



student chapter
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Chapter Updates

With the help from Dr. Sabina Deitrick, MPA director and associate professor and Dr. Michael Rizzi, Director of Student Services at Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), we launched our GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter successfully in November 2017 and had our first kickoff event in January 2018. We had a blast at the kickoff event and are planning on. Currently, the club has 10 members. GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter will focus on connecting current and perspective students who are interested in working in governance sector with our alumni and local officials and provide a platform for club members and local community to share thoughts.

Conferences

Aishwarya Kumar, the Co-President of GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter and Dr. Michael Rizzi attended the ICMA National Conference in September in San Antonio, TX.

Careers & Internships in Local Government Panel

GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter hosted its first kickoff event and invited seven alumni who are currently working as local officials from Pittsburgh region. The panel provided a platform for students and alumni to share their career goals and working experience from local governance sector, also, receiving advices from alumni and how they could be able to be more prepared for their long-term careers.

Guest Speaker: ICMA Executive Board Member

GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter invited ICMA Executive Board Member Stephanie Mason to speak at the Launch of GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter and also share her experience on how she started her first job in the governance sector and the benefits she has been receiving from being a ICMA member. In addition, Mrs. Stephanie Mason is the Township Manager in Doylestown Township and an alumna from GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh.

Internship & Full-Time Position Communications

GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter plans to have meetings on a monthly basis and emails club members and MPA students notices of internships and full-time job openings in the local government throughout the years. We aim to build a closer bond between students and the local government community.

Looking Forward

We were thrilled to start GSPIA ICMA Student Chapter this year and to see the excitement from the people who came to our events and expressed their interests of participating. GSPIA chapter is planning to grow its chapter by building a closer bond between students and local government community. The GSPIA chapter plans to have a careers in local government panel in the fall to expand the recognition of our brand new club, share the benefits and bring more club members who are interested in working in governance sector as their careers. Furthermore, GSPIA chapter is looking forward to connect with more ICMA members at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD in September this year.