Rumbidzai Masango | Student
Country of origin: Zimbabwe

“My work experience in Zambia is what propelled me to actively pursue my master’s degree. To be a changemaker it was clear that a policy degree would be essential. It was after discussing this decision to further my studies with my mentor that he recommended the MPA degree at the School of Public Policy.”

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

The School of Public Policy, in the words of its founder George Soros, is a “new kind of global institution dealing with global problems.” It is committed to the values of public service and the promotion of open societies through interdisciplinary research, innovative teaching, and engagement with policy practice. Building on CEU’s tradition of diversity, the School seeks to attract exceptional students from all parts of the globe, fostering a unique learning experience both in and out of the classroom. The University is an English-language institution accredited in the United States and Hungary.

CAREERS

The professional MPA program equips students with policy knowledge, analytical frameworks, qualitative and quantitative skills, and practical experiences to make a positive difference throughout the world. The versatile MPA degree provides graduates with the skills they need to pursue careers for the public good throughout the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (TWO YEARS)

SPP’s master’s degree program integrates three components: knowledge, skills, and practice.

**KNOWLEDGE**

**CORE COURSES**
- Evolution of Modern Governance
- Policy Analysis
- Public Administration
- Economic Analysis
- Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
- Ethics
- International Law

**AREAS OF CONCENTRATION**
- Regional and Global Governance
- Human Security and Sustainable Development
- Global Media and Communication

**SKILLS**

The Skills For Impact (SFI) program is an integrated set of practical modules designed to enhance students’ leadership skills for improving public policy. The mandatory SFI modules include: strategic leadership, negotiation, project management, policy writing, budgeting and fundraising, advocacy, and crisis and risk management.

**PRACTICE**

Through the Passion Project and summer internship, students apply and put into practice the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The Passion Project is a student-designed, policy-oriented capstone project. Over the course of the two-year program, student teams identify a concrete policy challenge for selected clients and develop a high-quality, policy-relevant product outlining a recommended response. The goal is to improve the client’s performance and help meet its policy objectives.

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**STUDENT PROFILE**

- High academic potential
- Strong interest in global public policy issues
- One to seven years of work experience (any combination of professional or volunteer experience)
- Some international experience (working, living, or studying abroad)

**GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete online application: [www.ceu.hu/apply](http://www.ceu.hu/apply)
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

**SPP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- General CEU admissions requirements
- BA degree or its equivalent
- Statement of purpose
- Short essays
- Phone interview by invitation

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FINANCIAL AID

CEU is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world and provides a variety of merit-based scholarships available to students from any country.

- **CEU Master’s Degree Tuition Scholarships**
  cover from 50 to 100 percent of tuition expenses up to €16,000 per year.

- **CEU Housing Awards**
  provide accommodation in CEU’s Residence Center for the duration of the academic year.

- **CEU Master’s Degree Stipend Awards**
  provide full or partial stipends to assist with the cost of living expenses in Budapest during the academic year, up to €3,200 per year.

Recipients of any of the above three awards will also receive **health insurance coverage** for the duration of their studies.

- **CEU Alumni Scholarships**
  funded by alumni, are awarded to master’s degree students with financial need who have a proven record of leadership in extracurricular activities, community service, and civic engagement.

- **Named Scholarships**
  provide additional awards to master’s students enrolled in specific programs at CEU.

- **External Scholarships**
  There are a variety of public and private scholarships and fellowships available.

- **Student Loans**
  CEU offers student loans and is also an eligible institution for: Hungarian Student Loans (Diakhitel) | US Federal Student Loans | Canadian Student Loans | Other national student loan programs | CEU Direct Student Loan

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