Peace Corps Fellows in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy can earn a Master of Arts degree in Social and Public Policy with a concentration in policy analysis and administration or conflict resolution and peace studies. Fellows receive a scholarship from the Policy Center and earn a stipend for their work in a community governmental or non-profit organization of their choice.

Studies
The degree comprises 36 credits (12 courses), which generally require two academic years of full-time study (nine credit-hours per semester). All Policy Center students take “Research Methods” and “Values, Ethics and Policy.” Those studying policy analysis and administration also take “American Politics and Policy,” “Social and Public Policy Analysis,” and “Quantitative Analysis.” Those studying conflict resolution and peace studies take “Nonviolent Social Change,” “Theory and Practice of Conflict Resolution,” “Theories of Conflict,” and either “Internship” or “Community Organizing and Social Movements.” Students earn the remaining credits in elective courses. Up to six approved credits from another institution may count toward the degree. All students write either a three-credit thesis or an enhanced research paper.

Faculty
The faculty of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy come from the departments of Political Science and Sociology and take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of policy. With expertise in both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, members of the faculty have conducted scholarly research on national and international policy in the United States, Europe, Russia, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Financial Benefits (2014-15)
Tuition Scholarship
The Policy Center’s Admissions Committee awards a partial scholarship (2/3 of tuition per year) to Fellows.

Value (2/3 of 2014-15 tuition): $13,788 a year
Stipend for Part-time Work in the Community
The Center’s Peace Corps Fellows Coordinator helps Fellows to find rewarding work in a community agency—governmental or nonprofit—related to the Fellow's interests, experience, and professional direction. This part-time internship (averaging 20 hours a week):

- pays a stipend equivalent to what research assistants in the Policy Center earn,
- allows Fellows to gain valuable experience in their field, and
- gives Fellows the opportunity to meet important needs in the Pittsburgh community.

Fellows have worked in over 30 different community organizations in Pittsburgh.

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Living in Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh is inexpensive, has great neighborhoods, friendly people, varied architecture, a good bus system, outstanding cultural resources, and one of the most beautiful skylines in America. Hiking, camping and other outdoor activities are close at hand. Pittsburgh is one of the world’s great health, biotechnology, software and advanced materials research centers. At the same time it hasn’t lost its authentic ethnic and industrial roots and flavor. Duquesne University sits on a bluff that overlooks one of Pittsburgh’s famed three rivers and is in easy walking distance from downtown. Pittsburgh has four distinct seasons, with especially beautiful springs and falls, winters that are usually not too cold, and summers that are not too hot. A wide-ranging and informative on-line weekly about life in Pittsburgh is at http://www.popcitymedia.com.

Former Coverdell Peace Corps Fellows
After leaving the Policy Center Coverdell Fellows have gone on to work for such organizations as Brother’s Brother Foundation, Catholic Relief Services, Centers for Disease Control, Family Health International, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, U.S. Peace Corps, World Learning, and World Vision. Others have gone on to prestigious Ph.D. programs.

Mission of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy
The Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy equips graduates with the analytic skills and ethical awareness needed for excellence in public-service organizations. The Center teaches students to resolve conflicts and social problems through policy and practice, whether local, state, regional or global. Its interdisciplinary faculty is committed to social justice and the human consequences of policymaking and implementation.

All of the Center's activities are pursuant to Duquesne University's commitment "to seek truth and to disseminate knowledge within a moral and spiritual framework in order to prepare leaders distinguished not only by their academic and professional expertise but also by their ethical standards, and guided by consciences sensitive to human needs."

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