

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN DEVELOPING SOCIETIES PILOT PROJECT  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Master of Arts in Public Administration (MAPA) degree Program at Howard University propose to establish a cooperative relations between the Centro Cultural “Guanin” Inc., and a public university in Santo Domingo. The purpose cooperative relationship is to identify qualified graduate students to study public administration at Howard University. The U.S. Embassy in Santiago as well as the Government of the Dominican Republic can enhance the initiatives with visas and internship placements.

Collaboration will be undertaken, subject to the approval of the Office of The Provost at Howard University and other appropriate governmental and not-for profit institutions, through such activities or programs relating to:

- Full-time study to earn a MAPA degree (This professional degree is accredited by the National Association of schools of Public Affairs and Administration)
- Exchange of faculty members
- Exchange of students
- Joint research activities
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Exchange of academic materials and other information
- Special short-term academic programs
- Professional Development Programs

**RATIONAL FOR COOPERATION:**

For many public administration is the key instrument of economic development in poor and developing societies. Howard University’s MAPA program can help train non-elected officials in public policy and public administration subjects. That is, if adequate funding can be secured. In this regard the MAPA curriculum can increase these non-government officials as well as civil servants public administration skills, abilities and competence in the following:

- Ethical guidelines concerning decision making
- Accountability of public agencies
- Technological complexities of government
- Economy of efficiency
- Effectiveness of programs
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exports, and remittances represent about a tenth of GDP, equivalent to almost half of exports and three-quarters of tourism receipts. The need is greater than ever for talented and well trained individuals to develop and carry out programs that constitute a third of the gross national product in the Dominican R This program will promote U.S. society and values and will contribute to share positive visions.

**MAPA TIME FRAME:** Two years of full time study including a summer internship ideally somewhere in an appropriate assignment in the Dominican republic, August – May.

**AUDIENCE:** University students and teaching staff; NGOs and cultural institutions; media, broader audiences

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** USAID, religious institutions, scholarships, grant from government of the Dominican Republic.

**NAME OF COLLABORATIVE UNIVERSITY:** A university is to be identified by the Centro Cultural “Guanin” Inc.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** The program will be conducted in English.

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