

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN

PHILANTHROPY AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

The Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL) prepares graduates to be innovators and leaders in nonprofits, social enterprises, philanthropic foundations, development offices, and in the governments, financial institutions and businesses that interact with them. It is designed for full-time students preparing to be change-makers in this field, as well as experienced professionals studying part-time. The program, offered through the School of Public Policy and Administration, can be taken in a flexible format involving intensive summer institutes at Carleton and interactive online learning. A shorter Graduate Diploma in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership enables working professionals to upgrade their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the complex and rapidly changing world of philanthropy and leadership in this sector.

Faculty associated with the program and with the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation (3ci) are

engaged in a wide range of collaborative and individual research projects, providing students with great opportunities for engagement and supervision.

DEGREES OFFERED

MPNL, Graduate Diploma

CAREER OPTIONS

Graduates of the MPNL program will be innovators, leaders and makers of social change. Students can tailor the program for leadership positions in nonprofits, charities and social enterprises; advocacy organizations and international NGOs; grant-making foundations, resource development and fundraising in universities, hospital foundations and other nonprofits; governments that develop policy or collaborate in service delivery with the nonprofit sector; and financial institutions and other corporations working on corporate social responsibility and impact investing.

Producing leaders for philanthropy and the nonprofit sector.

SUMMER APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 15, to be considered for funding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A bachelor's degree, with a wide variety of disciplines with an average of B+ or higher. Mid-career applicants with a minimum of seven years working experience in the nonprofit/philanthropic sector will also be considered.

“ In meetings full of professionals from the public, private and third sector, I am pleased to find myself confidently utilizing knowledge and analytical skills that I learned in my MPNL program. While many of my peers have invaluable experience, none are walking around with the focus and rigour of Canada's pioneering graduate degree in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership. Our access to experts and critical thinkers in class has greatly enriched my working world experience. ”

— Gonzalo Duarte, MPNL/16



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Program structure

The MPNL and DPNL programs begin in the summer term with a preparatory online component starting in May (with course readings, discussion forums and some pre-assignments) followed by a two-week [Summer Institute](#) at Carleton University in the summer. The rest of the programs are completed through engaged online learning, hybrid learning (combined in-class and virtual), or intensive one-week classes, and a second Summer Institute for MPNL students. MPNL and DPNL students take classes together; the only difference between the programs is length.

Entry term for both programs: summer term.

Master's (MPNL) program length: five terms (full time); and 10 terms (part time).

Diploma (DPNL) program length: two terms (full time); and four terms (part time).

The MPNL program consists of: seven core (required) courses; four elective courses; and a Capstone Project conducted with a community organization. Four of the core courses are taken for two Summer Institutes. The DPNL consists of two core (required) courses during the Summer Institute and four electives.

Admissions

[Carleton University's admission requirements](#) for both the MPNL or DPNL program provide important, general information. [Further admission requirements are available on the MPNL site.](#)

Professional Entry

Experienced professionals who have at least seven years of work experience in the philanthropic and nonprofit field during which they exhibited significant leadership and increasing levels of responsibility (and who have undergraduate degrees) may qualify for Professional Entry admission. This reduces program requirements to ten courses (seven core courses and three electives, for a total of 5.0 credits). Application for Professional Entry must be completed by October 15 of a student's first year in the program.

Please see the MPNL and DPNL [program and course requirements for more information.](#)

