

PAA Undergraduate Pipeline program

The UPP aims to introduce demographic research, careers in demography, and information about applying to and being successful in graduate school to undergraduates at minority-serving institutions local to the PAA Annual Meeting.

- ✔ 2-day immersive experience
- ✔ Led by senior scholars and professionals of color
- ✔ Introduction to demography
- ✔ Preparing for graduate school
- ✔ Career in demography
- ✔ Mentored research sessions



About

The UPP program occurs over the course of two days, beginning one day before the PAA Annual Meeting.

On Day 1, undergraduate students take part in seminars and panels that introduce them to demography and provide guidance on applying to and succeeding in graduate school. Organized by PAA DEI Committee and led by senior scholars and professionals of color, these sessions give students meaningful opportunities to connect with accomplished demographers at the height of their careers.

On Day 2, participants attend the first day of the PAA Annual Meeting, accompanied by a senior scholar. Students attend research sessions, visit the exhibition hall, and then reflect as a group on their experience of the conference and ask questions. Research sessions at the PAA Annual Meeting cover various topics, including health, fertility, mortality, race, immigration, education and more. Though the formal component of the UPP program ends after the second day, students are encouraged to attend the remainder of the PAA Annual Meeting, which typically lasts four days.

Success

To date, 53 students from several universities across the U.S. have participated in the UPP program. Former student participants have enrolled in graduate programs to obtain Master's degrees in Applied Demography, Data Science, Public Policy, Global Sustainability, Healthcare Administration, and Human Resources. One student has enrolled in a Sociology PhD program.

Educational institutions where former student participants are pursuing graduate education include George Washington University, Northwestern University, University of California Riverside, University of Minnesota, University of South Carolina, University of South Florida, and University of Texas at San Antonio.

Recent students who are continuing towards their Bachelor's degree have already presented research at economics and demography conferences, completed government and media internships, and served as research assistants and lab coordinators at renowned institutions.



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