NCMA’s Contract Management Education Award is awarded annually to colleges and universities whose contract management curriculum exemplifies a standard of excellence and promotes the competencies within the Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK).

This year’s recipient is The George Washington University. GW’s contract management-related programs promote the CMBOK’s standards and competencies, emphasize professionalism and ethics, and promote contract management as a challenging and rewarding profession.

GW offers six specialized graduate degree programs in contract management. GW also, among other things, encourages student participation in NCMA and pays for student memberships for all full-time students; works with students on all aspects of career development; hosts substantive programming and colloquia on campus (with livestreaming for distance education students); through its extensive field placement program, facilitates experiential learning by engaging students in work (for academic credit) with organizations in the government contracts field; and offers several scholarships/fellowships related to contract management.

“Our diverse course offerings and expert full-time and adjunct faculty influence the way people read, think, and react to government procurement policies and trends,” says Karen Thornton, director of the Government Procurement Law and Master of Science in Government Contracts programs at GW. “We are creating and empowering the future leaders and policy-makers in our community.”

For more information on the Contract Management Education Award, visit www.ncmahq.org/discover-our-profession/awards/contract-management-education-award. For more information on GW’s contract management education programs, visit www.gwu.edu. (For CM’s full interview with Ms. Thornton, be sure to check out the April 2018 issue.)