

PhD

PHD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Pressing public service challenges demand thoughtful, interdisciplinary, and well-researched solutions. Our doctoral program will prepare you to conduct rigorous, cutting-edge, original research that has an effective impact on today's most critical public policy and administration challenges. Through theoretical and methodological training, you'll learn to ask comprehensive questions and produce insights that affect public and nonprofit policies and programs around the world.

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At NYU Wagner, I received fantastic mentorship from my advisors, gained invaluable research experience, and worked with other doctoral students on a daily basis. I had the opportunity to work as a research assistant at a research center, which provided me with a great support system and a network of future colleagues.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **An interdisciplinary approach**, drawing on economics, political science, sociology, psychology, and organization studies, among other fields.
- **Customizable**, where you can design an individual plan of study and identify key research questions, guided by a faculty advisor in that same subject area.
- **Research and teaching opportunities**, including working with individual faculty members and research centers.

RESEARCH CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

You'll graduate fully prepared for an impactful career at an academic institution, think tank, research firm, or other organization in the public or private sector, as well as for a position with substantial responsibilities for the supervision and administration of research.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Students interested in conducting research in the following areas are encouraged to apply:

- **Education policy**
- **Health policy**
- **International development**
- **Management**
- **Public finance and financial management**
- **Public policy**
- **Urban policy**

The program of study includes coursework, a preliminary qualifying exam, two comprehensive field exams, a third-year research paper, regular participation in the NYU Wagner Research Colloquium, and a dissertation based on independent and original research defended before a faculty committee.

A comprehensive program overview can be found at wagner.nyu.edu/phd.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- US bachelor's degree or equivalent; master's degree preferred
- Application
- Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- GRE or GMAT test score report
- Academic curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample
- TOEFL or IELTS Exam (if bachelor's program not conducted in English)
- \$85 application fee

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For upcoming deadlines, visit
wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/applying

FINANCIAL AID

As an incoming student, you will receive full tuition remission, student health insurance, a \$1,000 start up grant, and a four-year stipend for living expenses.