complex regulatory environments and public-private partnerships.
- > **Serve Communities**
Spearhead initiatives that address pressing societal challenges and deliver sustainable outcomes for communities.

Graduate Employment Outcomes, 2022 - 2025

On average,
96%
of MPA graduates were
employed within six
months of graduation.



Where our graduates work.

From government to civil society and beyond, MPA graduates have forged careers across diverse sectors and organisations. The pathways highlighted here represent just a glimpse of what is possible.

- > Chief of Staff — United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- > Deputy Director General — Government of India
- > Deputy Director — Malaysian Investment Development Authority
- > Deputy Head of Mission — Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Austria
- > Director — Department of Justice, The Philippines
- > Division Chief — Bank of Thailand
- > Group Director — Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- > National Advisor — GIZ Indonesia & ASEAN

*These roles are illustrative and do not represent an intended career path for any individual.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE POLICY LEADER

The MPP develops more than your policy mind — it shapes the professional and leader you will become.

Professional Development (First Year Compulsory)

Our *Leadership Development* and *Communication & Strategy* courses are both designed to equip you with the skills to advocate, persuade, and lead in any policy environment.

Leadership Skills (Optional, 1st Year)

Through the *Leadership Skills* with your cohort for a specially supervised project, you will develop your skills in resilience, and real-world exposure to the region's most complex policy landscapes.



REAL STORIES, TRANSFORMED STUDENTS

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Our graduates go on to shape policy at the highest levels — across governments, international organisations, think tanks, and the private sector worldwide. Hear what our alumni have to say, in their own words:

"MPP at LKYSPP is intellectually rigorous and firmly rooted in practical application. Each course challenged me to engage critically with complex policy issues and translate theory into effective action. This programme has significantly enhanced my analytical capabilities and professional readiness for impactful public service and leadership."

Somnira Khosravat
Policy Analyst
Office of National Economic and Social Development Council
Thailand
MPP Class of 2025



"The MPP programme provided a strong foundation for my work supporting state and national governments in India on climate change, environmental governance, and public policy initiatives, while also encouraging my growing interest in research and academia."

Tushant Singh
Consulting Government
A Public Policy Analyst, India
MPP Class of 2024



"Beyond the training in public policy and analysis, the friendships and the global perspectives I gained, the Master in Public Policy programme strengthened my ability to work across sectors and engage diverse stakeholders. These lessons continue to guide my work facilitating infrastructure projects and engaging stakeholders in the Philippines."

Rishabh Dhillon
Assistant Director
Urban Planning, Engineering, Design, Public Works Department
Centre of Excellence
MPP Class of 2023



FEES AND FUNDING

The fees shown below apply to students admitted for AY2026. Fees for the AY2027 intake are expected to be published between April and June 2027.

Tuition fees for AY2026 intake	Per semester	Total (2 years)
Registration Fee (one-time)	\$250.00	\$500.00
Registration Fee (one-time)	\$250.00	\$500.00
International Students Academic Fee (one-time)	\$250.00	\$500.00
Non-subscribed Fee (one-time)	\$250.00	\$500.00

For more information, visit www.lkyspp.edu.sg/fees.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer a number of merit-based scholarships for our Master's programmes. To apply:



HOW TO APPLY

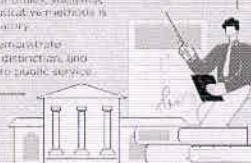
Applications open annually:



Please visit www.lkyspp.edu.sg/gda to start your application or scan here.

Admissions Criteria

- Applicants should hold at least a Bachelor's degree.
- 2 to 5 years of work experience is preferred.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English is essential.
- Three references (work/academic, standard, and a personal or professional reference) are needed, but not mandatory.
- Strong candidates demonstrate maturity, intellectual distinction, and a clear commitment to public service.



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MPP

Master in
Public
Policy

What you leave behind
is not what is engraved
in stone monuments,
but what is woven into
the lives of others.

- Pericles



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WHY STUDY PUBLIC POLICY AT LKYSPP?

Singapore as your first Masterclass.

Real policy, real results.
Study world-class urban planning, trade policy, and public finance up close.

Governance under the microscope.
Study evidence-driven policymaking where it actually happens.

Pragmatism over ideology.
Learn from a country that prioritises what works.

The classroom is just the beginning

Learn It: Master policy frameworks from leading institutions worldwide.

Test It: Apply them to real Asian contexts and challenges.

Own It: Debate and refine ideas with classmates who have lived the realities from Manila to Mumbai.

Change starts here

4,000+ alumni / 90+ countries.
Your network grows the day you arrive.

Shape Change Together. Your classmates are already making an impact. In two years, so will you.

