For more than 60 years, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) has trained leaders from around the world. The innovative Global Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) program allows a select group of global professionals from public, private, and non-profit organizations to earn a graduate degree while remaining in their jobs. The program is delivered online and on Columbia’s New York City campus and at its Global Center in Rio de Janeiro, making the degree accessible to professionals throughout Latin America.

The Global EMPA curriculum focuses on the core analytical and management skills shared by all Columbia SIPA master's programs, on a schedule that is compatible with our students’ demanding professional lives. Delivered in a hybrid online and face-to-face format, the Global EMPA engages students with online video case studies produced by an award-winning team, and allows students to participate in lectures, conferences, and seminars during on-campus sessions at one of the world’s leading public policy schools.

The application process can be completed online at apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply.

Application Deadline
November 1
Admission decisions will be released on a rolling basis.

Application Checklist
- Completed application
- Personal statement
- $95USD application fee
- Standard and academic résumé/CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- TOEFL/IELTS if applicable
- GRE/GMAT scores are required. However Global EMPA applicants who have significant work experience and/or have performed well in previous courses may request a waiver from the Global EMPA program office.
- Transcripts should be scanned and uploaded to the site. If you are admitted to the program, official transcripts must be on file in order for you to register for classes.

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**The Global EMPA Program**

The Global EMPA is a 16-month program delivered online, with two terms in residence at Columbia’s New York City campus. Students participate in a learning community that includes face-to-face instruction, live online sessions, and monthly trips to the Global Center. The program is designed to be completed while students remain in their current positions.

**Overview**

The Global EMPA is designed to be competitive for students who wish to pursue their PhD or MDM in education. Instead of returning to full-time education, students are responsible for writing and defending a thesis (or dissertation), and completing a series of courses that train them in the latest educational research and policy analysis techniques. These elements are integrated both in a functional and user-friendly way on the award-winning learning management system, Canvas. Online students have access to rich, interactive courses with customized resources, as well as the diverse expertise of their peers.

**Case Studies**

A key component of many Global EMPA classes is the case-study approach, which requires students to read real-world examples of innovation in management from around the world. These cases cover a range of short-form stories by leading figures in education across North America, Europe, Asia, and Brazil. The cases are designed to be both accessible and in-depth, providing students with a wider perspective on educational challenges.

**Intercityity**

The interconnectedness is key for case studies are integrated online, and students can work together in real-time, allowing them to engage with their classmates and instructors in a shared learning environment. This approach helps to facilitate meaningful interaction and collaboration, making it easier for students to connect with each other and share their ideas and insights.

**Literature**

Readers will find the Global EMPA program to be highly innovative and engaging, providing them with a unique opportunity to learn from the latest research and policies in their respective fields. Whether you're interested in education, management, or another related field, the Global EMPA program offers a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the world today.