Entry into academic institutions requires necessary academic credentials and professional experience to qualify for a position. The basic requirement is a PhD, although Master's degrees are acceptable at some institutions. Most NPSIA alumni do not go on to further education, but for those who do, the PhD remains one of the major degree choices.

Colleges and universities play a significant role in development countries. Faculty may primarily engage in research and technical assistance activities or a particular school centre or institute may operate international programs independent of other international programs within the university in cooperation with one another. Generally, academics compete alongside other organizations involved in promoting development (NGOs, etc.) for contracts, grants and cooperation agreements dispensed by funding agencies.

Academic staff recruitment is currently considered a priority in most post-secondary institutions as a result of the increasing number of professors who are reaching retirement and the increasing number of students attending college/university. Most institutions use the internet to recruit faculty (see below Employment Advertisements for internet links).

Selected Alumni Academic Positions

Below is a sample of the various faculties and departments that NPSIA alumni are associated with:

African and African-American Studies
Arts and Science
Commerce
Economics
Education
International Development
International Relations
Journalism and Communication
Law
Management
Political Science
Public Administration
Public International Law
Sociology and Anthropology

Selected Alumni Job Titles

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Florida International University
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University
Professor, International Criminal Law, Department of Public International Law, University of Edinburgh
Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa
Professor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
PhD Professor and Dean of Journalism, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Yarmouk University