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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)
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Department of Policy, Organizational & Leadership Studies, Temple University



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **An interdisciplinary approach** drawing on economics, political science, sociology, and other fields, with an option to study at NYU Shanghai.
- **A customizable program** that allows you to 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 collaboration with individual faculty members and research centers.

RESEARCH CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

You will graduate fully prepared for an impactful career at academic institutions, think tanks, research firms, or other organizations in both the public and private sectors. You will also be equipped for positions with significant responsibilities in supervising and administering research.

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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.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Bachelor's degree or U.S. equivalent (master's degree preferred)
- Online application
- Transcripts
- GRE or GMAT
- Academic curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation (three preferred)
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Supporting documentation (optional)
- $85 application fee

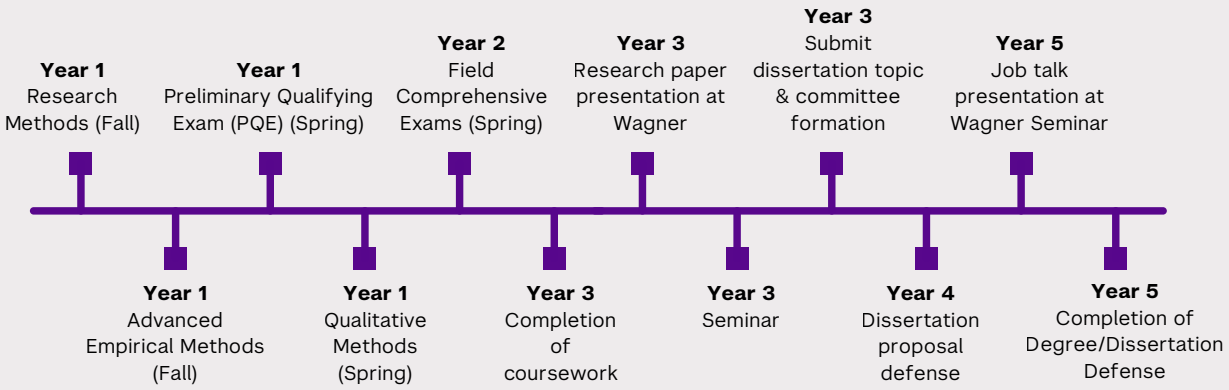
Additional Requirements for International Applicants:

- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores) is required if the bachelor's degree was not conducted in English.

FUNDING

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

EXPECTED TIMELINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION



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