

THE EDWIN G. MICHAELIAN GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

A Program to Promote Excellence in Government

A WESTCHESTER COUNTY/PACE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

County and local municipal employees are invited to apply for Edwin G. Michaelian Graduate Opportunity. Michaelian Graduate Opportunities are granted by Westchester County government to support the funding of graduate courses at Pace University leading to degrees in Public Administration, Nursing Administration, Computer Science, Business Administration, and Public Safety & Homeland Security.

Through the good offices of Pace University and at no cost to our taxpayers, the Michaelian Graduate Opportunity funds 25% percent of tuition costs per semester. It is the responsibility of the Scholar to fund the remaining 75% percent at the time of school registration. This graduate opportunity does allow the option of other sources to fund the balance (e.g., tuition reimbursement, educational loans).

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants should meet the following guidelines:

- A valued employee of Westchester County or local municipality
- Bachelor's Degree
- At least 3 years employment in government
- Career goals consistent with the overall sponsoring government.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

All candidates must apply for an Edwin G. Michaelian Graduate Opportunity by submitting an application (Sections I and II). Completed applications must be submitted by **June 4, 2018** to:

Paula Nisbett
Westchester County Department of Human Resources
148 Martine Avenue, Suite 100
White Plains, New York 10601
par3@westchestergov.com

PACE UNIVERSITY SERVICES:

Pace University invites individuals considering graduate studies to contact their staff. Advisors are available to provide information about admissions and degree requirements. To arrange for an appointment, call these coordinators:

- Public Administration - Laura Fung-Ross at 422-4298
- Computer Science - Bernice Houle at 773-3592
- Nursing – Dr. Joanne Singleton at 773-3550
- Business – Germaine Hodges at 422-4188
- Public Safety & Homeland Security – Joe Ryan at 773-3814
- Admissions – Susan Ford at 422-4283

Application for the Michaelian Graduate Opportunity Program is a separate process than applying for admission to Pace University. Admission applications must be submitted directly to Pace University Graduate Admissions Office. The Lubin School of Business requires acceptance as a matriculated student prior to registration. All other programs will allow Michaelian Graduate Opportunity recipients to register as non-matriculated students before being accepted to the university.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Qualified applicants will be recommended to the County Executive for selection as Michaelian Graduate Opportunity recipients.

Each candidate will be evaluated on a variety of factors including job functions, career goals, accomplishments and recommendations from their organization. Candidates might be interviewed, as needed.

Candidates approved for the Michaelian Graduate Opportunity need not reapply each semester as long as they maintain a B+ G.P.A., and are still employed by the municipality that nominated them.

All decisions are expected to be made by August, and will be communicated to the candidates in order to register for Fall semester.

For further inquiries regarding this program, please e-mail Paula Nisbett at par3@westchestergov.com or call 995-3306. Academic inquiries should be made directly to Pace University.

NOTE: THE MICHAELIAN GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY SELECTION PROCESS OCCURS ONCE A YEAR, FOR THE FALL/SPRING ACADEMIC CALENDAR.



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APPLICATION - 2018

Section I must be completed by the applicant. Section II must be completed by the applicant's manager and signed by the commissioner or appointing authority.

SECTION I

Please type or print legibly.

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department/Municipality: _____ Division/Section: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Years in Current Position: _____ Years in Government: _____

1. Describe your present job responsibilities and attach a copy of your current job description and resume.

2. If your responsibility includes administrative supervision, specify the number of people who directly report to you and briefly describe their functions.

3. List your educational credentials.

School:_____	Degree _____	Major_____	Dates Attended _____
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4. In addition to this application, please describe recent personal initiatives you have undertaken to enhance your management skills.

5. Describe your career goals.

6. Indicate which Pace graduate program you plan to attend:

Public Administration _____ Nursing Administration _____

Computer Science/Info Systems _____ Business Administration _____

Public Safety & Homeland Security _____

7. Are you currently attending classes at Pace: Yes _____ No _____
If so, how many credits have you received? _____

8. If you have selected specific courses, explain how they complement your job responsibilities:

9. Include any additional information which you believe is pertinent (other work experience, volunteer work, professional associations, awards, etc.)

Applicant's Signature

Date

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SECTION II

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

(To be completed and signed by the applicant's manager and signed by the commissioner or appointing authority.)

1. Why are you recommending this employee for the Edwin G. Michaelian Graduate Opportunity Program?

2. Describe the special achievements accomplished by this employee, which distinguishes him/her from others.

3. Please comment on the employee's selection of graduate program and courses:

4. Please indicate:

How long have you been in your current position? _____

How long have you supervised this applicant? _____

MANAGER'S NAME (PRINT)

DATE

MANAGER'S TITLE

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE

**COMMISSIONER OR APPOINTING
AUTHORITY'S SIGNATURE**

DATE

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