# MPA Summer Institute

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Question 1.

Soft skills – how to work together and get along with those who different view points than your own

A focus on systems thinking and structures, particularly the nonprofit world

Role of a board of directors for a nonprofit and how to be a good board member

Writing grants

Importance of data in a nonprofit

\*\*\*\*FUNDRAISING\*\*\*\* This was echoed and emphasized throughout all levels of the discussion and seconded by all participants

Less broad overviews and more specific skills

How to bring change to an organization

Resiliancy

Question 2.

Reach out to alumni and leverage those channels

Clarity of responsibility of organizations for internships

More transparency

Question 3.

Very excited by the prospect of certificate programs that focus on specific skill sets

Development

Communications

HR

Budget and finance, specifically NP financial management