

# MARÍA G. BLANDÓN

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## EDUCATION

### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science, Political Science  
Expected Graduation Date: May 2028

### RIO SALADO COLLEGE

Certificate in Paralegal Studies  
Expected Graduation Date: May 2025

## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATION

### NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Valid from 2024 to 2028  
Arizona Secretary Of State

### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA BY IRS) PREPARER

### FIRST AID, CPR & AED

Valid from 2024 - 2028  
National Safety Council

### IVP FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD

State of Arizona

### BILINGUAL

Spanish Native Speaker, Fluent English, Learning Mandarin

### COMPUTER SOFTWARE SKILLS

Google Workspace Programs, Microsoft Office 365, Canva

### PUBLIC SPEAKING AND WRITING SKILLS

Speech and Debate Captain for two years

### STATE OF ARIZONA DRIVER'S LICENSE

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCH ANALYST AT THE CENTER FOR LATINO/A AND AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH

Arizona State University-Tempe (Present)

- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research on Latino/a and American political issues, analyzing policy impacts and demographic trends.
- Assist in data collection, literature reviews, and report writing to support research on civic engagement, immigration, and education policy.
- Collaborate with faculty and research teams to present findings, contributing to discussions on policy recommendations and community outreach.

### ARIZONA STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY FELLOW

Arizona Students' Association-Tempe (Present)

- Engage in legislative advocacy by regularly visiting the Arizona State Capitol, lobbying for student-centered policies, and tracking bills relevant to higher education.
- Develop expertise in the legislative process, collaborating with state representatives, senators, and stakeholders to advance student interests.
- Lead outreach initiatives, including tabling and class presentations to mobilize students and strengthen civic participation.

### DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AT STUDENT GOVERNMENT INTERN

Arizona State University-Tempe (Present)

- Engaged in sustainability initiatives, focusing on raising awareness among students about environmental challenges.
- Collaborated with project leads to develop educational campaigns and events promoting sustainable resource management.
- Assisted in synthesizing sustainability research into accessible materials, enhancing student engagement and advocacy efforts.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM ADVOCACY FELLOW

Mi Familia Vota (September-October 2024)

- Advocated for comprehensive immigration reform while encouraging Latinx, BIPOC, and newly naturalized citizens to participate in the November election.
- Engaged in bi-weekly text and phone banking sessions, motivating voters to take action and informing them about critical electoral issues.
- Enhanced communication skills and electoral knowledge by directly connecting with community members and discussing the importance of immigration reform.

### FOUNDER, IMMIGRANT STUDENT SUPPORT COMMUNITY

(September 2023-Present)

- Develop and lead a support network for immigrant high school students, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and language accessibility.
- Research, translate, and share critical academic and scholarship resources to aid students in navigating the U.S. education system.
- Provide multilingual mentorship, assisting students in overcoming language barriers, adapting to a new environment, and excelling academically.

### DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD) INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IOC)

(September 2024-Present)

- Serve as a member of the DDD Independent Oversight Committee, reviewing policies and cases to ensure the protection and fair treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Analyze reports on abuse, neglect, and quality of care, providing recommendations to improve services and uphold disability rights.
- Advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities by collaborating with state agencies, caregivers, and community organizations to promote ethical and effective policies.