The MA program in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (UEP) at Tufts prepares a new generation of leaders – 'practical visionaries' – who will contribute to the development of inclusive and sustainable communities. A nationally accredited program, it is distinct from many other planning and policy programs by having a strong social justice focus. It is the right place for you if you are interested in becoming a talented thinker and practitioner to engage and confront the social and environmental challenges in today's world of rapid urbanization.

HANDS-ON LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
One of the best things we offer students is the kind of learning, mentoring, and substantive knowledge and skills to prepare you for your dream job. Over time, we have consistently cultivated a welcoming and accessible environment for students, with ample opportunities for sharing and nurturing, both inside and outside of the classroom. Our students have won three of the last six American Institute of Certified Planners National Student Planning Awards. UEP faculty are nationally and internationally renowned experts in planning and policy. Many students also have the opportunity to work as research assistants with UEP professors.

ENGAGED COMMUNITY STRATEGY
UEP has extremely strong connections to our local and regional communities, so students can expect to be involved with real-world issues and problem-solving. Our location in Somerville and Medford, with easy transit access to Cambridge and Boston, puts dozens of different urban communities within easy reach and exploration, and provides a variety of fieldwork, job and internship opportunities.

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MA PROGRAM PROFILE 2013-14

Total enrollment 89
Enrolled full-time 92%
Minority 20%
International 10%
New entering students 37
Joint + dual degree students 9%
Average age 26
Average tuition scholarship offered 38%
Average GRE of entering students V 159
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STUDENT-CREATED LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Intercultural Practice Group
Climate Policy and Planning Coalition
Food Systems Planning Coalition
New Economies Group

I really enjoy that there is a collaborative learning environment in every class at Tufts. Of course, there is going to be a healthy competitive spirit in graduate school, but I wasn’t interested in going somewhere that would have a cutthroat atmosphere. I’d rather be academically and personally stimulated and challenged, and then share those challenges with people who are inspired to propose solutions to pressing problems.

Tufts pushes me to stretch myself in terms of what I think is possible, both for myself and the communities in which I’m doing projects. It’s certainly been demanding at times, but I expected graduate school to present significant challenges. I’ve been able to finish my first year with a great internship under my belt, new knowledge and skills, and a field project experience and final report that my entire team can be proud of.

-MA student, 2014

UEP APPLICATION DEADLINES

International students: December 15
MA program: January 15
MPP program: April 30
(for mid-career professionals)

REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYERS
OF RECENT UEP GRADUATES

PUBLIC

US Environmental Protection Agency
Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (USDOT)
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Office of Massachusetts State Senate
Massachusetts Convention Center Authority
Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Amherst Business Improvement District
City of Somerville
NYC Dept of Planning & Economic Development
Seattle Design Commission
Development Bank of Japan

PRIVATE

Bergmann Associates
Calthorpe Associates
Deloitte Consulting
Eastern Research Group
Fregonese Associates
HSBC
Mt. Auburn Associates
Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin
IPA Energy + Water Economics (London)
Berkman International (the Philippines)

NONPROFIT

Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group
CDP
Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association
Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry (Yale)
Groundwork Somerville
International Food Policy Research Institute
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Real Food Farm
Trust for Public Land
Wayside Youth & Family Support Network
Social Ventures Australia

“UEP is all about the democratization of cities, of expanding opportunities and breaking down barriers between the lives we lead and the world we live in.”

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