

## Senior Intergovernmental Officer, Policy Engagement & Federal Relations | Gov. of AB

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Current role and description of a typical work week: As a public servant in the Government of Alberta, Sean is currently employed as a Senior Intergovernmental Officer in the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. In this role, he focuses on advancing Alberta's policy engagement objectives in the United States and Latin America. Through collaboration with stakeholders, Sean's work centers around building relationships with key elected officials and policy leaders to support Alberta's international objectives.

How the MPP program has furthered my career: Broadly speaking, I found the MPP program very applicable. The skills that were further developed as I completed the program, like time management and analytical thinking, are extremely valuable in my current role. The capstone project was particularly applicable- as I focused on Canada/US relations in my project, I was able to directly apply my interests and research into my job."

Advice I would give a new MPP student: Be open to new opportunities that the MPP program will give you, as the program will expose you to new disciplines, perspectives, and ideas. While the program will challenge you, remaining open to these opportunities will help you really get the most of your time there!