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NASPAA Accredits Five New Degrees During Its 50th Year

*Programs in Vietnam, China, and the United States earn NASPAA accreditation
at a time of growth and progress*

Washington, DC, July 31, 2019 -- The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration ([NASPAA](#)) announced today that its Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation ([COPRA](#)) has accredited five new programs. At the 50th year since NASPAA's founding, the following programs are joining the NASPAA accredited community at a pivotal moment in the organization's history:

- Master of Public Policy at Fulbright University Vietnam (Vietnam)
- Master of Public Administration at The University of Oklahoma (USA)
- Master of Public Administration at University of International Business and Economics (China)
- Master of Public Administration at University of Montana (USA)
- Master of Public Administration at Zhejiang University (China)

NASPAA is the global standard for public service education. Accredited programs share NASPAA's commitment to transparent, effective, inclusive, and ethical public service. The NASPAA Standards ensure programs promote public service values, bound in the pursuit of programmatic improvement and educational quality. Each of these programs underwent a years-long process of self-study, site visit, and peer review, during which they demonstrated their commitment to the knowledge, research, and practice of public service.

"Our newly accredited programs are joining a community of shared practice and peer review that stretches back more than 4 decades. In 1974, NASPAA adopted our first standards, and since then our accreditation program is known around the world for its unique attention to public service values and holding schools accountable to students learning the things they need for public service careers," asserted Laurel McFarland, Executive Director of NASPAA. "NASPAA's global aspiration to quality is today made stronger by the welcoming of our newly accredited programs."

NASPAA would like to welcome these new programs and celebrate the achievement of their accreditation. According to COPRA Chair Jeffery Osgood, "the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation is excited that our roster of accredited programs has become increasingly more global and is more diverse than it has ever been in the past. Programs from around the world have successfully navigated the accreditation process by demonstrating an unwavering commitment to quality public service education and pursuing their missions. These programs are supporting good governance globally by preparing the next generation of public servants ready to promote the ideals of public service through their work and in the communities in which they reside."

The 2019-20 Roster of Accredited Programs can be viewed [here](#) when it is released on August 30, 2019.

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NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, is the global standard in public service education. It is the membership association of 328 schools of public policy, public affairs, public administration, and public & nonprofit management. NASPAA's Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) is the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)- recognized accreditation body for graduate degree programs in public policy, administration, and affairs, globally. COPRA has accredited over 200 master's degree programs from NASPAA member schools in these fields. NASPAA's twofold mission is to promote excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.