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## **NEXT GENERATION SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PREPARES UNDERGRADUATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

*The new national initiative, jointly launched by the Volcker Alliance and Arizona State University's Watts College, aims to educate the next generation of public servants*

**NEW YORK, NY (June 23, 2020)** – The [Volcker Alliance](#) and the [Arizona State University Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions](#) have launched the Next Generation Service Partnership (NextGen Service), a national initiative that seeks to expand public service learning experiences for undergraduates.

“International protests and outrage over the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other Black Americans at the hands of police officers, along with society-wide measures required to contain the coronavirus pandemic, make clear that our nation is in crisis. Just as clear is that we need government to be able to respond effectively to crises—now and in the future,” said Thomas W. Ross, president of the Volcker Alliance. “Government’s preparedness requires a concerted effort to develop the next generation of public leaders. We believe that Schools of Public Service have a unique and powerful opportunity to engage a broader group of motivated undergraduates eager to make change in the world,” said Mr. Ross.

The Next Generation Service Partnership will meet the demand to elevate undergraduate student engagement as a national priority for Schools of Public Service—including Schools of Public Affairs, Administration, and Policy; expand the reach of educational strategies that work for undergraduates; foster collaborative planning and learning between Schools of Public Service and other academic departments across their campuses; and provide technical support to help Schools of Public Service accelerate the implementation of effective undergraduate programming.

“We have seen at ASU and around the country how committed our country’s young people are to positive social impact,” said Michael M. Crow, president of Arizona State University. “NextGen Service will give universities around the country the guidance and resources they need to better support their undergraduates’ drive to make a difference in careers of public service.”

The [Public Service Academy](#) (PSA) at ASU’s Watts College is an esteemed, innovative approach to undergraduate engagement that helps students from more than 150 different majors across the university develop the skills, networks, and experiences they need to take on the most complex challenges of our time.

“Leveraging the knowledge and experience of our amazing PSA team at Watts College, the NextGen Service initiative will offer an opportunity for Schools of Public Service to actively explore or design new strategies for engaging undergraduate learners,” said Jonathan Koppell, dean of ASU’s Watts College.

NextGen Service offers two tiers of engagement for interested schools. In the first tier, Watts College and the Volcker Alliance will offer a series of webinars and interactive forums, open to all interested attendees, to share information about ASU’s Public Service Academy model and other approaches to undergraduate public service education. In the second tier, interested Schools of Public Service may be selected to participate in a more intensive one-year “planning cohort.” Schools joining the cohort will have access to a range of support to inform and accelerate their planning and implementation efforts.

The first three schools to participate in the NextGen Service planning cohort are [The Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College](#) of the City University of New York, the [Andrew Young School of Policy Studies](#) at Georgia State University, and the [School of Public Administration in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service](#) at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

For more information on the Next Generation Service Partnership, visit [volckeralliance.org](http://volckeralliance.org).

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