The bottom line: You will leave LKYSPP knowing not only what good policy looks like but also when, where, and how to apply the right approach.

IS THE MPP RIGHT FOR YOU?

CAREER STAGE

- > Entry-level and early-mid-career professionals
- > 2-5 years of work experience

YOUR GOALS

- Build skills in:
 - > Policy analysis
 - > Quantitative research
 - > Leadership

YOUR DESTINATION

- Private Sector**
 - > Government relations, regulatory strategy, consulting
- Public Service**
 - > Government agencies, policy units
- International Organisations**
 - > United Nations, World Bank, regional bodies
- Non-profit**
 - > NGOs, foundations, advocacy groups

A COHORT LIKE NO OTHER

70-90+ high-achieving professionals from 20+ countries.

- > Public servants, NGO leaders, private sector strategists.

- > Driven to make a positive impact in global governance, sustainable development, social justice, and beyond.

CURRICULUM

Two years to build the skills, acumen, and networks for a career in public policy.

Your MPP, Your Focus.

The MPP provides rigorous training in policy analysis, programme evaluation, and management.

It equips students with the analytical depth and practical judgement needed to design and evaluate policies grounded in economic and political realities.

Core courses cover:

- > Policy analysis and economics
- > Politics, governance and institutions
- > Public management and finance
- > Data, evaluation and applied methods
- > Communication and leadership

All MPP students also take **Coding for Public Policy** - choose between Python or R.

- > Choose a specialisation to go deep, or stay broad for wider reach. The MPP is flexible by design.

Specialisations:

- International Economic Policy**
Macroeconomics, trade, finance and development policy in a globalised world
- Politics and Governance**
Power, security, geopolitics, and governance in a rapidly changing world
- Social Policy**
Building healthier, fairer, and more sustainable societies through evidence-based policy



For a full list of electives, scan this QR code.

POLICY ANALYSIS EXERCISE

Real clients. Real problems. Real impact.

- > The MPP's signature capstone experience.
- > In your second year, work with a real client - researching, analysing, and presenting policy recommendations that matter.

Partners include:

AseanSeco	Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia
Asian Development Bank	Natfa
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	BlackFuture Singapore
Google	UNESCO
Meta Platforms (Facebook)	World Bank
Microsoft	
Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning, Indonesia	

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A full rehearsal for the career ahead - before you graduate.



MPP students collaborating from group discussions with their classmates, covering from their student body presentation, to their final project, to their final presentation.

GO FURTHER: GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES



STUDENT EXCHANGE

Eligible students may spend a semester at one of our global partner institutions.

The Americas

- Georgetown University, The McLaughlin School of Public Policy, Washington D.C., USA
- Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Washington D.C., USA
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Europe

- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany
- Sciences Po, School of Public Affairs, Paris, France

Asia and the Pacific

- Singapore University, School of Public Policy and Management, Singapore, China
- Soochow University, Graduate School of International Studies, Suzhou, China
- The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GrasPP), Tokyo, Japan



For a full list of exchange partners, visit <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/mpp/mpp-student-exchange>



DOUBLE DEGREE PARTNERSHIPS

Two Master's degrees in two years

Qualified students may pursue a double degree with our world-class partner institutions, earning two master's degrees in just two years. Partners include:

- Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), New York, USA
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK
- University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GrasPP), Tokyo, Japan
- NUS Business School, Singapore

REAL-WORLD READY: SEE WHERE AN MPP CAN TAKE YOU

Lead. Influence. Impact.

- Lead in government**
Shape the policies that define how societies function and thrive.
- Influence in business**
Bring policy expertise to organisations navigating complex regulatory landscapes.
- Impact in civil society**
Design and deliver programmes that create meaningful, lasting change.

Graduate Employment Outcomes, 2022 - 2025

On average, **82%** of MPP graduates were employed within six months of graduation



Where our graduates work

MPP graduates have gone on to pursue careers across a wide range of public and private organisations.

- > Policy Analyst - APEC Secretariat
- > Programme Analyst, Local Government - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- > Consultant, Social Protection - The World Bank
- > Assistant Manager - Invest India
- > Senior Assistant Director - Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- > Southeast Asia Analyst - Bloomberg
- > Senior Associate - Ernst & Young (EY Singapore)
- > Inclusive Impact and Sustainability Analyst - Visa

* These roles are illustrative and not representative of all graduates. For more information, visit <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/mpp/mpp-student-exchange>



> DEVELOPING THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL

The MIA develops more than your analytical mind. It shapes the professional, communicator, and globally engaged leader you will become.

Professional Development (First year, Compulsory)

Choose between *Fundamentals in Communications* or *Strategic Communications*, both designed to equip you with the skills to influence, persuade, and lead in any policy environment.

