

# School of Public Policy and Administration

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## SPPA Student Profile and SPPA News

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:  
**Batyr Kintonov, B.A., Public Policy and Management**



My name is Batyr Kintonov, and I am currently in my fourth year of the Bachelor program in Public Policy and Management with the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University.

Having seen, in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis, the devastating political and economic effect it had on countries and communities, I set it, as the object of my studies, an intention to gain knowledge in how and what roles do social institutions play in the functioning of democratic nations from a broader and analytical angle.

My previous experience with a non-profit organization under the “Government Efficiency Project” in Kazakhstan enabled me to have an opportunity to interact with different government bodies, and have a first-hand experience to assess how important the processes of policy agenda formulation and implementation are in order to arrive at positive outcomes that would be beneficial for the public and the political system of the society.

In addition, I had a chance to evaluate the patterns of bureaucracy formation and functioning that are essential factors for the streamlining of the public policy process.

Having pursued an undergraduate degree abroad in Canadian and U.S. studies, upon moving to Canada, I came to a logical conclusion that in order to gain a better perspective of the Canadian political system and cultural matrix, I will need to study at a Canadian educational institution. The choice of my current program at York University was a direct result of the said intention. The teaching at the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University not only provides students with an opportunity to possess a deeper insight into the historical and political legacy of the nation, but it also allows students to acquire valuable experience in the application of a variety of tools to assess public policy agendas and existing challenges, and an avenue for the analysis and the efficient resolution of the aforementioned problems. - **Batyr Kintonov**

### New SPPA videos now available

We are also pleased to announce that two new SPPA videos have now been finalized and are available for viewing:

**March 21 Celebrating Public Service Queen's Park Event:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hylzmcY6Sfs&feature=youtu.be>

**MPPAL Program Promotional Video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM7QsH3APto&feature=youtu.be>

For the sake of completeness, our older BPA promotional video is available at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiomrOm1trs>

Many thanks to all those participating!!

Please feel free to share the videos widely and this is also a reminder to update, or upload your alumni profile (if you have not already done so) as this is a great opportunity to further strengthen the SPPA professional network.

The link to the alumni upload form is here:  
<http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/students/alumni-profile-form/>

Sample profiles are at:  
<http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/alumni/profiles/>

Thank you so much for all your help and support, and enjoy the videos!

## **Senior Policy Advisor** **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

Are you an experienced policy professional who is able to lead complex analytical and research projects, identify emerging issues and develop evidence-based recommendations?

If so, please consider this opportunity with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to influence Ontario's agricultural policy agenda.

Please click here for more details: <http://www.ipac.ca/SeniorPolicyAdvisor-11089>

## **Manager** **Infectious Diseases Policy and Programs** **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), Population and Public Health Division, seeks a motivated leader to manage the development and evaluation of programs related to the enhancement of local public health systems and services to prevent and control infectious diseases in Ontario in alignment with objectives and commitments of the Government.

Please click here to view details <http://www.ipac.ca/Manager11009>

## **Section Head** **Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

Leadership and Program Delivery are the key elements of these opportunities. Your strong relationship management, leadership, communication and interpersonal skills will enable you to succeed in this position while you work to improve the safety of Ontario highways.

Note: 1 opportunity available in the Licensing Administration and Services Office, the Medical Review Section and the Information Management Systems Oversight Office.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/SectionHead-11111>



**The Institute of Public Administration of Canada**  
**Nominations are now being accepted for:**  
**IPAC/IBM Innovative Management Award**  
**IPAC Promising New Professional Award**

## Background

Administered by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and with the support of IBM, the IMA is a national program that aims to encourage and recognize innovation in all public organizations, across all three tiers of government and First Nations. The awards are designed to recognize world-class innovators who are changing the face of public service in Canada by showing exceptional innovations that address the wide variety of issues facing society today.

## Eligibility & Criteria

We encourage submissions from across the country that:

- \* Transform public administration
- \* Advance knowledge management systems and structures
- \* Enhance the use and management of public funds
- \* Improve transparency, accountability and responsiveness

## Innovation

The submission must clearly demonstrate innovation within the public sector.

## Relevance

The submission must address issues facing the public sector.

## Significance

The benefits of the innovation, either actual or potential, must be significant.

## Effectiveness

The innovation in question must have been sufficiently implemented to enable the jury to ascertain the effectiveness of the initiative.

More details can be found here.

## Key Dates

- Nominations Close: April 29th, 2016
- Jury presentations in Toronto: Tuesday, May 24th, 2016
- Announcement of winners: June 28th, 2016

**Please Apply Online Here:** <http://www.ipac.ca/IM-Apply>



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