

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.



**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."**

Sarah Cordes, PhD 2015  
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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 subject area.

- **Research and teaching opportunities**

including working with individual faculty members and research centers.

## RESEARCH CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

You will 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.

## EXPECTED TIME LINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION

Research Methods: year 1 – fall

Advanced Empirical Methods: year 1 – fall

Preliminary Qualifying Exam (PQE): year 1 – spring

Qualitative Methods: year 1 – spring

Field Comprehensive Exams: year 2 – spring

Completion of coursework: year 3

Third Year Research Paper/presentation at Wagner

Seminar: end of year 3

Submit dissertation topic / committee formation: end of year 3

Transfer Credit Approval (max of 40 pts): year 3

Dissertation proposal defense: year 4

Job talk presentation at Wagner Seminar: year 5

Completion of Degree/Dissertation Defense: end of year 5

## APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- US bachelor's degree or equivalent; master's degree preferred
- Online application
- Transcripts
- GRE or GMAT
- Academic curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Writing sample
- Supporting documentation (optional)
- \$85 application fee

### Additional Requirements for International Applicants:

- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores) is required if the bachelor's degree was not conducted in English
- International Credential Evaluation is required for applicants who earned their degree outside of the US or Canada

## FUNDING

As an incoming student, you will receive a five-year research apprenticeship, which carries a stipend, health insurance, a \$1000 start-up grant, and 100% tuition remission.