International Relations of Asia (Core course)

Learning extends beyond the classroom. As part of the course, students take part in an overseas field trip that connects classroom study with regional institutions and policy practice.

LKYSP-Asia (Optional, Experiential)

Travel for a country in Southeast Asia with your cohort for a specially curated programme. LKY to develop your soft skills, resilience, and first-world exposure to the region's most complex policy landscapes.



> REAL STORIES, TRANSFORMED STUDENTS DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Our graduates go on to shape international affairs at the highest levels — across global business, governments, research institutions, think tanks, and multilateral organisations. Hear what our alumni have to say, in their own words:

"The LKYSP provides an exquisite combination of academic intellectuality and practical field insights. The MIA programme offers a **solid knowledge base** that is critical to today's rapidly changing landscape of international affairs, as well as profound insights into some of today's most prominent **global and regional issues**. It is an excellent opportunity to have a **global vision from an Asian perspective**."

Yoon Hoon
USC Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy and
Global Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia
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"The Master in International Affairs programme has equipped me with **solid knowledge and practical insights** in the field of international relations, particularly foreign policy analysis. This foundation has proven invaluable in my current role as a senior advisor working on foreign investment projects. The programme not only **deepened my understanding** of the complex policies and global investment trends that also **strengthened my ability** to analyse and manage complex policy processes in a global context."

Phan Le Thao Nhi
Deputy Assistant Secretary General, External Economic
Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Vietnam



"The MIA gave me the **analytical and policy frameworks** to explore complex global challenges. It is a **grounded and understanding of global development policy and international institutions**, which has equipped me for various international development projects, sustainability, and future and current, impact in international organisations across Asia and Europe."

Neelika Jha
National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore
World Sustainability Project
The Group of 20



FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition fees for AY2022 Intake	Admission Fee	Per Semester	Total (2 years)
Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and International Students alike*	\$35,000	\$12,500	\$30,000

*Free of charge courses are available at a reduced fee of \$11,500 per semester for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents. Details on fees and funding are available on the website.



Scan the QR code for details on fees and funding.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer a number of merit-based scholarships for our Master's programmes. To apply:



HOW TO APPLY

Applications open annually:



Admissions Criteria

- Applicants should hold at least a Bachelor's degree.
- Students of all ethnicities and languages are preferred. Strong non-English speaking students and native speakers are welcome to apply.
- Strong written and spoken English is required.
- Strong candidates demonstrate maturity, intellectual proficiency, and a genuine commitment to international affairs and public service.



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MIA

Master in
International
Affairs

We have to live with
the world as it is, not as
we wish it should be.

- Lee Kuan Yew



LKY Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

NUS National University of Singapore

The MIA is a full-time programme of 24 months of study.

WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT LKYSPP?

Singapore as your strategic vantage point

International Affairs in action. A global hub for multilateral summits, trade negotiations, and regional cooperation, studied up close.

Rigour meets real-world relevance. Combine academic training with practical exposure to the institutions, ideas, and policy debates shaping the international order.

Grounded in Asia. Aimed at the world. Strong foundation in international relations, comparative politics, political economy, and research methods.

Study global issues. Build real-world skills.

Build expertise in international affairs, comparative politics, political economy, and research methods.

Apply your learning to current regional and global issues.

Prepare for careers in policy, diplomacy, research, civil society, and beyond.

Come for the degree. Leave with a global network.

4,000+ alumni / 90+ countries.
An international community that starts with your first day.

Our graduates are building careers that make a difference.

Our alumni network spans government, multilateral organisations, the private sector and civil society, an active global community you join from day one.

The bottom line: Understand how the world works. Be ready to shape where it goes next.

GLOBAL ISSUES. REAL SKILLS. CAREER IMPACT.

The MIA equips you with the analytical skills to understand real-world relevance to interpret international developments, assess competing policy options, and engage with the issues shaping the global order, with particular attention to Asia's role in contemporary international affairs.

WHO IT'S FOR

- Early-career professionals
- Strong (real) you undergraduates
- 2+ years' work experience preferred

BUILD SKILLS IN

- International relations and comparative politics
- Policy analysis and research methods
- Political Economy

CAREER PATHWAYS

- **Business, consulting, risk, media, and communications**
Global strategy, policy analysis, and cross-border engagement.
- **Foreign service, diplomacy, government, and public service**
Policy, negotiation, and international representation.
- **International organisations, think tanks, civil society, and non-profits**
Development, sustainability, advocacy, and global impact.

A COHORT LIKE NO OTHER

40 aspiring professional, from diverse national, academic, and professional backgrounds.

An intentionally small cohort fosters close faculty engagement, serious discussion, and sustained exchange across different worldviews and career interests.

