

## **Tulane SoPA unveils new scholarship for graduates of minority serving institutions**

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Tulane School of Professional Advancement now offers a tuition discount of 20 percent to students enrolled in Tulane SoPA programs who have earned their associate or undergraduate degree from a Minority Serving Institution. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane University's School of Professional Advancement (SoPA) announced a tuition discount award of 20 percent to students enrolled in any [Tulane SoPA programs](#) who have earned their associate or undergraduate degree from a [Minority Serving Institution](#). The tuition discount begins with the summer 2021 semester. Applications

are now being accepted. To apply for the scholarship award, please visit the [financial assistance page](#).

“I’m excited for the School of Professional Advancement to provide additional support to graduates of minority-serving institutions, building on our school’s long history of supporting access and racial equity, as well as the more global commitment to this crucial work taking place at Tulane University,” said Tulane SoPA Dean Suri Duitch.

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As students seek expanded career opportunities, undergraduate and graduate-level education is often essential for leadership and executive-level positions. The [SoPA MSI Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Award](#) helps make this advancement possible for many. SoPA is proud to invest in promoting equity, inclusion and diversity within higher education and community leadership through this award and other School programming.

MSIs are critical to the American higher education landscape and include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs). They have been instrumental in supporting the talent development of underrepresented students of color - some, for more than a century.

“As a graduate of a Historically Black University, I deeply appreciate how important Minority Serving Institutions are for students of color.” I am especially happy to see this commitment from Tulane SoPA because along with expanding access to graduate-level education for our students, it also helps cultivate more inclusive and diverse leadership pipelines in fields such as public administration,” said Halima Leak Francis, Tulane Public Administration Program Director.