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PUBLIC POLICY

## Ph.D. in Public Policy

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The [Ph.D. in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) provides exceptional students with advanced graduate training and prepares them for positions in academia, think tanks, research organizations, and government, in the United States and around the globe. Our doctoral students are trained to conduct policy research in domestic and global contexts, shape public policy, and teach the next generation of public policy educators, researchers, and practitioners. We welcome applications from highly qualified students and a variety of academic backgrounds, from the United States and abroad. Our interdisciplinary curriculum exposes students to the theoretical foundations of public policy analysis (economics, politics and institutions, and normative theory) and research design and methods, with a concentration in substantive policy areas.

### Our Core Research Areas

[Our faculty](#) have doctoral degrees in economics, health policy, history, law, philosophy, political science, public policy, and sociology, and have expertise in the following areas:

- Bioethics and Human Rights
- Education and Labor Markets
- Environment and Human Welfare
- Global Conflict and Cooperation
- Health Policy
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Development Policy
- Science and Technology Policy
- Social Policy and Inequality

### Funding

The [UNC Graduate School](#) offers fellowships and grants to eligible graduate students, including recruitment awards for incoming students (such as the prestigious Royster Society of Fellows) and dissertation completion, off-campus research, summer research, and other awards for current students. The Ph.D. Program in Public Policy offers incoming students a competitive funding package in the form of teaching or research assistantship including: a stipend, tuition, and health insurance. Our students have successfully competed for external fellowships.

### Where our Graduates Go After UNC:

Students have accepted academic positions including:

- Indiana University  
(School of Public and Environmental Affairs)
- North Carolina State University  
(School of Public and International Affairs)
- University of California – Irvine (School of Education)
- University of Missouri (Truman School of Public Affairs)
- University of Oregon (Lundquist College of Business)
- University of Southern California (Price School of Public Policy)

Others have developed analyst or policy careers with think tanks, private sector firms, and government and non-governmental organizations, including:

- Government Accountability Office
- Standard Chartered Bank (Shanghai)
- UNICEF (Innocenti Center)
- USDA (Food and Nutrition Service)
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- World Bank

### Commitment to Diversity

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to equality of educational opportunity. The University does not discriminate in offering access to its educational programs and activities on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office (137 E. Franklin Street, Suite 404, CB #9160, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-9160 or (919) 966-3576) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the University's non-discrimination policies. UNC Public Policy has issued an additional statement at [https://publicpolicy.unc.edu/files/2015/07/UNC\\_PP\\_lettertofacultystaffandstudents.pdf](https://publicpolicy.unc.edu/files/2015/07/UNC_PP_lettertofacultystaffandstudents.pdf).

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