

# APPSIA names GPS as inaugural Impact Award winner



The [Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs \(APPSIA\)](#) has named the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS) as the inaugural winner of the Impact Award.

In 2021, APPSIA launched a recognition program for members and affiliates to celebrate the hard work of the APPSIA community and hold up innovative ideas.

Nominations came from the institutions themselves, as well as the broader community. In all, nominations were received for members and affiliates in seven countries: Austria, Canada, France, Korea, Switzerland, Singapore and the U.S.

Representatives of APPSIA members and affiliates served as evaluators of the proposals based on a set of standard criteria.

The Impact Award celebrates an APPSIA member or affiliate who has contributed to APPSIA's success across the organization over time and helped move the community forward. GPS was chosen for its many contributions to APPSIA's work with deans/directors, admissions, alumni relations, career services, communications, development, employer outreach and the public.

“GPS deeply values its partnership with APSIA and its work to promote graduate schools of international affairs across the world,” said Meredith D’Angelo, GPS assistant dean. “We are proud to support APSIA’s mission and look forward to our continued work to impart global perspectives to our students and future leaders.”

Founded in 1989, APSIA is dedicated to the improvement of graduate education in international affairs. APSIA seeks to advance international understanding, prosperity, peace and security through the people and ideas shaped by its member schools.