UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA KEARNEY™

NEBRASKA GOOD LIFE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Nebraska Good Life Opportunities Program is a partnership between the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Master's in Public Administration program, designed for students who value public service and aspire to work in local, city and state government, and other public sector professions.

BENEFITS

- Full-tuition scholarship at UNK for up to 120 credit hours
- One-on-one mentorship from the UNK faculty director of Nebraska Good Life Opportunities Program
- Structured undergraduate curriculum, focused on building critical thinking, reading and writing skills and providing foundational knowledge for UNO MPA program
- Professional development and experiential learning opportunities, including: preferred access to relevant internships; regular interactions with city, county and state administrators; visits to the UNO School of Public Administration to meet with faculty, staff and students; paid undergraduate research opportunities
- Membership in the Student Chapter of the International City Managers Association (ICMA)
- Participate in at least two field study courses at UNK: a one-week trip to Washington, D.C. to learn about policymaking at the federal level; and a one-week trip to the southern U.S. to study civil rights issues
- Guaranteed acceptance into the UNO MPA program, provided a minimum of a 3.5 GPA is maintained at UNK
- Preferred access to scholarships and graduate assistantships in the UNO MPA program

ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum high school GPA of 3.5
- Apply and be admitted to the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Commitment to public service and a desire to pursue a career in government or public administration

HOW TO APPLY

- Scan the QR code or visit **unk.edu/scholarships** to apply
- Scholarship application deadline **December 1, 2025**
- Complete two essays
- Provide two reference letters

If you have questions about the Nebraska Good Life Opportunities Program, please contact:

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