Representing more than 15 economies across Asia and beyond.

- Bringing together diverse perspectives from government, international organisations, business, and media, the cohort is united by a shared commitment to international affairs.

CURRICULUM

Build your future in international affairs over two years.

Build the knowledge, skills, and connections for a strong start in a global career.

Your MIA, Your Focus.

The curriculum is multidisciplinary, spanning international relations, political science, and political economy.

Core courses cover:

- International relations theory and practice
- Comparative politics
- Global politics and the economy
- International relations of Asia
- Research methods in international affairs

➤ Choose a specialisation to develop depth in a particular area, or build a broader portfolio across the field. The MIA is designed to support both focused and flexible pathways.

Specialisations:

- **International Institutions and Global Governance**
Multilateral organisations, global rules, and international cooperation.
- **International Security**
Conflict, strategy, geopolitics, and security in a changing world order.
- **International Economics and Development**
Trade, finance, development policy, and the global economy.
- **Regional Studies: The Asia-Pacific**
Politics, economics, and strategic affairs in Asia's most dynamic region.
- **International Public Management and Leadership**
Managing international organisations and cross-border programmes.
- **Environment and Sustainability**
Climate, energy, and environmental governance on a global scale.



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MIA SENIOR ESSAY

The Senior Essay is the MIA's graduation requirement, an independent, analytical research paper on a policy topic you are about, guided by year-long, one-on-one faculty mentoring.

Draw on internship experience to ground your research in real-world practice. Tie together your analytical work with action-oriented analysis, addressing pressing global or regional challenges.

Present your work to faculty and peers at the end-of-programme Poster Session.

INTERNSHIPS

Build experience. Test career paths.

Internships give you the chance to explore career interests, gain practical experience, and build professional connections. They also help you connect classroom learning to the real-world issues shaping international affairs.

For many students, that experience becomes the starting point for deeper research in the Senior Essay. Organisations that have hosted MIA alumni include:

- APEC Worldviews
- Asia-Europe Foundation
- Asian Development Bank
- Organisation of the European Union to Singapore
- Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- The World Bank
- Tempest
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

THE MIA LECTURE SERIES

Ambassadors. Practitioners. Unscripted conversations.

Go beyond the classroom. Through the Ambassador's Circle and Practitioners' Corner, engage directly with leading thinkers, think tank experts, journalists, and industry leaders in candid, off-script conversations about geopolitics, career pathways, and life in international affairs.

Insights into the career ahead, before you even graduate.

- **LEE, Mr. Nicholas Heng**
British High Commissioner to Singapore (October 2025)
- **LEE, Mr. Gerald Chao**
Honorary Ambassador and Representative of Quality in Singapore (University 2024)
- **Dr. Evan Lukmanji**
Honorary Fellow, Senior Fellow for Southeast Asia, Centre for Asia-Pacific International Studies, Institute for Strategic Studies, ISEAS – Yusof Kadir Centre for International Studies, Asian Thought, English Centre

GO FURTHER: GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Eligible students may spend a semester at one of our global partner institutions.

North America

- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington DC, USA

Europe

- Hertie School of Governance, Germany
- Bocconi University, Italy
- University of St Gallen, Switzerland
- The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHD), Geneva, Switzerland

Asia and the Pacific

- The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GPP), Japan
- Tsinghua University, China
- Seoul National University, Graduate School of International Studies, South Korea



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Outstanding students may pursue a double degree with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, earning a Master in International Affairs from LKYSPP and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy from SAIS in just two years, along with the interdisciplinary edge to navigate today's most complex global challenges.



REAL-WORLD READY: SEE WHERE AN MIA CAN TAKE YOU

More than a degree. A foundation for global impact.

Analyse. Advise. Influence.

- **Analyse research and policy**
Deliver evidence-based insights at think tanks, research institutions, and multilateral organisations.
- **Advise across governments and industry**
Support policy decisions and strategic planning in government agencies, consulting firms, and international business.
- **Influence global affairs**
Shape trade, investment, diplomacy, and development across the international stage.

Graduate Employment Outcomes, 2022 - 2025

On average, **81%** of MIA graduates were employed within six months of graduation.



Where our graduates work

MIA graduates have gone on to pursue careers across a wide range of sectors and organisations.

- Assistant Director — Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- Policy and Infrastructure Analyst — The World Bank Group
- Inclusive Trade Specialist — World Economic Forum
- Policy Analyst — APEC Secretariat
- Research Associate — Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)
- Programme Officer — United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Assistant Director, ASEAN — Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- Assistant Director — Ernst & Young
- Senior Consultant — CBRE
- Correspondent — The Straits Times

* These roles are illustrative and do not represent an exhaustive list of career pathways available to graduates.