Internship Waiver Packet

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**Master of Public Policy (MPP) Waiver and**  
**Master of Science – Organization Development and Knowledge Management (ODKM) Waiver:**

The MPP and ODKM programs require that all students in the program complete a three-credit internship if they do not have two years of relevant work experience. It is important to contact Duane Bradshaw, Director of Career Development, if you have concerns about this requirement.

If you have a minimum of two years’ relevant work experience and would like to apply for a waiver of the internship:

see Appendix A, page App. 1 in this packet for the **MPP Internship Waiver form**  
or  
see Appendix A, page App. 2 in this packet for the **ODKM Internship Waiver form**.
Appendix A – Waiver Forms
INTERNSHIP WAIVER REQUEST FOR MPP STUDENTS

If you have two years of relevant professional experience and would like to apply for a waiver of the MPP internship requirement, please fill out this form and turn it in to Duane Bradshaw in Room 560 along with a resume and a two-page essay. The essay should contain:

1. A description of your professional experience that can include, but is not limited to, policy analysis, policy research, and program development.

2. Your policy related duties and the amount of time you spend on each.

3. How your professional experiences relate to your master’s degree and what you hope to do with the skills you’ve developed.

*DUE DATE: October 1st for Fall Semester / March 1st for Spring Semester / July 1st for Summer Term

Even if you are not requesting a waiver, please sign, date, and turn in the form.

_____ I am requesting a waiver and will turn in this form with a resume and essay.

_____ I am not requesting a waiver and I understand that a 3-credit internship is required.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Print Name: ___________________________ Student ID: ________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ GMU E-mail: ________________

Place of Employment: ___________________________

Job Title: ___________________________

Is your position:  □ Paid  □ Unpaid

Supervisor Contact Information:

Supervisor Name: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Phone: ______________ E-Mail: ______________ May we contact this person? (Y / N)

_____________________________ Date

Director of Career Development

_____________________________ Date

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App. 1
Internship Waiver Request for  
Organization Development and Knowledge Management (ODKM)

- If you have two years of relevant professional experience within an organization and would like to apply for a waiver of the ODKM internship requirement, please fill out this form and turn it in to Duane Bradshaw in Room 560. Include a resume and a one-page (minimum) essay that details your professional experiences and how they relate to your professional goals and degree.

- Please note that if you have more than five years of experience, an essay is not required. Please submit this form and your resume only.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Print Name: _________________________________ Student ID: ______________

Phone Number: ___________________________ GMU E-mail: ______________

Place of Employment: ______________________________

Job Title: ________________________________

Is your position: ☐ Paid ☐ Unpaid

Supervisor Contact Information:

Supervisor Name: ___________________________ Title: ________________________________

Phone: ___________ E-Mail: ______________ May we contact this person? (Y / N)

Notes: (for waiver committee members)

d ☐ Internship Waived ☐ Internship Not Waived

__________________________________________ Date

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__________________________________________ Date

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