MARVIN ANDREWS FELLOWSHIP IN urban management
the nation's premier program in urban management leadership

commitments made — commitments honored
celebrating 10 years of leadership development

Nicole Lance, Will Barnow and Rachel Busch from the inaugural ASU Marvin Andrews cohort in 2006.
Some of the country’s most talented students aspiring to lead local government are honing their skills through the Marvin Andrews Fellowship in Urban Management at Arizona State University.

The Marvin Andrews Fellowship in Urban Management is offered by the School of Public Affairs at ASU in cooperation with the Arizona City Management Association.

The 2015 cohort marks the 10th class to join the competitive program which continues to attract students interested in urban management from across the nation.

Since its inception in 2006, 27 students have graduated from the program which leads to a master of public administration (MPA) degree.

Located at the campus in downtown Phoenix, Arizona—a center for local government innovation—the program offers a special focus on the process of management innovation, and a unique blend of theory and practice.

Each Marvin Andrews Fellow receives a tuition waiver (in-state or out-of-state), health insurance and financial support to assist with travel to annual conferences such as the International City/County Management Association. In addition, Andrews Fellows are assigned to a top local government official in the state who serves as their personal mentor during the program and beyond.

gaining valuable experience

First year: Fellows enjoy the prestige associated with working as a paid management intern 20 hours per week for ASU’s Center for Urban Innovation. In this role, they have the opportunity to conduct research for the Alliance for Innovation, the premier networking association for cities and counties committed to innovation and transforming local government.

Second year: Fellows receive a paid 20-hour per week internship with one of the many progressive and fast-growing cities in the Phoenix metropolitan area. These internships have all led to full-time positions upon graduation.

“I choose the Marvin Andrews Fellowship at Arizona State University because it is the future of governance.”
- Blaise Caudill

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Kristen Ayers holds a bachelor’s in business management and entrepreneurship. She chose ASU’s MPA program because of its strength in urban management and the hands-on experiences through internships and mentoring.

Blaise Caudill holds bachelor’s degrees in international affairs and French. He chose the Marvin Andrews program as a way to gain experience toward a goal of service in the best interests of the community, and informed dialogue between communities and government.

Dominic DeCono holds a bachelor’s in communications. He was attracted to the program because of its impact on local government and what it is doing for the future of city management.

Dorian Sanchez Ruiz holds bachelor’s degrees in global studies and political science. She sought out the program because Phoenix prides itself on being the largest council-manager government in the U.S. Ruiz aims to make a lasting impact in developing cities by implementing innovative practices in local government to improve the quality of life.

Having the chance to work alongside the Alliance for Innovation and Center for Urban Innovation on real challenges that governments face in the 21st century is the best opportunity any student could have in the field of public administration.”
- Dominic DeCono

bringing field experience to the classroom

After a 30-year career in city management, George Pettit joined Arizona State University’s School of Public Affairs as a professor of practice, bringing his field experience to the classroom. Pettit manages the Marvin Andrews Fellowship in Urban Management.

Pettit earned his MPA from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and attended Harvard’s Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. His research interests include financial analysis, fiscal planning and forecasting, strategic planning, growth management, organization management and building relationships with elected officials.

“As a city manager, everything you do matters to somebody.”

George Pettit and Marvin Fellow Alex Rivera
The Marvin Andrews Fellowship in Urban Management is named in honor of Marvin A. Andrews, who served for 13 years as city manager of Phoenix. Phoenix is the largest council-manager government in the United States and a city many consider the “best run” city in the United States.

Andrews was named the best city manager in the United States in 1986 by City and State Magazine, twice received the National Civic League’s “All-America City” award, received the 1994 International City Management Association’s Mark Keane Award for Excellence and the National Academy of Public Administration’s National Public Service Award in 1990.

In 1983, Andrews helped usher in a new era in city government when he introduced the council district system and pushed a new heightened focus on neighborhoods. He was also praised for efficiently managing and providing cost-effective city services during the explosive growth years of the early 1980s. Even after he retired in 1990, Andrews remained highly active in city affairs, serving for more than 10 years on the Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board and as chairman of the Sky Harbor Master Plan Steering Committee.

Andrews passed away in July of 2004. Phoenix recognized his contribution with the naming of Marvin Andrews Way, an intersection at the Phoenix City Hall Complex.

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