

United States Public Service Academy - H.R. 1671 Fact Sheet

The purpose of the US Public Service Academy is to strengthen and protect America by creating a corps of well-trained, highly-qualified civilian leaders willing to devote themselves to leadership through patriotic public service.

Composition of the United States Public Service Academy

- The Academy will be our country's first national civilian university. It will provide a competitive, federally-subsidized, service-driven undergraduate education to students from all across the country and the world.
- Prospective applicants to the Academy will follow a congressional nomination process similar to that used for admission to the military academies. Each senator and representative will nominate a minimum of five candidates.
- One hundred spots will be reserved for international students and one hundred spots will be reserved for Presidential and congressional nominees.

Academic Focus of the United States Public Service Academy

- Academy students will earn credits toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences degree. They will be required to take courses in a broad array of subject areas and must enroll in at least one service-learning class per semester.
- Academy students will be required to choose a Public Service Concentration in the field in which they ultimately will serve post-graduation. They may choose from the following Concentration choices: Economy, Education, Environment, Foreign Policy, Health Care, Law Enforcement, and Public Infrastructure.
- All Academy students will be required to spend their junior year abroad. In preparation for this experience, students will be required to take courses in foreign languages and international relations.
- Students will spend eight weeks each summer participating in the following structured learning programs: Emergency response training, military service internship, and internship with a non-profit organization.

Service Requirements Following Graduation

- After graduating from the United States Public Service Academy, students must serve their country for five years in the public sector, or a pre-approved field in the private sector.
- Failure to complete five years of service will result in a dishonorable discharge from the Academy, and delinquent graduates will be required to repay the Academy for the cost of their education.
- The Academy will subsidize its students' graduate education in return for an extended service commitment. For every year of subsidized graduate education, students must add an additional year to their service commitment.

Funding the United States Public Service Academy

- The Academy will be funded through a public-private partnership.